



Interim Headteacher Update

As we reach the end of a busy and successful spring term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. It has been a term filled with hard work, progress and many achievements across the school.

Our pupils have demonstrated excellent effort in their learning and have embraced a wide range of opportunities both in and out of the classroom. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow and their enthusiasm for learning continue to develop.

Celebrating our successes this term...

Reception



This term the children have enjoyed learning about some countries around the world including Australia and Africa. We enjoyed learning about mud hut homes being constructed with 'manure'! We also explored our local environment, when we went on a walk and mapped out our local area. We looked at the types of homes in our environment and

found points of interest locally. We have enjoyed our Easter bonnet parade and performing poems and songs for our parents. The children's Easter bonnets were spectacular and it was lovely to see hats and bonnets that reflected the children's own interests.





Year 1

Year 1 have had a fantastic term and have been working incredibly hard, showing great resilience in all their learning. They have made excellent progress in phonics as they prepare for their phonics screening check next



term. In maths, the children have been exploring different types of measurement, including length, height, weight, capacity and volume, developing their practical skills along the way. They have thoroughly enjoyed the science topic, Animals including humans, where they learned about different animal groups, examined real snake skin, and even had the opportunity to hold a Guinea Pig! In DT, the children practiced they cutting skills to create their own fruit kebabs, which were not only beautifully made but delicious too!



Year 2



In Year 2 this half term, we have been going from strength to strength with our writing. We've produced lots of impressive pieces based on the traditional tales of Hansel and Gretel, and the Russian folklore story of Baba Yaga, as well as Aaron Becker's wordless book 'The Journey.' In Maths, we've built on our existing knowledge about shape, and have really enjoyed continuing to learn our times tables. We've recently

gained TT Rockstars logins and have had lots of fun getting started on this.

Recently in PE, we've been working with a specialist coach who has been impressed with our ball skills. In Music, we've been gaining confidence with playing our recorders and now recognise the notes of B, A, G and E. In Art, we've been exploring expressive painting styles and can now identify primary and secondary colours.





Year 3



We have been proud of the efforts of the Year 3 children this term! In DT we have been investigating bridges and designing their own

structures to hold the weight of 1kg. One even managed 2kg without moving! There were lots of fantastic costumes for World Book Day so we couldn't resist a photo shoot. The children have been working hard in Violins in preparation for their Summer Term concert at the Coton Centre (details to follow). Keep up the good work, Year 3!



Year 4



This term we have continued our human digestive system journey and got hands on with our very messy practical lessons, much to the disgust of many of the children. In our whole class reading sessions, we have worked on our fluency skills and have recently finished reading the How to train your Dragon adventure story. It was awesome to see the children clinging to every word, desperate

to find out if there was a happy ending for our plucky hero Hiccup and his dragon Toothless.

During our Art lessons, our budding artists have enjoyed developing their sketching skills, focusing on 'still life' drawings and we have produced some fantastic pieces.





Year 5



This term, Year 5 enjoyed finishing *The Nowhere Emporium* on World Book Day and celebrated with a fantastic range of costumes that really brought their favourite characters to life. They followed this by writing thoughtful book reviews and creating imaginative poetry inspired by the story.

In Geography, the children created their own OS maps, carefully using four figure and six figure grid references to plot features accurately. In Science, they rounded off their work on 'Living things and their habitats,' exploring how different organisms are grouped and classified.



Year 6

Year 6 have had a busy half term with more SATs preparation, but their hard work has paid off as they have all achieved amazing scores in their latest



mocks. Children have excelled in their extra revision groups and have impressed staff with their can-do attitudes. We have also enjoyed dressing up for World Book Day and celebrating our love of reading. In History, we began our topic on World War 2 looking at how the war began, Hitler's rise to power,

the battle of Dunkirk and Churchill's famous speech. It has been a short but busy half term full of learning.





Oliver Cast Theatre Trip

The main cast of Oliver from Year 5 and 6 enjoyed a day out in London to watch the West End version of the show. We explored Leicester and Trafalgar Square before the show in the glorious sunshine. The show was amazing and we were in awe of the wonderful cast and staging. It was a long and tiring day but worth it, so that we can use what we saw to help with our own performance which isn't that far away!



Comic Relief 2026

Thank you everyone for your donations to Comic Relief and also to Mr Herrmann for being such a good sport and getting wet. Greenacres raised a staggering **£575.30!** Thank you for your continued support.



Attendance & Punctuality

Good attendance is essential for progress and wellbeing. Please ensure your child attends school every day unless they are unwell.

School Times

- School gates open at 8.50am and close at 9.00am. Children arriving after 9.00am are deemed to be late and will receive a late mark.
- Lateness is monitored regularly and late comers noted. School will issue an advisory letter to parents.
- Registers close and learning begins promptly at 9.05am - arrival after this time would count as a session's unauthorised absence and may result in a penalty notice should these be excessive.





End of School Collection

It is important for all pupils to remain in school until the end of the official school day.

To support your child's learning, wellbeing, and continuity of education, pupils should not be collected early unless there are exceptional circumstances or by prior agreement. Frequent early collections can disrupt learning not only for your child, but also for their classmates.

If your child must leave early for a medical appointment, written evidence of the appointment (such as an appointment card, letter or text confirmation, or email from the medical provider) must be provided to the school office in advance or upon collection. Without appropriate evidence, the absence may be recorded as unauthorised.

Where possible, we kindly ask for your cooperation in ensuring appointments are arranged outside of school hours.

School Finish Times

Reception, Yr1 & Yr2 3.20pm
Yr3, 4, 5 & 6 3.30pm

Daily Absence

The school applies the following procedures in deciding how to deal with individual absences:

- We operate a first day contact system by:
 - Telephone—01827 300490
 - MCAS app
 - Email—post@lfatg.org.uk

Parents should inform school of any absence, providing a reason for the absence.

- If no contact has been made to school, we will follow up by a verbal phone call.
- In line with Landau Forte Academy Greenacres Attendance Policy, there is an expectation to keep in contact with the school daily for illness of two school days in length. If we do not hear from parents/carers, we will make regular contact calls for updates.





Safeguarding

If you have a safeguarding concern over the Easter break and need support and guidance, please don't wait. You can refer to the below guidance to support you in seeking the right help:

Email the safeguarding team here at Greenacres – safeguarding@lfatg.co.uk. This inbox will be checked **once per day** by our DSL, Laura Percival, or one of the deputies Claire Poynton or Julie McDonnell. It is not suitable for any urgent worries.

- You can call Staffordshire Families Integrated Front Door (SFIFD) if you are worried about a child or want to make a referral - **0300 111 8007**. They have services for serious concerns where a child may be at risk or imminent or known harm or less urgent worries about the care of a child.

- Use one of the many additional support services available such as :

NSPCC Helpline 0808 800 5000 or email help@nspcc.org.uk for worries about children

Childline Free for confidential support for children and young people - **0800 1111** or childline.org.uk

Samaritans 116 123 samaritans.org

✦ **Citizens Advice Staffordshire** for worries about debt, benefits, budgeting- **0808 278 7874** or **Step Change Debt Charity** for free debt advice - **0800 138 1111**

Staffordshire Women's Aid run a 24 hour confidential helpline - **0300 330 5959** or you can email referrals@staffordshirewomensaid.org



We look forward to welcoming pupils back for the summer term, which promises to be another exciting and productive period, including trips, events and end-of-year celebrations.

Dates for your diary...

30th March—10th April	Easter Holiday
13th April	Inset Day
14th April	Pupils return to school
16th April	Parent Workshop—Yr6 SATs
1st May	Yr2 class assembly for parents
11th—15th May	Yr6 SATs
19th May	Reception & Year 6 Class Photographs
21st May	Yr6 trip—NEC Resorts World Cineworld & Hollywood Bowl
4th June	Yr2 trip—Warwick Castle
10th June	Reception trip—Dudley Zoo & Castle
16th—18th June	KS2 Oliver Production
24th June	KS2 Sports Day (weather permitting)
25th June	Yr3 trip—Bosworth Heritage Centre
26th June	Reception class assembly for parents
26th June	Yr3 & Yr4 Music Concert, Coton Centre
30th June	Meet the new teacher for pupils
1st July	KS1 Sports Day (weather permitting)
7th July	Yr6 SATs results
8th July	Yr1 trip—Black Country Living Museum
8th July	Yr4 trip—Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery
10th July	School reports home
13th July	Open afternoon for parents 3.30pm-4.30pm
16th July	9.15am Year 6 Leavers Assembly & Presentation for parents
17th July	All pupils finish 2.00pm

(No after school club due to early finish time)

Finally, I would like to thank our staff team for their continued dedication and hard work this term, and to you as parents and carers for your ongoing support.

Working together, we continue to make a positive difference for all our children.

We wish you all a restful and enjoyable Easter break.

Best wishes

