Landau Forte Academy Greenacres

Academy Newsletter: Autumn Term (1)

Executive Principal Update

Celebrating Our First Half Term Together

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the October half-term break, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on my first half term as Principal of Greenacres and, most importantly, to say a heartfelt thank you.

From the very first day, I have been struck by the warmth, kindness and sense of community that make Greenacres such a special place to be. Our wonderful pupils, dedicated staff and supportive families are what make this academy so special, and it has been an absolute privilege to become part of the Greenacres family.

There is already so much to celebrate!

We began the academic year celebrating our fantastic school results, which reflect the hard work, determination and commitment of our pupils and staff. These achievements provide us with a wonderful foundation as we continue to raise aspirations and ensure every child has the opportunity to succeed.

Throughout this half term, we have placed a renewed emphasis on our academy values of Ambitious, Resilient and Respectful, celebrating these through our weekly assemblies and everyday school life. Our Best Me approach encourages every child to recognise their potential, make positive choices and take pride in their achievements. It has been particularly rewarding to celebrate so many children demonstrating these values.

I have also been incredibly proud of our Wellbeing Ambassadors and Year 6 Head Team, who have shown fantastic leadership, responsibility and a genuine commitment to supporting others. They are wonderful role models and demonstrate just how much our young people can achieve when given opportunities to lead.

Another unforgettable highlight was our Laches Wood residential, superbly led by Miss Lamb, Mr Herrmann, Mrs Rowland and Miss Bushell. Our year 6 pupils embraced new experiences, challenged themselves, developed their independence and made memories that will last a lifetime. A huge thank you to everyone involved in making this such a wonderful experience.

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Working together as a community

One of my priorities has been to strengthen the partnership between school and home. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to speak with me, share ideas and offer encouragement over these first few weeks. We will continue our scheduled parent and carer drop-in sessions, ensuring that your voices remain an important part of our journey.

We are also looking forward to Parents' Evenings on 11th and 12th November, when we can come together to celebrate our children's hard work, progress and achievements.

I would also like to take this opportunity to introduce Laura Seedhouse, Chair of our Academy Education Committee, the group many families will be more familiar with as our school governors. Laura and the Committee play an important role in supporting and challenging school leaders, helping to ensure that Landau Forte Greenacres continues to provide the very best opportunities for our children. I look forward to working closely with Laura and the committee as we build on the Academy's successes.

Looking ahead

As we move into the next half term, our focus remains firmly on providing a safe, happy and ambitious learning environment where every child feels valued, supported and inspired to be their very best.

There is so much to look forward to, from celebrating children's achievements and providing exciting learning opportunities to the wonderful build-up to Christmas and all the festivities that make this time of year so special in a primary school.

For now, the October break provides a well-deserved opportunity for our pupils, families and staff to rest, recharge and enjoy time together.

Finally, thank you once again for the warmth of your welcome, your kindness and your continued support.
I am incredibly proud to lead Landau Forte Greenacres and genuinely excited about what we can achieve together.

Landau Forte Greenacres is a special place to be, and together we will make it even better. Have a wonderful, safe and restful half-term break.

Mr A Deen
Executive Principal
Landau Forte Academy Greenacres

Celebrating our success this term

Reception

What a fantastic half term we have had in EYFS!

The children have settled wonderfully into their new classroom routines and are becoming increasingly confident and independent. We have enjoyed learning about People Who Help Us, including an exciting visit from the police, where the children had the opportunity to learn about how they keep us safe. We have also started our Drawing Club sessions, which have inspired lots of creativity and imagination. The children have especially loved using our daily code words to unlock exciting adventures and learning experiences together. We are so proud of how well everyone has settled and look forward to more fun and learning next half term!

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Year 1

Year 1 have had a wonderful start to the academic year! From creating spirals in art to exploring the local area in history. We have also learnt about our senses in science, which the children have thoroughly enjoyed. Keep up the fantastic work year 1!

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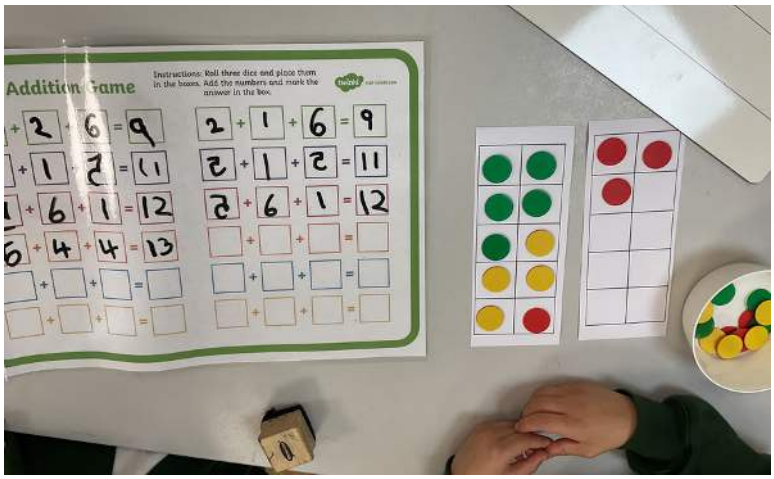
Year 2

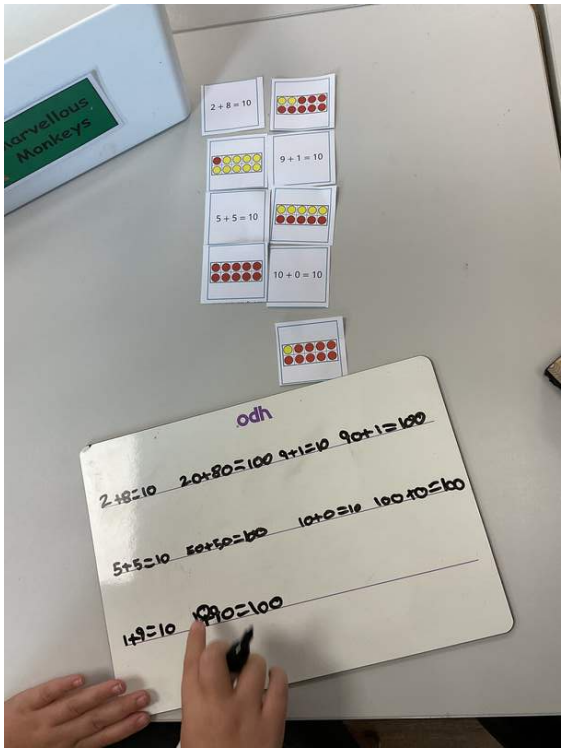


We have had a lovely start to the year in Year 2, and the children have settled in brilliantly and adapted well to their new routines. It has been wonderful to see them embracing their learning and getting stuck into all the exciting activities we have been doing!

In Maths, we have been securing our understanding of place value and using this knowledge to help us add and subtract. The children have been developing their confidence in recognising the value of digits and applying their skills to solve calculations.

During Roald Dahl Week, we had great fun making our very own marvellous medicine! Inspired by George's Marvellous Medicine, we got creative with our ingredients and thought about what might happen if we gave our special concoctions to Grandma. The children loved using their imaginations and coming up with some wonderfully wacky ideas!

In English, our reading books have linked beautifully with our Geography topic. We read Katie in London and used it as inspiration to write our own letters. We are now enjoying Lila and the Secret of Rain, where we have been focusing on writing exciting setting descriptions. The children have been developing their descriptive vocabulary to help bring their settings to life.



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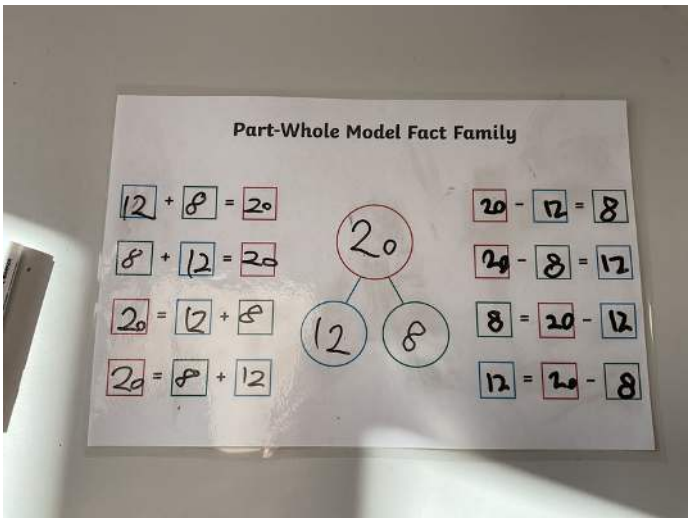
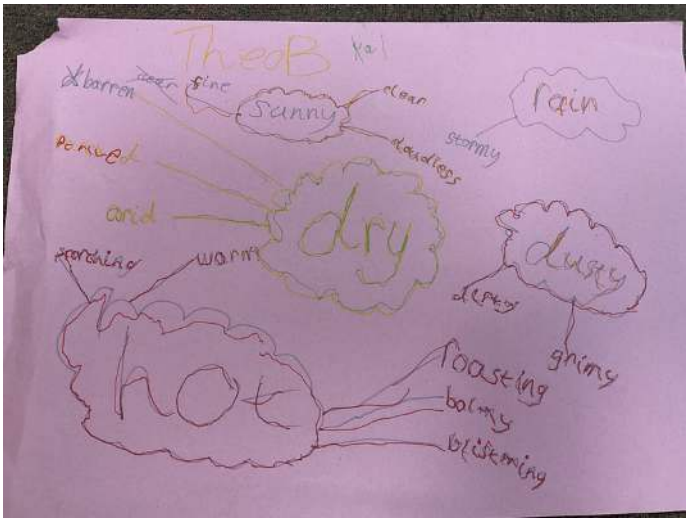
In Geography, we are comparing the two very different cities of London and Nairobi. Our class stories have helped us explore these places and think about their similarities and differences.

In Science, we have been learning about the basic needs of animals for survival. The children can confidently explain that animals need food, water, air and shelter to survive.

Well done, Year 2! It has been a fantastic start to the year, and we are looking forward to all the learning and adventures still to come.

A little reminder: Please continue to read regularly at home with your child. Every little bit of reading makes a difference and helps to build confidence, fluency and a love of books.





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Year 3

Year Three have settled in amazingly!

We would like to thank you for your support during our first term. We have had a wonderful time settling in and getting stuck into the Year Three curriculum!

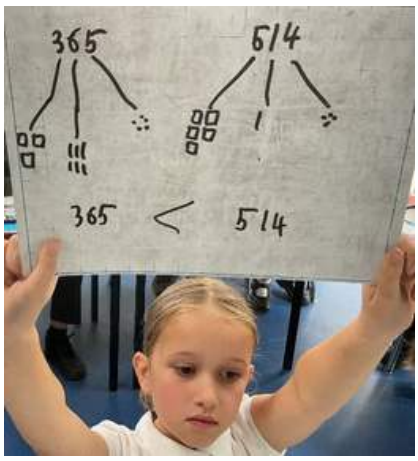
Our history unit this term is the Stone Age, which we are all really excited to learn about! As scientists, we have started our 'Rocks' unit. We have explored types of rocks and their features and experimented on rocks to identify differences.

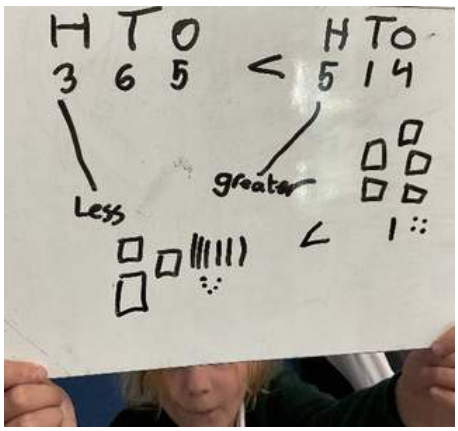
In writing, we have recently used interesting vocabulary to try our hands at 'Free Verse' poetry'. The children have produced wonderful character descriptions, whilst applying their Year 2 knowledge and new Year 3 grammar outcomes. We have continued to be super mathematicians developing our oracy and reasoning skills with Place Value. Again, all children used their prior knowledge to support them! It has been great to see some children using Times Table Rockstars already!

General Information PE – Please can we make sure the children are wearing the correct PE kit and suitable shoes for both indoor and outdoor PE sessions.

Home reading – Children need to continue to read at home at least five days a week. This is to help improve their reading stamina and fluency. It should be enjoyable and therefore, if they read books that they have selected independently, or news articles that they have found interesting, then we want to hear about it.

Thank you for your continued support.





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Year 4

We have had a fantastic start to Year 4 and have been enjoying our History topic of the Anglo-Saxons. We have discovered where the Anglo-Saxon tribes originally came from, why they came over to Britain and what life was like for a typical Anglo-Saxon person.

In PE we have been developing our Hockey skills and have mastered the ability to dribble, pass and shoot. We have then used these skills to play a competitive game.

It was also amazing to see so many of the incredible costumes for Roald Dahl Day.

We look forward to our next half term where we will be investigating Rivers in our Geography lessons and in Science we will be delving into the world of Matter.

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Year 5

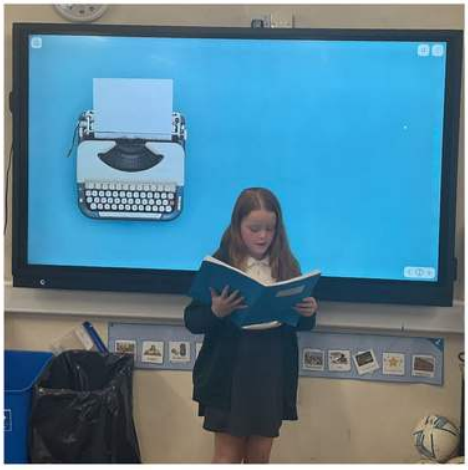
This term, Year 5 have enjoyed a range of exciting learning experiences.

We celebrated Roald Dahl Day in style, with the children arriving in fantastic costumes and showing great enthusiasm for their favourite characters.

In English, we developed our oracy and debating skills by writing and performing persuasive speeches discussing whether under-16s should be banned from social media. The children presented their arguments confidently and thoughtfully to their classmates.

In Art, we took our learning outdoors, gathering natural materials to create our names in the style of artist Louise Fili. The children showed great creativity and teamwork, producing some wonderful pieces inspired by the natural world.

We are very proud of all their hard work and achievements this term!



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Year 6

Year 6 Are Off to a Fantastic Start!

What a brilliant start to the year it has been for Year 6! The children have settled into their new routines wonderfully and have already shown fantastic maturity, enthusiasm and determination. We are incredibly proud of the way they have embraced the responsibilities and expectations that come with being the oldest children in school.

A real highlight of the half term was our fantastic residential trip to Laches Wood! The children threw themselves into every challenge, showing resilience, teamwork, courage and independence. Whether trying something new, supporting their friends or pushing themselves outside their comfort zones, Year 6 made us extremely proud. There were plenty of smiles, laughter and memorable moments along the way.
It was wonderful to see the children grow in confidence and strengthen their friendships.

Well done, Year 6! What an amazing start to your final year at primary school. We cannot wait to see what the rest of the year brings!

Attendance and 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/carers.
- 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

Absence & Safety

Landau Forte Greenacres 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/carers 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.

A polite reminder to please take extra care when driving and parking around the school, particularly during the busy morning drop-off and afternoon collection periods.

The safety of our children and families is our priority. Please keep your speed low and park safely and considerately, ensuring that pavements, driveways, junctions and access points remain clear at all times. Pavements need to remain accessible for children, families with pushchairs and wheelchair users.

Please also be aware that traffic enforcement officers are active in the local area and may issue penalties where vehicles are parked illegally or in restricted areas.

We know that the roads around school can become very busy, and we really appreciate everyone's patience and consideration for our children, our neighbours and one another.

Thank you for helping us to keep our school community safe.

Uniform

All of our required uniform items can be purchased from supermarkets and other high street retailers, meaning families do not need to buy branded items. We aim to keep our uniform affordable and accessible, and any plain items that meet our uniform expectations are perfectly acceptable.

For families who wish to purchase branded uniform, this is available from our approved suppliers:

- Mapac – orders can be placed online, with the option of delivery to the Academy on a fortnightly basis.
- SK Uniforms – branded uniform items are also available from our local supplier.

Please visit the suppliers' websites for further information and ordering options.

Safeguarding

If you have a safeguarding concern 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.org.uk. This inbox is checked regularly each day by our DSL, Andrew Deen, or one of the deputies Claire Poynton or Julie McDonnell. It is not suitable for any urgent worries. Alternatively during term time, please call Greenacres T: 01827 300490 and ask to speak with a member of the safeguarding team.

- You can call Staffordshire Families Integrated Front Door (SFIFD) if you are worried about a child or want to make a referral - T: 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 T: 0808 800 5000 or email help@nspcc.org.uk for worries about children
    - Childline Free for confidential support for children and young people - T: 0800 1111 or childline.org.uk
    - Samaritans 116 123 samaritans.org
    - Citizens Advice Staffordshire for worries about debt, benefits, budgeting - T: 0808 278 7874 or Step Change Debt Charity for free debt advice - T: 0800 138 1111
    - Staffordshire Women's Aid run a 24 hour confidential helpline - T: 0300 330 5959 or you can email referrals@staffordshirewomensaid.org

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Dates for your Diary

Date	Event / Activity
19th - 30th October 2026	Half-Term Holiday
4th November 2026	Pupil Photographs
11th November 2026	Parents Evening, 6pm-8pm
12th November 2026	Parents Evening, 4pm-6pm
13th November 2026	Children in Need : non-uniform day, donation for CIN
19th November 2026	Pupil Flu Immunisaton
20th November 2026	Non-uniform day - bottle donation for Christmas Fair
26th November 2026	Whole School Theatre Trip - PM - Lichfield Garrick
27th November 2026	Non-uniform day - toys, games & toiletries donation for Christmas Fair
4th December 2026	Non-uniform/Chirstmas jumper day - cake/chocolation for Christmas Fair tombola 3.30pm - 5.30pm Christmas Fair
8th December 2026	Yr1 & Yr2 Christmas Production for parents/carers - 2.30pm & 5.30pm
9th December 2026	Yr1 & Yr2 Christmas Production for parents/carers - 9.15am
15th December 2026	YR Nativity for parents/carers - 9.15am
17th December 2026	Non-uniform day - party clothes (warm clothing, sensible footwear) AM - Snowman Drive for pupils - 20p donation PM - Class Christmas parties
18th December 2026	Non-uniform day - Christmas jumpers 9.10am Academy Awards assembly for all pupils Christmas dinner for all pupils
21st December 2026 - 1st January 2027	Christmas Holiday

RECEPTION 2027

STARTING RECEPTION IN SEPTEMBER 2027?

For children born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023.

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