

# WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Spring Term

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## A note from the Headteacher

I hope that everyone enjoyed their half-term break and found some time for some rest and relaxation – however, and whenever, that may have been! I hope the weather didn't dampen anybody's plans too much. Hopefully, Spring will shortly be with us, and we can look forward to less rain and wind and some more sunshine!

It has been a wonderful first week back at school for the final part of the spring term, and the diversity-themed week has been fantastic to see with each of the year-groups learning about different aspects of diversity and inclusion. Our Head Pupils have done a superb job with Miss. Chalmers in delivering some assemblies to each of the phases, and the classroom door displays throughout the school are a brilliant way of showcasing all the learning and understanding that has happened over the week. Today's *Express Yourself* day has also been an important opportunity for the children to be whatever they wanted to be, and we've had such a range of outfits, styles, and future careers!

We've also had a busy week with lots of other things going on, such as the launch of our new topic in Reception 'Superheroes', our music assemblies with Bucks Music Trust showcasing some of the great instruments and lessons children can have, and our Year Six visit to Bartlett's care home to meet with the residents, sing some songs and generally bring some smiles and cheer to the community there.

Have a great weekend,  
Mr. Aaron Wanford  
Headteacher



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## Celebrations & Achievements

	Certificate of Achievement	Certificate of Progress	PAP Stars
Birch (YR)	Vihaan	Freya	-
Hazel (YR)	Archie	Oscar	-
Willow (YR)	Aarav	Zachary	-
Beech (Y1)	Khai	Charlotte	Isaac W
Elm (Y1)	Elise	Idris	Aathav
Lime (Y1)	Jacob	Dhivonn	Alicja
Oak (Y2)	Jaxon	Poppy	Sofia
Plane (Y2)	Nathaniel	Ravi	Harlee
Alder (Y3)	Zac	Maisey P	Connor
Cedar (Y3)	Trae	Ana	Santiago
Ash (Y4)	Mya	Joshua	Harrison
Rowan (Y4)	Jenna	Max	Aisha
Maple (Y5)	Izzy	Taksh	Katherine
Sycamore (Y5)	Henley	Orla	Lilly
Aspen (Y6)	Dennis	Alex	Olly
Hawthorn (Y6)	Tyla B	Jessie	Kian

### Attendance Award

Well done to Ash class for the highest attendance of 98% this week!

### House Points

House	Points this week	Total
Austin	473	4624
Disraeli	379	4079
Pratchett	329	4103
Redgrave	330	5123



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## News, Updates & Reminders

### Staffing update

Very sadly, at the end of this term, our Sports Coach Mr. Meachen is moving on from Green Ridge to take up a slightly different position working for a sports company, delivering PE & Sports across different settings, both in and out of school. Mr. Meachen has been with us nearly five years, believe it or not, and has had the great pleasure of teaching literally every child every week! Through his work, we have built up our competitions and local fixtures and we know that the children and staff will miss him greatly. We are currently recruiting to fill his position and will update you about this in due course.



### Road Safety When Walking to and from School

The school have received multiple reports this week regarding children's behaviour when walking to and from school. If your child is in Year 5/6 and has permission to walk to and/or from school independently, please highlight the importance of them doing this both safely and respectfully. It is the busiest time of day with school and work traffic and their safety is imperative (as is their general behaviour in and around members of the public). Thank you for your continued support.

### Green Ridge's Podcast

Please take a listen to our latest editions of the Green Ridge podcast! This week, some of our Year Four pupils were interviewed and shared some of their views on swimming lessons. In addition, we also have an interview with some of the children that took part in this year's Young Voices. To listen to our swimming Podcast please follow the [link](#) and to listen to our Young Voices Podcast please follow the [link](#).

### Parent Workshops

We would like to remind parents/carers that we are offering a program of workshops that have been designed to build parents/carers knowledge and confidence when supporting children at home across different areas of development.

During the presentations, we will share how we enable children in school to build their skills as well as a range of practical activities of how you can support your child at home. They will be held in the

main school hall and will be relevant for all children across the school.

The programs we are offering are as follows:

#### 1. Managing Emotions and Zones of Regulation – Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2.30–3.15pm

Here is an opportunity to find out how you can support your child with recognising different emotions. You will also gain an understanding of how you can support your child to manage their emotions and how we encourage this at school.

#### 2. Maths Mastery – Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2.30–3.15pm

An opportunity for you to understand the mastery approach and how it is taught and to give ideas for supporting maths at home – making it fun!

#### 3. THRIVE & Understanding Behaviour – Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2.30–3.15pm

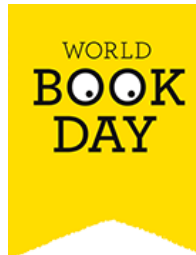
Find out how to support your child with their behaviour. We will share some resources with you to show you how to promote language to use at home alongside what we do at school. To help parents and carers understand how the approach makes a positive difference to the wellbeing of your children – and therefore the whole family, including you!

#### 4. Online Safety – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2.30–3.15pm

Come and learn about how we support at school, knowing how to stay safe online and setting restrictions on their devices and apps.

Please sign up via this [link](#) and we will look forward to seeing you for some wonderful, shared learning!

### World Book Day – Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024



In school on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> March, we will be celebrating World Book Day, our theme is all about bedtime stories and getting cozy with a book. To make the day even more enjoyable, we are inviting the children to come into school wearing their comfiest pyjamas or loungewear. The hope is that this will create a cozy and relaxed atmosphere, encouraging the love for reading. We believe it will be great fun for everyone involved. Equally if your child would rather not dress up at all, there is no



pressure, they can come to school in their uniform as usual.

We are inviting children to bring into school their favourite story book. This will allow them to share their reading choices with their classmates and perhaps even have the opportunity to read a snippet to the class. It will be a wonderful opportunity for the children to showcase their literary tastes and inspire their peers to explore new books as well.

We are looking forward to seeing all the children and staff in their comfiest, cozy and fluffy pyjamas or loungewear!

### Travelling Book Fair Update

Thank you to all the parents/carers for all your purchases at the recent Travelling Book Fair. We sold **£798** of books, which gives us **£319** in rewards to spend on books.

## PTA

### Key Dates Coming Up for the Spring Term

PTA Event	Date
YR & KS1 Cinema Event	Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup> March
KS2 Cinema Event	Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> March

### Cinema Club – Reception & KS1

Today you would have received a letter for those children in Reception and KS1 for Cinema Club on **Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> March**. To purchase your child's ticket please use the link [here](#).

We do need parent helpers on the day, whether it's during the day prepping the snack bags or during the event to open drink bottles and sweet packets! If you can help out please either contact the PTA or sign up [here](#). Thank you in advance.

### Easyfundraising

It couldn't be easier. Whenever you shop online, switch energy providers or book a holiday, if you do so through [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) the retailer gives a small percentage of what's been spent back to us to say thank you for shopping with them, at **no cost to you**.

With over 4,400 online retailers involved including John Lewis, Amazon, Moonpig, Justeat, eBay, Booking.com, Now TV, Domino's Pizza, Audible and Uswitch.

All you need to do is register and list Green Ridge Primary Academy PTA as your "Good Cause". It's quick and easy to set up, and most importantly free to join! And with the new donation reminder on your devices web browser, it has become even easier. Once set up it will tell you every time you

are on a qualifying website and with a click or tap will enable you to shop through Easyfundraising.

If you're booking a holiday, please use **#easyfundraising!** You can raise a BIG donation for Green Ridge Primary Academy PTA at no extra cost to yourself! Plus, for a limited time, book with selected travel brands and you'll be entered into their giveaway for your chance to WIN **£1,000** spending money! Click [here](#) to find out more.

If you are a business owner, you can support Green Ridge Primary Academy PTA with your everyday business purchases?

Whether you're buying pens or paper, ink and toner, computers or booking travel for you or your colleagues, you could raise vital funds for us, and at no extra cost for you.

## Online Safety Tip of the Week

### Joining in!

Take the time to join in with your child's online activity over the course of the week. If they are playing a game, watch or play as two-player. If they are watching their favourite Youtuber, watch one of their videos with them.

This is a great way to check-up on your children – to ensure what they are accessing online is appropriate and safe – whilst spending time with them, and also removing that sense of judgement.

It's a win-win!

## Right of the Week Article 2

### No Discrimination

Diversity Week has linked perfectly to this week's article: No Discrimination. The children have researched influential individuals and/or groups – both past and present – and celebrated their successes, regardless of any of their protected characteristics.



## Sustainability Tip of the Week

### Support Charities

Encouraging one another to only consume what we need, to fix what is broken, to reuse what we can, and be mindful of where our waste ends up. [Recycle for Buckinghamshire](#) are already doing a lot of work to reduce waste in our area, including a brilliant [Zero Waste Map](#) showing where you can reduce, reuse and recycle.



## Safeguarding Tip of the Week

### Quality Time

Quality, uninterrupted time with children is incredibly important for a number of reasons:

- Time to share feelings, worries and concerns with a trusted adult.
- Time to discuss the learning that has happened at school.
- Time to discuss emotional regulation.
- Discussion around friendship groups and positive relationships.
- Time to read together.
- Show children that they deserve sincere interaction.



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## Important Dates & Events

### Spring Term 2

Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> February	1.15pm – Year Six Hawthorn Visiting Bartlett’s Residential Care Home
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00-9.30am – Oak Class Parent Library Session  2.30pm - EYFS Lets Learn Together Session 4 Helicopter Stories  2.30-3.00pm - Alder Class Parent Library Session
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00-9.30am - Plane Class Parent Library Session  2.30-3.00pm - Elm Class Parent Library Session
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00-9.30am - Cedar Class Parent Library Session  2.30-3.00pm - Beech Class Parent Library Session
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day (wear your coziest and comfiest pyjamas/loungewear)  9.00-9.30am - Willow Class Parent Library Session  2.30-3.00pm - Lime Class Parent Library Session
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00-9.30am - Birch Class Parent Library Session  2.30-3.00pm - Hazel Class Parent Library Session  3.15-5.00pm – YR & KS1 PTA Cinema Event
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	2.30-3.00pm - Rowan Class Parent Library Session
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00-9.30am - Ash Class Parent Library Session  9.15-10.00am - Prospective YN 2024/25 open event  2.30-3.00pm - Maple Class Parent Library Session
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00-9.30am - Little Acorns Parent Library Session  9.00-10.00am – Parent Forum Meeting  2.30-3.00pm - Sycamore Class Parent Library Session
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00-9.30am - Aspen Class Parent Library Session  2.30-3.00pm - Little Acorns Parent Library Session
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00-9.30am - Hawthorn Class Parent Library Session  2.15-3.00pm - Prospective YN 2024/25 open event

	3.20-5.20pm – KS2 PTA Cinema Event
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00-9.45am - EY Stay and Learn – Maths
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00-9.45am - KS1 Stay and Learn - Maths
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	9.00-9.45am - KS2 Stay and Learn – Maths
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	2.30-3.10pm – Y5 & Y6 RSE Parent/Carer Information Meeting  6.00pm – Y4 11B411 Sleeping Under the Stars Experience
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	8.35am – Parent/Carer Book Look  9.15am - KS2 Spring Assembly (led by Y3)
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Easter Bonnet and egg Decorating Competition  Children finish for End of Term



# Buckinghamshire Family Learning

How is my child taught  
phonics at school?  
How can I prepare my child  
for the phonic screening  
test?

How can I find easy,  
fun activities to help  
my child to use  
phonics to read and  
spell?

## Support Your child with Phonics and Reading

Join our **free**, 5 week online course,  
For parents and carers of children in Year 1 and 2,  
at school in Buckinghamshire

Thursday 29th February 09:30-11:30

To book your place, please click on the date above  
or scan the QR code below.



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