

LMS Matters

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Dear Parents and Carers

It was a true honour to be part of this year's **PALMS SCHOOL FETE**. The fete had a lovely family feel to it and was soooooo busy. A huge thank you goes to Louise Lamb and her team for putting on such a lovely day. The new ticketing system made the day so much easier (we are fully aware that you may have had to queue a little longer to get in). I am also pleased to announce that the day raised a whopping **£3210.05**, with every penny going straight back to your children! Once again, thank you to everyone who came and spent money or helped out in some way. **PALMS** are always looking for help (clearing up is a huge effort with not many people!) so please get in contact if you can assist!

Monday saw our **TRANSITION DAY** when your child spent the day building relationships with the adults and children in their class and learning more about each other, as well as setting out expectations and having fun! It was a lovely day and an essential part of our transition programme. Our Year 6 children have also spent time at their new secondary schools – we hope that they won't miss us too much.

This afternoon sees our annual **FOOD FAYRE** taking place in the school hall from 3.15pm–4.45pm; this is a **CASH ONLY** event so please try to bring change! There is an **ICE CREAM VAN** on site that accepts **CARDS** and **CASH** (not tokens) and, as ever, the school **BBQ** will be fired up. This will take cash and also tokens which can be bought in advance or on the day. We look forward to seeing you all there.

We have been contacted by South Shore productions about the return of "**Batch from Scratch**". Joe Swash and batch-cooking expert Suzanne Mulholland, known as The Batch Lady, will help more households around the country save time and money in a second series and a Christmas special of the lifestyle series. Series 1 on Channel 4 received an average consolidated audience of 1.1 million viewers and they are looking for families! **For more information head to www.southshore.uk/batch or talk to the Casting Exec directly at @PHEBYcasting www.instagram.com/phebycasting.**

Have you heard about the **DINOSAUR DAY** at Leighton Buzzard Railway on 20 July? Ride the steam train and meet the Stonehenge Dinosaurs – see the flyer further on in this newsletter.

Next week (fingers crossed) sees our two **SPORTS DAYS** taking place with EYFS and KS1 on Tuesday and KS2 on Wednesday. The days will run in the same way and will be completed in two separate parts with a morning and afternoon session. All children will be involved in both parts of the day. Parents/carers are welcome to attend all or part of the day. The **MORNING ACTIVITY CAROUSEL** runs from 9.30-11.30am. Parents/carers and supporters can follow their child's group around the outside of the field, cheering them on. The **AFTERNOON RACES** are from 1.15pm (**please note on Tuesday - Early Years 1:15pm start / Year 1&2 2:10pm start**). Please can we ensure that no adults cross the track for any reason and that all barriers/restrictions are adhered to. All of the exact timings and further details can be found in Mr Moran's letters which have been emailed to you all. As ever, these days will be compered by **THE UKDJ!**

Hopefully the weather is a little cooler now, thank you for all of your support during the recent heatwave!

Have a fab weekend everyone and see you all next week.

Mr Gray



EYFS/KS1

Frogs
who achieved
99.7%

KS2
Bracken
who achieved
99.7%



TTROCK Stars
Weekly class champions!

KS1
Frogs
KS2

Bracken



Did you also know that our **SCHOOL HALL** is available for **HIRE**? If you wish to know more about hiring it for birthdays and special occasions, please speak to the school office for further details.

D A T E S

FOR YOUR DIARY

School Term and Bank Holiday Dates 2024 / 2025

Term	Open morning of:	Close at the end of afternoon session of:
Autumn Term 2024	Thursday 5 September 2024	Friday 25 October 2024
	Monday 4 November 2024	Friday 20 December 2024
Spring Term 2025	Tuesday 7 January 2025	Friday 14 February 2025
	Monday 24 February 2025	Thursday 3 April 2025
Summer Term 2025	Tuesday 22 April 2025	Friday 23 May 2025
	Monday 2 June 2025	Tuesday 22 July 2025

Training days agreed to date: (on these days children do not come to school but staff do)

Tuesday 3 September 2024 / Wednesday 4 September 2024 / Monday 6 January 2025 / Friday 4 April 2025 / Wednesday 23 July 2025

Good Friday: Friday 18 April 2025

Easter Monday: Monday 21 April 2025

May Day: Monday 5 May 2025

Summer Term 2025

Friday 20 June	PALMS Non Uniform Day
Monday 23 June	Year 6 Residential - Swanage
Monday 23 June	RWI Development Day
Saturday 28 June	PALMS School Fete
Monday 30 June	Transition Day
Friday 4 July	Food Fair
Tuesday 8 July	KS1 & EYFS Sports Day
Wednesday 9 July	KS2 Sports Day
Thursday 10 July	Year 2 Pirate Day
Friday 11 July	Year 6 Performance to KS2 & siblings (9.30am)
Friday 11 July	Year 3 Learning Fair (2.15pm Hall)
Friday 11 July	PALMS Frosty Friday
Monday 14 July	Year 6 Performance to parents (6pm—drop off at 5.30pm)
Tuesday 15 July	EYFS & KS1 Awards Assembly (9.10-10.10am Hall)
Tuesday 15 July	Year 6 Performance to parents (1.45pm)
Wednesday 16 July	Year 3 & 4 Awards Assembly (9.10-10.10am Hall)
Wednesday 16 July	Year 5 & 6 Awards Assembly (2.15-3.15pm Hall)
Wednesday 16 July	Year 6 Leavers' Disco (6-8pm)
Friday 18 July	PALMS Frosty Friday
Tuesday 22 July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly (9am)
Tuesday 22 July	Last Day of Term

Stay & Play Dates

Wednesday 2 July Sports

LMS Safeguarding

Report Remove

Report Remove is here to help young people under 18 in the UK to confidentially report sexual images and videos of themselves and remove them from the internet. Having nudes shared can feel scary, and it can leave you feeling worried or even ashamed. But it's not the child's fault. It's against the law for anyone to share a sexual image or video of someone who's under 18 and Childline are working with the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) and Yoti to help children remove any sexual image or video of them that's online. Report Remove is safe, easy and free – all you need to do is follow these steps:

- choose your age range
- create a Childline account so we can send you updates on your report
- report your image or video to the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF)
- talk to a Childline counsellor if you want any extra support, or access support on the Childline website
- Check your Childline locker a few days after your report to see if you need to add any more information and to see updates on your report
- report any issues with this process by sending an email from your Childline locker with the subject 'Report Remove' and as much information about the problem as you can.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/report-remove/>

LMS Well-being

Unlocking the power of strengths

"For what it's worth: It's never too late to be whoever you want to be. I hope you live a life you're proud of, and if you find you're not, I hope you have the strength to start over again." – F. Scott Fitzgerald

Knowing our strengths is essential, but we only realise their potential when we are prepared to use them. Making the decision to engage our strengths changes outcomes: replacing apathy with passion and ambivalence with engagement.

Awareness that such a moment of choice exists and being ready to step forward and embrace our strengths creates authenticity, moves us closer to our values, and energises our behaviour.

"What is holding you back from maximizing your strengths?" Reflect on why you aren't using your strengths more of the time. Perhaps it's fear of fully committing and then failing. Try to understand that, whatever the outcome, choosing your strengths will leave you feeling more authentic and create an opportunity for growth.



Sports People of the Week

Pippa, Daisy, Eva G & Amy D for their best ever PE lesson this week – their focus, engagement and effort in athletics was amazing, it was a joy to watch them think so carefully about their race order, run as fast as they could & compete to be the best in class relay practice.

KS2 Athletics:

Dheer, Arnold, Josh K, Allen, Henry M, Freddie, Evie-Grace, Amel, Abbey, Safiya, Valerie, Harriet, Pippa, Lacey, Lilly, Joey, Maya, Isla-Rose, Orla, Tyler, Logan S, Henry & Matthew for competing in scorching temperatures last week – an incredible effort made from every one of them with some fantastic performances and results. A special mention to Safiya who won a medal in all of her events, taking home 2 gold medals & 1 silver!

This week we were awarded the 'Gold School Games Mark' an improvement from our silver last year.

MKSSP Awards Evening – a small group of children were invited to attend, nominated because of their sporting achievements throughout the year from being successful in competition, supporting sport in school, to being one of our amazing sports leaders – well done to Matthew W, Poppy E, Thomas E & Maya. One final award in the evening – LMS received the 'Large School of the year 2025' – thank you to our staff who support events, parents who travel around MK in all weathers to support the children and of course, our fabulous pupils who always make me #PROUD whenever we attend any event.

Well done!





Long Meadow Legends

Tadpoles – Atenea for blowing us away with her writing, her hard work has resulted in some superb sentences.

Minnows – Olivia for being Subitiser of the Week and Elliot for great independent writing this week.

Pondskaters – Antonio for working really hard on his writing recently.

Sticklebacks – Ivy for brilliant describing in English.

Frogs – Sulaiman for excellent addition and subtraction problem solving.

Newts – Arina for improved writing and speed.

Bracken – Lok for her attitude towards challenging learning.

Hogweed – Nyla for her dedication & hard work in learning the times tables.

Foxgloves – Winky for her consistent role model behaviour.

Hawthorn – Tilly for always making good choices & being a super role model to others and Mohammad for making such an effort to improve his presentation & editing skills.

Ferns – Zoe for incredible effort in English.

Thistles – Rafe for being such a kind and supportive member of our class and Isabel for making a fantastic effort with her writing, trying to include all the features needed.

Brambles – Emily for her incredible resilience & determination to succeed despite the changes.

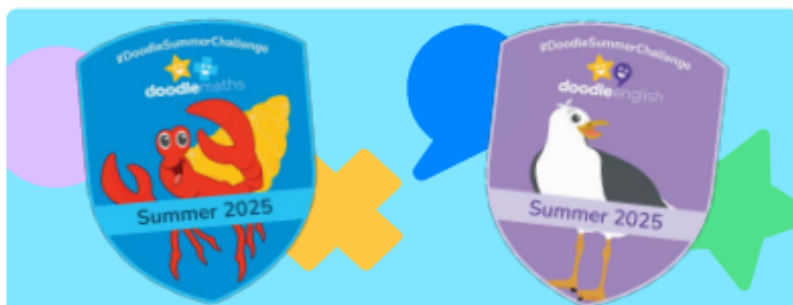
Teasels – Mervin for taking on board developmental feedback for his role in the school play.

The Doodle Summer Challenge

1st of July - 31st of August 2025

Earn a pin badge and certificate!

Between the **1st of July - 31st of August**, Doodle are running two exciting beach-themed Summer Challenges — the DoodleMaths Challenge and the DoodleEnglish Challenge!



Both Challenges are designed to encourage a few minutes of daily Doodling, keeping your child engaged in their learning and boosting their skills. Plus, they can **earn exclusive rewards** by taking part!

How to take part

1 Create or link your account

If you haven't already, create and/or link a parent account to your child's school account. To find out how to do this, see the reverse of this flyer or visit help.doodlelearning.com and search '[how to link account](#)'.

2 Register for the Challenge

From the **1st of July**, visit parents.doodlelearning.com and press Register next to your child's name for one of both Challenges.* **The last day to register for and begin the Challenge is the 18th of August.**

3 Doodle 'little and often'

Once you've registered, encourage your child to **earn 750 stars** (or 600 if they were born after August 2017) **and use DoodleMaths and/or DoodleEnglish for 14 days*** between the 1st of July – 31st of August.

*These 14 days don't need to be in a row. A day of use is defined as completing at least one exercise between 00:01 and 23:59.

4 Receive a pin badge and certificate!

Once they've reached their target, we'll send a **pin badge to their school** after the Challenge comes to an end. You can also claim a **personalised certificate** for them by visiting parents.doodlelearning.com and pressing **Download certificate** before midnight on the 26th of September.



Tag us and use the hashtag
#DoodleSummerChallenge

For more information,
please visit doodlelearning.com/challenge.

Any questions? Visit help.doodlelearning.com and press on the green circle icon to chat to our team.

For one day only -
Sunday July 20th 2025
DINOSAUR DAY
ride the vintage Steam Train
to meet the
Stonehenge Dinosaurs



**Tickets on sale
NOW**

For more details visit
www.buzzrall.uk
LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE, BOOK
EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT
Leighton Buzzard Railway
England's friendly little line
Page's Park Station, Millington Road, Leighton Buzzard LU17 4TG



2025 MILTON KEYNES SUMMER CAMPS FOR 5-12 YEAR OLDS GIRLS & BOYS OF ALL ABILITY



CAMP 1: TUE 29JUL25 - THU 31JUL25
CAMP 2: TUE 05AUG25 - THU 07AUG25



BOOK ONLINE TO RESERVE YOUR SPACE



**Suitable for children
of all abilities**



**Fun individual and team
challenges and games**



**1V1 and team tournament
on Thursday**

Timings

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
10am - 3pm (half day options available)
9:45am drop off and 3pm collection

Address

Caroline Haslett Primary School
Faraday Drive
Shenley Lodge
Milton Keynes - MK5 7DF

Price options

£25 - Half day (morning or afternoon)
£40 - Single day
£90 - Full 3 day camp



Please contact the team for more details



russell@wemakefootballers.com



01908 011 442



www.wemakefootballers.com/milton-keynes/holiday-camps





FAST TRACK LESSONS

Book in for 1, 2 or 3 weeks!

Monday 28th July – Friday 1st August (5 days)
Monday 4th August – Friday 8th August (5 days)
Tuesday 26th August – Friday 29th August (4 days)

Classes available between 9.30am – 12pm

PROGRAM FEATURES:

- ✓ Suitable for beginners and swimmers stage 1 to stage 5
- ✓ Improve stroke weaknesses and skills
- ✓ Build confidence and stamina in the water

£30 for 5 day
courses

£24 for the 4
day course

**DROP US AN EMAIL OR GIVE US A CALL
TO BOOK IN**

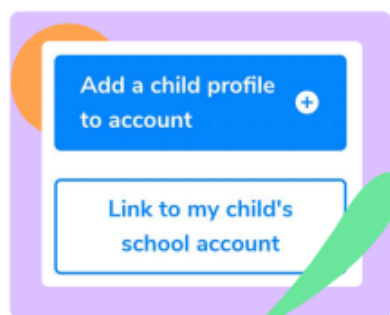
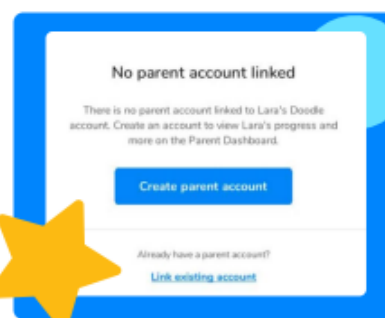
01908 624725
swimbookings@shlacademy.org

How to create and/or link a parent account to your child's school account

Creating a parent account is really important (and really easy!). By doing this, you'll be able to enter the Summer Challenge and claim your child's personalised certificate by visiting parents.doodlelearning.com, our online parent hub.

How to create and/or link a parent account via the Doodle apps

- 1 Log in to any of the Doodle apps using the username and password provided by your child's school. **If you're not sure what these are, please contact your child's school rather than creating a new account for them.**
- 2 From the Learning Zone, click on the arrow icon in the top left-hand corner of the screen
- 3 Select **Settings** and press **Parent details**
- 4 If you're new to Doodle, choose **Create parent account**. If you already have a Doodle account, click on **Link existing account**.
- 5 Enter your details to link your email address to your child's account



How to create and/or link a parent account via the Parent Dashboard

- 1 Visit parents.doodlelearning.com
- 2 If you're new to Doodle, click on **Create account** and follow the instructions. After you've done this, log in to parents.doodlelearning.com. If you already have a parent account, log in to parents.doodlelearning.com.
- 3 Once you've logged in, hover over **My account** and select **Child details**
- 4 Click on **Link to my child's school account** and enter the username and password provided by your child's school. **If you're not sure what these are, please contact your child's school rather than creating a new account for them.**

Good luck, and happy Doodling!

*The Challenge available will depend on your school's Doodle subscription. If you'd like to join both Challenges but your school does not subscribe to DoodleMaths or DoodleEnglish, a home subscription can be taken out in the subject you're not subscribed to. To receive 2 FREE weeks of a home subscription, please visit doodlelearning.com/challenge-offer.

It all starts with...



We all play at:

Tattenhoe Pavilion

Session dates:

Tuesday 3rd June to Tuesday 15th July

Session timings:

17:30 - 18:15

Contact:

nauman.javaid@bucksccricket.co.uk



Sign up today at
allstarscricket.co.uk



SIGN UP



BEE FEST

Westbury Arts Centre
Westbury Arts Centre,
Foxcove Road, Shenley Wood,
MK35 6AA



/// forever able poster insects

WESTBURY BEE FESTIVAL

26 -27 July 2025

11:00 - 16:00

- Brilliant bee talks
- Wax candle making
- Workshops and activities
- Local honey & bee gifts for sale
- Live observation hive - safely see the bees up close



FREE SEND PARENT SUPPORT GROUP



Transitions - Why moving from one thing to another is so hard for SEND children - and how you can help.

- Q & A from one of our expert clinicians
- Tea & Coffee
- A chance to connect with other SEND parents

**FREE TO BOOK
ON EVENT
BRITE**

Tuesday 8th July

12.30- 2.00

**Neurodiversity Hub,
Midsummer Place, Milton
Keynes, MK9 3GB**



WATLING VALLEY HOLIDAY CLUB 2025

28 July - 1 August

9am to 12 noon

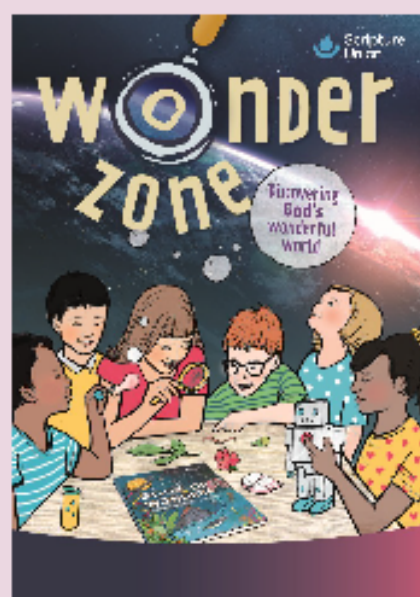
Christ the Sower School

Are you in primary school aged between 4 and 11? Why not join us for this year's spectacular Holiday Club - Wonder Zone?

Throughout the week we will be discovering the wonder of God's world through exciting experiments, inspirational stories as well as the usual mix of games, messy challenges and the Daily Soap! We will explore how science and faith can go hand in hand to help us understand the world we live in.

With craft, puzzles, stories, art, and even a bit of drama; you are in for lots of fun and games!

- £30 for the first child
- £25 for each additional child from the same household
- T-Shirts £8 (optional)



Access the booking form via the QR code
or by visiting our website:
www.watlingvalley.org.uk

All volunteers are DBS checked and have
undertaken safeguarding training



And Natural loose parts such as:

Branches and sticks

Fruit trees

Grass Plants

Leaves

Logs

Mud

Pea gravel

Peat

Pinecones

Play bark/woodchip

Sand (washed dredged not 'sharp')

Sea pebbles

Shells

Varied aggregates, slate, flint, clay

Wood off-cuts

If you have or can help with any of these, please put them in the **OPAL DONATION STATION** in the main foyer, or speak to the school office.

Fabricated loose parts e.g.

Astro turf off-cuts

Boards, old cabinet doors, panels

Bread, milk, bottle and grocery crates

Briefcases

Buggies, pushchairs

Cable drums

Carpet samples/squares

Fabrics – all shapes and sizes

Foam pipe covers and noodles

Guttering

Hoses

Keyboards

Metal pots, pans, trays etc, especially catering sizes

Nets: fishing, cargo, football

Office removal crates, tea Crates

Old clothes, jackets, overalls, hats, bags

Old household appliances, hoovers, fax machines, microwaves, etc.

One-ton dumpy bags

Pallets

Phones

Piping, gas, water and drainage

Planks – decking

Plastic road barriers

Small wheelie bins

Steering wheels

Suitcases

Tarps

Traffic Cones

Tubes of all kinds

Wooden block and off-cuts Carpenters, builders

