LMS Matters

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Dear Parents and Carers

A warm welcome to our final newsletter of this academic year – as ever, I cannot believe how fast this year has gone!

This week has seen three major events in the school calendar. First up was the **YEAR 6 LEAVERS' PERFORMANCE.** This was a spectacle to behold with one of the funniest shows we have had for many a year gracing our school hall. The children were amazing and sang the brilliant catchy songs so well. Add to this superb acting and some amazing solos and you had an evening packed full of entertainment (apart from one joke about me which of course was not funny in the slightest). A huge well done to all the children on stage and backstage – you should all be #proud of your contributions! A huge thank you also to the Year 6 team for their consistent hard work and dedication to these children – you are making a huge difference to every area of their lives.

We then also had our final **ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLIES** of the year. These were great fun and very well attended. It's so lovely to be able to celebrate all of the wonderful reasons why the children of LMS are so amazing. Apart from the power tripping, the assemblies went according to plan. We were also very lucky to be treated to some musical performances from some of our instrumentalists. Well done to all those who took part. Thank you also to everyone that was able to come and celebrate with us and of course, a huge well done to everyone who won an award!

The SCHOOL COUNCIL 2025 and Mrs Stiles would like to say a big thank you! As we come to the end of another fantastic school year, we want to say a huge THANK YOU to all our wonderful families and the wider school community for your amazing support. Throughout the year, we've held many fundraising events and, thanks to your generosity, we've been able to complete some really exciting projects that have made a big difference to our school and our learning environment. With your help, we've been able to purchase: Science equipment to bring our experiments to life, go karts for OPAL, sensory items for The Nest and Miss Seaton's office, mud kitchen items and potion bottles for imaginative EYFS play, maths scaffolds to support learning in Year I, and new and updated thesaurus' for Year 5 and Year 6! We've also raised money for important causes like Children in Need and Comic Relief, showing how caring and kind our school community really is. We are incredibly grateful for your continued support and encouragement—it means the world to us and helps make our school such a special place to learn and grow.

WILLEN HOSPICE are once again running their **MINI MOO** on 14 September, see the flyer further on. Early bird offer! Sign up before 13 July and pay just £8! From 14 July the price is £15 per child. Join them for a fun-filled morning at their Mini Moo event, sponsored by Brioche Pasquier UK. Dress up as your favourite character, and choose to scoot, run, or walk* a lap of Willen's North Lake. Challenge yourself to raise a target of £50 for Willen Hospice! Every Mini-Mooer will receive a fundraising pack and sponsorship form to help them reach their goal.

The free digital magazine, **ALL ABOUT FAMILY**, is aimed at giving parents valuable information for their children. There is exclusive content from NSPCC, St John Ambulance plus more. You can find you free copy at https://allabout-family.co.uk/national magazine/



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EYFS/KSI

Tadpoles who achieved 100%

KS2

Thistles who achieved 99.4%



TTROCK Stars
Weekly class champions!

KSI

Restarts in September KS2

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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.

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MK DONS are running some opportunities for female footballers this summer. They are running TALENT ID CAMPS on the following dates throughout the Summer: the days will be full of different football practices and activities.

- Wednesday 30th July U8-U11 Outfield ONLY and GKs U8-U16
- Thursday 31st July U12-U16s Outfield ONLY
- Wednesday 6th August U8-U16 & GKs
- Wednesday 20th August- U8-U16 & GKs
- Wednesday 27th August U8-U16 & GKs

All of the events will be based at Fairfields Sports Hub, MKII 4BA. See the flyer further on. Please also see a large number of **SPORTS OPPORTUNITIES** (badminton and football in particular) available to your children further on in this newsletter.

Did you know that **MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM** is open all summer long? Just because it is the school holidays, doesn't mean that support stops. Whether you are a young person, parent or carer – you can still get help for them! Please see all the details you need in the flyer further on.







Following our recent **FOOD FAYRE**, I am pleased to announce that we raised **£654.41** profit from the event. This is amazing and every penny goes straight back to supporting your children! As we come to the end of another school year, it's a chance to pause, reflect and celebrate all that has been achieved over the past twelve months. This year has been filled with moments of joy, discovery, determination and growth. Whether it's been watching the youngest children settle into school life for the first time, seeing older pupils take on new responsibilities, or celebrating individual milestones and whole-school successes, there is so much to be proud of across our community.

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our parents and carers for your ongoing support. Your encouragement, involvement and partnership make such a difference – whether it's helping with home learning, reading at home, attending school events, cheering from the sidelines at sports day, or simply being there for your child through the highs and lows of school life. The collaboration between home and school is central to everything we do and we are truly grateful. I'd also like to thank our dedicated staff team for their hard work, care and commitment throughout the year and, of course, to our wonderful children – for their enthusiasm, curiosity, and the many ways they make our school such a special place to be.

On behalf of everyone at school, I wish you and your families a happy, restful and safe summer break. We look forward to welcoming the children back in September, refreshed and ready for another exciting year ahead.

Rest well.

LMS Safeguarding

So yes, schools break up, the weather has been surprisingly nice and children throughout the UK will soon be enjoying the summer. Although the sun cream may go on, there's certainly one thing that young people will continue to do throughout the summer break. Social media and online activity will always be a regular staple in many young people's lives. Now, without the distraction of school, internet usage may increase in the run up to September. It's hardly surprising, but it's always best to be prepared. Although schools continue to promote online safety as much as they can, there are still many things that parents and carers can offer at home in order to keep young people safe online. SWGfL offer a range of online resources and guidance that continue to promote safe use of the internet even when the school doors have closed. Take a look at their advice page **HERE**.

LMS Well-being

My friends have a new baby who is just a few days old, and already she's better at expressing her needs than most adults I know – including me. She cries when she's tired, she cries when she's hungry, she cries when she wants comfort, or connection, or because her tiny world feels a bit too big and overwhelming. She doesn't second-guess herself, she doesn't apologise, she doesn't try to explain or justify or act like she's fine when she isn't - she just cries. Because something's not right, and crying is how she lets the world know.

And the more I watch her – the more I remember being up at 2am walking around the room bouncing gently and whispering soft reassurances into the dark – the more I find myself thinking... When did we, as adults, forget how to do that?

When did we stop listening to what we needed?, when did we start saying "I'm fine" instead of "I'm not sure what I need, but it's probably not this?", when did we start turning tears into tension, sadness into sarcasm, need into silence?

I'm not saying we should all burst into tears every time we get overtired or slightly peckish. I'm not recommending a team meeting where everyone takes it in turns to have a little cry and a cuddle and a warm bottle of milk. And I'm definitely not suggesting when nature calls, you just let yourself go.

But maybe we could learn something from how simple it is at the beginning? Because a baby crying isn't weakness, it's "I can't do this alone, and I don't have to." And yes, the adult world is way different, I get that, but the basics haven't changed that much. You still need rest. You still need love. You still need food, and quiet, and people who don't ask you to pretend.

So maybe next time you feel yourself snapping, or shutting down, or carrying more than you can hold with a smile on your face – pause and check in on yourself. You might not need to cry out loud, but you might need to feel or say something. Because emotional honesty isn't childish, it's human! And sometimes, the kindest thing you can do – for yourself, and everyone around you – is to be a little more like a baby. Hungry? Eat. Tired? Rest. Sad? Say it.

And if you just need a loved one to hold you for a minute? That's okay too.



Layla A for her 250 day English streak;
Awadhya S for his 365 day English
streak and Matthew W for his 1500 day
maths streak!

Well done





SCAN ME

MHST is Still Here for You This Summer!!

Your Mental Health Support Team is open all summer long.

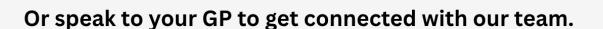
Just because it's the school holidays doesn't mean support stops. Whether you're a young person, parent, or carer – you can still get help from us.

You can self-refer via our website – no need to wait for school to open!

Or visit our website;

<u>Milton Keynes Mental Health</u>

<u>Support Team in Schools (MHST)</u>



Reach out, stay connected, and take care this summer.



Join JBA Today

What we offer

- Engaging, fun, weekly sessions built around the Badminton England Shuttle Stars programme.
- Safe, structured coaching tailored for players of all abilities.
- Delivered locally in Milton Keynes.
- A friendly, inclusive environment designed to help every child thrive.

Why join us

- Founded and led by a top 100 world-ranked international badminton player.
- We prioritise safety all coaches are safeguarding trained and are here to support your child.
- Fully qualified, insured coaching team formed by some of England's top players

WE ARE RECRUITING NOW

Jones Badminton Academy is launching new, weekly Shuttle Stars sessions this September and we are searching for children aged 7-11 to join us!

Come along to one of our free recruitment festivals this September to try badminton before signing up.

Spaces are limited - register your interest now by scanning the QR code below or sending us an email or DM on social media.



recruitment@jonesbadmintonacademy.co.uk www.jonesbadmintonacademy.co.uk @jonesbadmintonacademy



VENUE - TATTENHOE SPORTS RAVILION HOLBORN CRESCENT, MK3 3EQ

Join Us

FOOTBALL MED-BIAYRS

Limited spaces avaliable

BOOK NO



FROM 8:30AM

PROMOTIONAL CODE (10%) KICKOFFSUMMER10





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 <u>parents.doodlelearning.com</u> 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 <u>parents.doodlelearning.com</u> and pressing **Download certificate** before midnight on the 26th of September.



Tag us and use the hashtag #DoodleSummerChallenge

For more information, please visit <u>doodlelearning.</u> <u>com/challenge.</u>

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



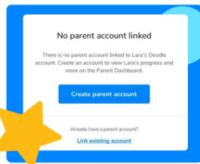
How to create and/or link a parent account to your child's school account

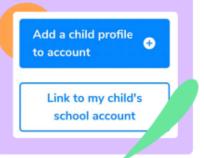
Creating a parent account is really important (and really easy!). By doing this, you'll be able to enter the Summer Challenge and claim your child's personalised certificate by visiting <u>parents.doodlelearning.com</u>, our online parent hub.

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 <u>parents.doodlelearning.com</u>. If you already have a parent account, log in to <u>parents.doodlelearning.com</u>.
- 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.



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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



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

VENUE - FAIRFIELDS SPORTS HUB APOLLO AVENUE, MK11 4BA











SUMMER 2025

U8s - U16s







Sunshine Family Centre Summer Holiday Calendar.



Scan the QR code to find out more

BEE FEST



WESTBURY BEE FESTIVAL

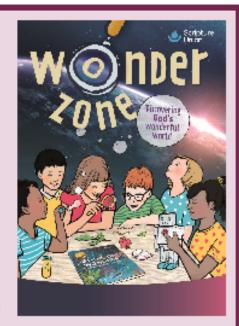
26 -27 July 2025

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

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



Classes available between 9.30am - 12pm

£30 for 5 day courses

£24 for the 4 day course

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Improve stroke weaknesses and skills



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

01908 624725 swimbookings@shlacademy.org



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THURSDAY 24TH JULY

£6.50

AGE 6+

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

WWW.STOWEHOUSE.ORG

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





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.