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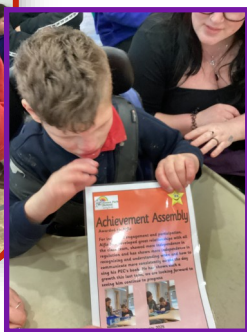
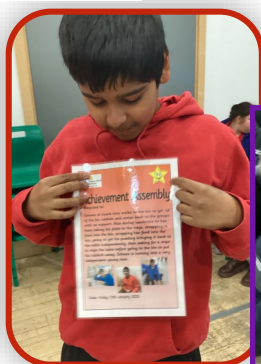
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SAVE THE DATE

- Half Term 17th—21st February 2025
- School re-opens 24th February 2025
- Wednesday 26th February 2025—Parent First Aid course - there is still one place available email school to reserve this.
- 6th March World Book Day
- Friday 21st March Red Nose Day
- Thursday 27th March Yellow Cluster perform our Easter Service
- Tuesday 8th April Parent Coffee Morning
- 2nd April 2025 Sparkle Day organized by Duke of Edinburgh pupils for 'Newlife'
- Easter holidays Monday 14th April to Friday 25th April 2025
- Saturday 26th April Bikeathon by Bilston Rotary in the High street raising funds for school
- School re-opens Monday 28th April 2025
- Half Term 26th—30th May 2025
- Inset Days 2nd June 2025 and 21st July 2025



Achievement Assembly



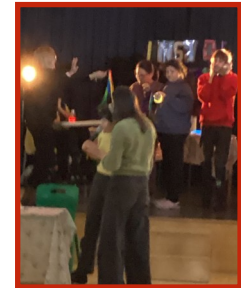
It is always with great pride that we host an achievement assembly to celebrate the hard work and success of our pupils. Each week pupils get the chance to be 'Star of the Week' in their class group and they receive a Headteachers Award in assembly and a golden token for the vending machine in reception where they can choose a favourite toy as a reward. It is a real high point of the school week. At the end of the term this culminates in our Achievement assembly for the pupil making the most progress over the term. Our Autumn term winners celebrated their success after the Christmas break with their parents cheering them on. They were invited to experience taking their child with their golden token to choose their reward. It was a celebration of all their achievements. At the end of the school year we culminate in our Prize Giving Service—Save the date Red & Purple Cluster Assembly 11th July 2025 at 10.00am, Green, Yellow and Orange Cluster Assembly 16th July at 10.00am.





Red Cluster Assembly

Every half term a cluster leads a special assembly inviting pupils from across the school to the dress rehearsal and final performance along with parents and Governors. This term Red Cluster took the lead on Celebrating Childrens Mental Health Week and pupils gave the message it is ok and manage to express your emotions whether that is joy, fear, happiness, anger and how to identify these emotions. The pupils were absolute stars and a special mention goes out to Charlie and Megan our narrators, and all the performers for their hard work. We had loads of fun!



Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Safety Day took place this week. Students took part in a range of age appropriate activities that were adapted to match their Learning Style and Pathway. More information and resources are available via this link to the Spring 2025 Hertfordshire GRID Online Safety Newsletter for parents.

We regularly receive requests from families for help to block access to certain sites for our young people. If you need any support in this area, please do not hesitate to ask and we will do our best to help. This was raised during the most recent parent Coffee Morning and considered a useful service for families.

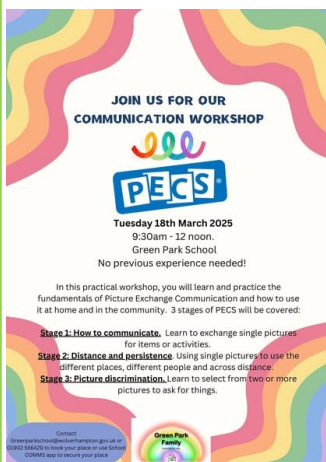
Here, spring-2025-parents-newsletter you will find information and guidance about family devices, doomscrolling, teen accounts, Roblox and a digital literacy guide.

During your February break, remember Safeguarding includes all aspects of safety in the home, and when out and about including familiar themes such as safe use of electricity, safety in the kitchen, when bathing, using roads and stranger danger. Do have fun, and stay wise.



Parent Workshops

We've held lots of parent workshops this term, including, Makaton and First Aid. The parents that attended found them very useful and informative. We have further workshops next term including Communication using PECS, on Tuesday 18th March and Coffee & Cake morning on Tuesday 8th April and Internet Safety date to be confirmed. To book a place you can use the school comms app, telephone 01902556429 or email greenparkschool@wolverhampton.gov.uk.



JOIN US FOR OUR COMMUNICATION WORKSHOP

PECS

Tuesday 18th March 2025
9:30am - 12 noon
Green Park School
No previous experience needed!

In this practical workshop, you will learn and practice the fundamentals of Picture Exchange Communication and how to use it at home and in the community. 3 stages of PECS will be covered:

Stage 1: How to communicate. Learn to exchange single pictures for items or activities.

Stage 2: Distance and persistence. Using single pictures to use the different places, different people and across distance.

Stage 3: Picture discrimination. Learn to select from two or more pictures to ask for things.

Contact: greenparkschool@wolverhampton.gov.uk or 01902 556429 to book your place or visit the COMMS app to reserve your place.



Green Park Family invites you to

Coffee & Cake

Tuesday 8th April 2025
Green Park School
Pop-in between 9:30am - 12pm

Parents, Grandparents, Carers and wider family are all welcome. There is lots of time to ask questions, share experiences and find out first what is happening in school.

Please let us know you are coming via School Comms App, via email at greenparkschool@wolverhampton.gov.uk or by calling 01902 556429



Thank you for Fundraising support

We are really pleased to celebrate that with your support for our fundraising events we have raised enough funds to replace our MPV. Our last vehicle was 'retired' after a long period of taking pupils to college, work experience, swimming and day trips and has been missed. We agreed with the Charity Committee, the Staff fundraising team and the Voluntary Committee to work together to raise £20,000 for a new vehicle. We are delighted that a Dacia Jogger has been ordered and should arrive late March. We can't wait to be on our travels again!

We have **two new events taking place** and hope you might offer your help again as this is being used towards replacing our sensory rooms and Omivista floor. Bilston Rotary are showing school their support on 26th April as their annual bikeathon is being used to donate funds to school. Static bikes will be in the town centre and we are looking for parents to volunteer for 1/2 hour and gain some sponsors. If you could donate some time it would be appreciated— please just contact school.

We are also excited that Carl Burkitt is undertaking an amazing personal challenge to run his first Marathon in Manchester to support school. He has set up a Just giving page for donations and would love your help to cheer him on through the miles. If you can share this with family and friends it would be appreciated

Wanted!

Your outgrown, good condition school uniform! Please can you send in any items you have at home so that we can start a uniform swap shop. Many of our pupils wear out uniform quickly and other children out grow it. If families contact reception asking for our Pupil Welfare team they will check stock and send home suitable items.



HOME SCHOOL DIARIES

It is that time of year when we are thinking about the practical arrangements for the next academic year. After half term we will be asking parents to take part in a survey about how to improve our home school communication system. We will ask you how useful the current home school diary system is, what information you really need in the diaries, do you find a book useful or would you rather receive information in a different format e.g app or text or email. Our current system has been in place for over 20 years and it is time to refresh it and ensure we are keeping in touch with you on the most friendly way. If you are aware of good systems used in other settings we would really appreciate you sharing this in the survey so we can explore all options before Easter

Annual Parent Survey 2024 : You said ... We did

We want to ensure parents are aware of how our pupils are involved in their local community, making links with organisations to prepare them for adulthood. This term pupils have been visiting Bentley Bridge twice a week for leisure swimming using the café and reading social sight cards and also signs around the leisure centre. We have worked with Engagedu to look at our local area and collect and store data about our community. Pupils have started working with St Leonards church to help clean the church and support their café. We have two groups each week



attending Laches Wood for Outdoor and Adventurous Activities and another group attending Horse Riding for the Disabled in Lichfield. Finally a well done to the pupils who attended Aldersley Stadium to take part in an interschool Boccia tournament to help school gain the Gold Award for School Games. Our team have made the final next 1/2 term. Lets cheer them on!



Well done - we are so proud of your achievements and how well all our pupils represent our school.



A Note from the Nursing Team

Good communication between our nursing team and families is important to us. If at any time you would like to speak to a senior nurse, then the contact details are below:

- Marina and Rebecca – Sisters in charge at school on 01902 445318
- Kate Bridges, Senior Sister or Sara Eacopo, Matron for CCN team on 01902 444700

We are aiming to have a member of the nursing team available at the coffee Parent Coffee mornings.

Please contact the Nurses office directly if there are any medical issues that need to be passed on to the nursing team on 01902 445318. We are on site from 8am so please feel free to call from 8-830 am and then after 9.15 am. Please note that during handover which is 8.30am – 9.15am, when the phone will not be answered.

Just a reminder of how to look after suction machines. Parents/careers are responsible for keeping the equipment clean and for requesting the consumables to support their use.

TOP TIP: Undertaking the care of the suction machine circuits

- 2 packets of suction circuits should be supplied by the community nurses with the suction machine
- Please ensure you have a record of when the circuits are opened as the circuits need to be changed 2 monthly. Your replacement circuits will be replaced by Community nurses. please contact if they are due to be changed and you have had no contact with your designated community nurse. (01902 444700)
- Suction circuits should be Cleaned every 24 hours so rotated between two different circuits is required. Circuits need to be cleaned in a solution made up with 1 part white vinegar 3 parts water
- **FILTERS** that are based in the lid of the suction pot **ARE NOT TO GET WET**. If they become wet the suction will stop working. Please contact your community nurse if this happens.
- Pots should be emptied when they are half full to ensure filters do not get wet
- When cleaning circuits please ensure filters are removed from the lids and left in a dry safe place
- Any problems or enquires please contact children's community nurses on 01902 444700

School will return after half term on Monday 24th February 2025