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Thursday, 18th September 2025

Harvest Festival Assembly Wednesday, 8th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to inform you that Green Ridge will once again be holding its Harvest Festival, which will take place on **Wednesday**, 8th October 2025.

Whilst our Year One pupils will be leading the assembly and presenting, pupils in Year Two will also join in with songs during the special assembly. Due to the number of children in Year One and Year Two and hall capacity, we will only be inviting Year One parents/carers to join us from 2.15-3.00pm in the school hall. If your child is in an alternative year group, please rest assured that they will have the opportunity to lead/support another event later in the academic year which you will be invited to attend. Pupils in the rest of the school will have their own Harvest Festival assembly later that week, although again due to the number of pupils, parents/carers will sadly not be able to attend.

To manage space in the hall, we do ask that no more than **two** parents/carers or family members come along from Year One. Younger siblings are welcome, although we do ask that buggies are left outside the main hall to maximise space in the hall, and that if there are very young siblings who may disrupt or disturb the performance for the pupils, alternative arrangements are made. If necessary, parents/carers with younger pupils should sit so that they can take their child out during the performance, should they become unsettled. Revd. Gareth Lane, Vicar on Berryfields, will also join us for the Harvest Festival, and will lead a short prayer at the end for those who wish to participate. We're pleased to also confirm that the PTA will be in the hall selling refreshments until the start of the assembly at 2.15pm if you'd like to grab yourself a drink and secure a seat. Please enter via the external hall doors.

At Harvest time we think about those who may be less fortunate and in need of food or shelter. This year, Green Ridge are partnering with Aylesbury Vineyard Storehouse. Like the Foodbank, we don't think anyone in our community should have to face going hungry. That's why Aylesbury Vineyard Storehouse provide household goods, children's clothing, child and baby equipment and emergency food parcels, free of charge, to those in crisis situations and financial hardship. Harvest is a time when we can show our children how we support and help one another in times of need.

Aylesbury Vineyard Storehouse would be very grateful to receive Harvest donations from Green Ridge. Below you will see a range of items which the foodbank would be very grateful to receive. These can then be distributed to those in our community who need it most. We ask that children from any year group bring any donations in from **Monday**, 29th September and

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place them in Mr Morris's trolley that will be situated on the main school gate. Please make sure all food packets are still within date or, better still, have a long-remaining 'use by' date. So that we can make a harvest display in readiness for our assembly, we kindly ask that donations are in by Monday, 6th October.

Thank you in advance for any donations which you may make this year for this worthwhile cause.

Yours faithfully,

Miss. Shannon Gordon

KS1 Phase Leader and Class Teacher



