

# WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Spring Term

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## A note from Mrs. Fraser

It was an absolute privilege to experience my very first Green Ridge's Got Talent this week! The courage, skill, determination and joy shown by all contestants was just incredible and we are so proud of each and every one. Thank you, Mr. Arnold for putting together a great show!

We've had some visitors to the school this week: we welcomed Rabbi Zvi to talk to Year Three about traditions and celebrations within the Jewish faith, and had a visit from Rhian Tracey, author of Wink Murder. We're so proud of the children. They showed respect, interest, positivity and gratitude.

I hope over next week you will join us in saying a fond 'goodbye' to the wonderful Mrs. Layton, who is leaving Year Six to embark on an exciting journey outside of primary education. Mrs. Layton, we'd like to say a massive thank you for all you have contributed to the lives of children, families and colleagues at Green Ridge, and we wish you the very best of luck.

Finally, we would like to wish any of our families celebrating Eid over the coming days a wonderful time with your families. Eid Mubarak.

To all of our families, especially our lovely mums, have a safe and restful weekend.

Mrs. Jen Fraser  
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## Celebrations & Achievements

	Certificate of Achievement	Certificate of Progress	Superhero Shake	PAP Stars
Beech (Y1)	Jessica	Reggie	Ibrahim	Ivy
Elm (Y1)	Kian	Oscar	Sahara	Florence
Lime (Y1)	Freya	Phoebe	Joshua	Ivy
Oak (Y2)	Charlotte	Lily-Rose	Eva	Khai C
Plane (Y2)	Vinnie	Grace	Teddy	Shriram
Spruce (Y2)	Roman	Matthew	Eloise	Julia
Alder (Y3)	Eva	Amelia	Hettie	Darcy
Cedar (Y3)	Ritusan	Alexandra	Nathaniel	Myra
Ash (Y4)	Indy	Khalil	Maisey P	Katie
Rowan (Y4)	Zoe	Niamh	Lily	R'Elle
Maple (Y5)	David	Grace	Lena	Jayden
Sycamore (Y5)	Jenna	Esmay	Ria	Elias
Aspen (Y6)	Lilly	Kowsik	Ellie	Laura
Hawthorn (Y6)	Imogen	Megan	Casey	Lissy

Attendance Award
Well done to Birch class for the highest attendance of 99% this week!

House Points		
House	Points this week	Total
Austin	209	2093
Disraeli	280	2169
Pratchett	209	2087
Redgrave	244	2173



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## News, Updates & Reminders

### Enrichment Clubs

We would like to remind you that there are no enrichment clubs on **Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April** due to staff training. This date was not included when booking for the Spring term clubs, therefore please collect your child at the normal time of 3.15pm or 3.20pm. Thank you.

### Lost Property

Next week from Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> March the lost property trolley will be in the lobby of the main school entrance at 8.30am-9.00am and 3.00pm-3.30pm for parents and carers to reclaim any lost items. There is a significant amount of non-named coats, jumpers, cardigans, earmuffs, gloves and water bottles. We urge you to name your child's belongings and if your child comes home with an item that is not theirs, please return to either the class teacher or to the office.

We will be donating any items that have not been claimed to charity, therefore if your child/ren have lost any items please do come and have a look.

### New Summer/Autumn 2025 Lunch Menu

We are pleased to share that the new lunch menu for Summer/Autumn 2025 is now live on SchoolGrid and you can order your child/ren's meals right up until the end of the Summer term.

### Girls & Boys Football Fixture

This week the Year Five and Six Girls football team played a home match against Bedgrove and the Boys team played an away match against St Mary's. Unfortunately, both teams lost their games. They both gave positive performances but were unable to find the finishing touch when in front of goal and I'm sure the results would have been a lot closer if those chances had been taken. Both teams are very excited for their matches on the first week back after the Easter break as it will be their last ones of the season. Go Team Green Ridge!

### Green Ridge Has Got Talent!

Today we hosted our third ever talent shows! The children were so courageous performing on the stage in front of hundreds of people in the audience and should feel immensely proud of themselves. The talents varied, we had singing, dancing, gymnastics, the saxophone and so much more!

And the final results are:

YR-Y2 Winner: Daisy (gymnastics/dancing)

YR-Y2 Runner-up: Zac (darts)



Y3-Y6 Winner: Freddie (magic)

Y3-Y6 Runners-up: Ella (singing), Ellie (singing) and Lillie, Lexi and Jess (dancing)



### Join Our FareShare Team – Make a Real Difference!

We're looking for more volunteers to join our friendly FareShare food distribution team.



Whether you can help set up or clear down tables before school, or drive in the evenings to collect food from Tesco (or on Monday afternoons from KFC), we'd love to have you on board. Full



instructions will be provided, and even if you can only help a couple of times a half term - every little helps!

By volunteering, you'll be helping us **reduce food waste and support families** in our school community. If you're interested or want to find out more, please email [laura.nunn@greenridgeacademy.co.uk](mailto:laura.nunn@greenridgeacademy.co.uk). Thank you for your support!

### Skills For Life Curriculum

Attached to the newsletter this week is our updated Skills for Life curriculum. Each year group focuses on two skills throughout the year (and children earn certificates when they achieve them). Linked to this, from the summer term, there will be an 'out of school celebrations' display board in school. Simply email in a picture of your child to [admin@greenridgeacademy.co.uk](mailto:admin@greenridgeacademy.co.uk) and it will feature on the display. Examples include: earning a Blue Peter badge, passing a music exam, helping with a local community project like litter-picking, going up a belt in karate or performing with your dance club on stage! Any pictures sent in will be printed out and put on the school display!

## PTA

### Summer Fete Raffle

As you are aware we are holding our Annual Summer Fete on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June**, and as we do each year, we will be having a raffle on the day.

To help us raise as much as we can for our school, we are asking all local business and other popular locations if they would support our school by donating a raffle prize.

Any type of prize is gratefully received, even if you don't think your business or the business you work for has an item or service they can directly donate, we have had many generous donations of vouchers or hampers in previous years. Anything you can donate is gratefully received. We thank you for your support and please do contact us with any questions you may have.

### Easter Competitions

The PTA are delighted to invite your child to take part in Green Ridge's Annual Easter Bonnet (Early Years & KS1) or Egg Decorating (KS2) Competition on **Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> April**. To take part, simply ask your child to decorate a bonnet or egg (we suggest hard boiling them first!) and bring it to school with them on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> April.

An independent adjudicator will judge the competition, and the winning child in each class will take home a prize. There will also be a runner-up awarded in each class.

On the day we ask for a donation of £2.00 for your child to enter, this will be collected in the morning when the children come into school.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing the children's creations!

## Online Safety Tip of the Week

### Privacy and Security – KS1

Speak to your child about private/personal information? What is it? Can they list any examples? Why is it important to not share this with anyone, especially people online? Discuss ways in which we can make sure we keep our information private and explain that passwords can be easily changed if needed.

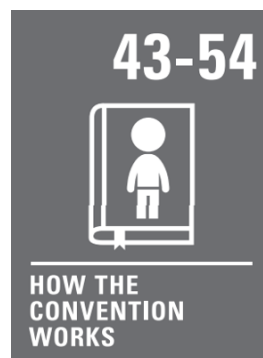
### Privacy and Security – KS2

Can your child create a new, strong password? How do they know this is a strong password? Speak to your child about using a range of passwords and using a two-factor authentication app to help store these safely.

## Right of the Week Articles 43-54

### How The Convention Works

These articles explain how governments, the United Nations – including the Committee on the Rights of Child and UNICEF – and other organisations work to make sure all children enjoy all their rights.



## Sustainability Tip of the Week




### Use Eco-friendly Products

Opt for eco-friendly cleaning products, toiletries, and household items. Look for certifications such as the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) or Fairtrade when purchasing goods.



## Behaviour Focus of this half term

### How Do We Move

Ready	Respectful	Safe
Voices off and looking forward	Walk to one side!	Walking with hands by our sides
		

We are having a focus on how we move around the school grounds this half term. The children have been thinking about how we move in the 'Green Ridge way' to make sure we are always Ready, Respectful and Safe!



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## Important Dates & Events

### Spring Term 2

Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	9.00am Parent Forum Meeting
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	9.15am Y3 Spring Assembly 6.00pm YN 2025 Prospective Open Evening
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	PTA Easter Bonnets & Egg Decoration Children finish for the end of term

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