

LMS Matters

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Dear Parents and Carers

Today we support **JEANS FOR GENES** day. This is a fundraising campaign in the UK by Genetic Disorders UK to raise money for children with genetic conditions. The goal is to fund vital research to find treatments and cures for a range of genetic disorders. It also aims to increase awareness and understanding of genetic conditions. We have children and families in our school that this directly supports, so thank you for taking part!

Continuing with our reminders for parents/carers about how things operate at LMS, this week **SCHOOL TIMINGS:**

- The school site opens at **8.40am**, with registration starting at **8.50am**.
- The registers close as **8.55am**. Children arriving after this time must be **brought by an adult** to the main reception to sign in.
- LMS completes **EARLY WORK** every single day, complementing class work, nailing the basics or making learning stick. If your child consistently misses this, you are putting them at a disadvantage.
- The end of the day is **3.15pm**. Children should be collected promptly, as late collection causes children upset and staff unnecessary stress.

Our **STAY AND PLAY** sessions continue to be a huge success, giving younger children an insight into our school, plus allowing parents and carers to meet new people. Don't just take my word for it, the following is a quote we received this week! ***"It was our first time attending, and both my little one and I had an amazing experience. All the planning, care, and effort you put into making it so enjoyable really showed - and it's truly appreciated. We're already looking forward to the next one!"*** Please see the flyer further on for more details and please feel free to share the information wherever you can.

We have had a few items for our **HARVEST COLLECTION** and we will be collecting until 9am on Friday 3rd October. This year, their most needed items are: long life juice, tinned tuna, long life milk, tinned vegetables, tinned pasta, tinned fruit, tinned tomatoes, tinned rice pudding/custard and spreads like jam/peanut butter. Thank you in advance for your support.

The **MK BRICK FESTIVAL** is an exciting celebration of all things LEGO, but it isn't just about fun – although it is absolutely packed full of that too! Brick Festival events also invite visitors to explore a range of STEM subject skills through the medium of LEGO bricks. How do you become more interested in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths? By understanding them. And how do you best understand things? By having fun while learning. LEGO is the perfect tool for developing new skills, exploring new ideas and having new adventures. See the flyer further on!

MK City Council have a **FREE PARENTING NURTURE COURSE** starting on 1st October with an open evening next week. Please see the flyer (with a QR code) attached further on!

BROUGHTON FIRE STATION have their **OPEN DAY** tomorrow from 12-4. Check out the details further on!

Finally this week, some **SAVE THE DATES!**

- 29th September — Halloween Costumes and Xmas jumper sale
- 02nd October – Prostrike visit
- 03rd October – Crazy Hair Day
- 10th October – Giant Journeys!
- 23rd October - Individual Photos
- w/b 20th October - Online Learning Conversations
- 27th-31st October – Half Term

I hope you all have a fab weekend and I look forward to seeing you all next week!

Mr Gray



EYFS/KS1

Minnows

who achieved

99.5%

KS2

Brambles

who achieved

100%



TTROCK Stars

Weekly class champions!

KS1

Newts

KS2

Thistles



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.

DATES

FOR YOUR DIARY

School Term and Bank Holiday Dates 2025 / 2026

Term	Open morning of:	Close at the end of afternoon session of:
Autumn Term 2025	Wednesday 3 September 2025	Friday 24 October 2025
	Monday 3 November 2025	Friday 19 December 2025
Spring Term 2026	Tuesday 6 January 2026	Friday 13 February 2026
	Monday 23 February 2026	Friday 27 March 2026
Summer Term 2026	Tuesday 14 April 2026	Friday 22 May 2026
	Monday 1 June 2026	Friday 17 July 2026

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

Monday 1 September 2025 / Tuesday 2 September 2025 / Monday 5 January 2026 / Monday 13 April 2026 / Monday 20 July 2026

Good Friday: Friday 3 April 2026

Easter Monday: Monday 6 April 2026

May Day: Monday 4 May 2026

Autumn Term 2025

Thursday 18 September	EYFS Literacy (Parent Workshop)
Friday 19 December	Jeans for Genes Day
Monday 22 September	Flu Vaccinations
Thursday 25 September	Year 6 Tasting Day (with parents 1-3pm)
Monday 29 September	Halloween Costumes & Christmas Jumper Sale
Thursday 2 October	ProStrike
Friday 3 October	Crazy Hair Day
w/c Monday 6 October	Year 6 Mock SATs
Thursday 9 October	Year 3 Holdenby House
Friday 10 October	World Mental Health Day
Friday 10 October	Year 1-4 Reggie Dinosaur Assembly
Friday 10 October	Year 5/6 Journey Thru Space (VR Experience)
Wednesday 15 October	Year 5 Learning Fair
Thursday 16 October	Year 4 Learning Fair
Thursday 16 October	EYFS Phonics Workshop
Friday 17 October	Year 6 - Work Ready virtual bootcamp
w/c Monday 20 October	Parent Consultations
Monday 20 October	Year 3 Diwali Day
Monday 20 October	Year 6 Hazard Alley
Wednesday 22 October	Year 4-6 Author Visit
Thursday 23 October	Individual School Photos
Friday 24 October	Whole School Pyjama Day
Friday 24 October	Break up for Half Term
Monday 27-Friday 31 October	HALF TERM
Monday 3 November	Autumn Term 2 Begins
Tuesday 4 November	Minnows Autumn Walk
Wednesday 5 November	Tadpoles Autumn Walk
w/c 10 November	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 10 November	World Science Day
Monday 10 November	Snow White Theatre Production
Tuesday 11 November	Year 6 SATs Information Evening (Virtual 5-6pm)
Wednesday 12 November	Biscuits & Books (8.30am-9am)
Thursday 13 November	Children in Need
Friday 14 November	Year 4 Fitzwilliam Museum
Thursday 4 December	Festive Thursday (Hot Chocolate for sale after school)
Monday 8 December	Year 1/2 Carol Concert (9.15am-9.45am)
Tuesday 9 December	Year 1/2 Carol Concert (2.15pm-2.45pm)
Thursday 11 December	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 11 December	EYFS Christmas Performance (1.30pm)
Thursday 11 December	Festive Thursday (Hot Chocolate for sale after school)
Friday 12 December	Year 6 Learning Fair
Monday 15 December	Christmas Dash
Tuesday 16 December	EYFS & KS1 Awards Assembly (9.10am)
Tuesday 16 December	Year 3/4 Awards Assembly (2.15pm)
Wednesday 17 December	Year 5/6 Awards Assembly (2.15pm)
Thursday 18 December	Christmas Party Day
Thursday 18 December	Festive Thursday (Hot Chocolate for sale after school)
Friday 19 December	Break up for Christmas Holidays

Stay & Play

Wednesday 1 October	Superheroes
Wednesday 15 October	Autumn
Wednesday 5 November	Fireworks
Wednesday 19 November	Pirates
Wednesday 3 December	Space
Wednesday 17 December	Christmas

LMS Safeguarding

Rethinking Masculinity and Mental Health - Harmless

In male culture, showing emotion, crying for example, is seen as a relative taboo. Other outpourings of emotion: anger, sadness or seriousness, are generally discouraged. However, this creates a restrictive environment for males and breeds into their relations, a prohibitive social expectation over emotional engagement. The penalties for breaking this taboo can be bullying or physical abuse within intra-male relations. Psychologically this produces harmful mental effects that can impinge on development and social relations. The Harmless Organisation has recently published an exploration of this phenomena and its related issues over on their site. If interested, please follow the link: <https://harmless.org.uk/boys-dont-cry-rethinking-masculinity-and-mental-health/>.

LMS Well-being

Parent Well-being: Taking a Moment for You

As the school year gets busier, it's easy for parents and carers to find themselves constantly on the go—juggling work, home life, and supporting children's learning. In the middle of all this, looking after your own well-being can sometimes slip down the list.

Remember, caring for yourself is not a luxury—it's essential. Children thrive when the adults around them feel balanced and supported. Even small moments of self-care, such as enjoying a quiet cup of tea, a short walk in the fresh air, or simply switching off your phone for ten minutes, can help recharge your energy.

If you ever feel overwhelmed, please know you're not alone. Reaching out to a friend, another parent, or one of us here at school can make a real difference. Together, we can create a supportive community where both children and parents feel valued and cared for.

Congratulations to our Top Doodlers...

Theo L for his 50 day maths streak; Annabelle R for her 250 day maths streak; Kyan M for his 365 day maths streak and Winky P for her 500 day maths & English streak.

**Congratulations to the following children for
completing the Doodle Summer Challenge:**

Kyan M, Mollie R, Yilmaz M, Alexander G, Cole E,
Grace O, Aakesh R, Dominic L, Nathaniel G, Tani A,
Ebun B, Enrico P, Hal T, Wayne T, Simeon O, Matthew
W, Will G, Zoe E & Harriet G

Well done



doodle



Long Meadow Legends

Tadpoles – Ben for being Subitiser of the Week & Katie for always giving her best and being a great friend – a pleasure to have in class.

Minnows – Ela for always coming into school with a big smile & being a kind friend.

Sticklebacks – Sadie for her amazing writing this week.

Frogs – Connor for his love of maths and always being on task.

Newts – Zahra for making a fantastic detailed Styrofoam sunflower which she successfully used to print her work.

Bracken – Eddie for always participating in class discussions.

Hogweed – Ross for being a magnificent mathematician.

Foxgloves – Najib for his fantastic contributions to class discussions in science lessons.

Hawthorn – Noah C for a great setting description in English this week.

Ferns – Valerie for being so thoughtful and helpful.

Thistles – Mohammed for sheer determination. He never gives up; doing his best in lessons & 'smashing' his first swimming lesson too!

Brambles – Kahlan for consistently doing the right thing, ensuring others around her do the same.

Teasels – Jacob for demonstrating a mature attitude in Year 6 – he has shown great perseverance when taking feedback on board to improve his learning.

Sports Person of the Week

Ren T in Frogs for her brilliant start to our attack, defend & shoot topic. Ren has shown she can use her feet to dribble, pass and control the ball as well as providing some wonderful answers to questions.

#PROUD



LONG MEADOW SCHOOL PRESENTS

Stay and Play Sessions



Run by the school's Deputy and Assistant Heads
Different theme each session

Autumn Term 2025

- MESSY PLAY
- CREATIVE TABLES
- IMAGINATIVE PLAY
- SENSORY ACTIVITIES
- READING AREA
- REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED

Only
£1 pp

17th September - Safari
1st October - Superheroes
5th November - Fireworks
19th November - Pirates
3rd December - Space
17th December - Christmas

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MORE INFO

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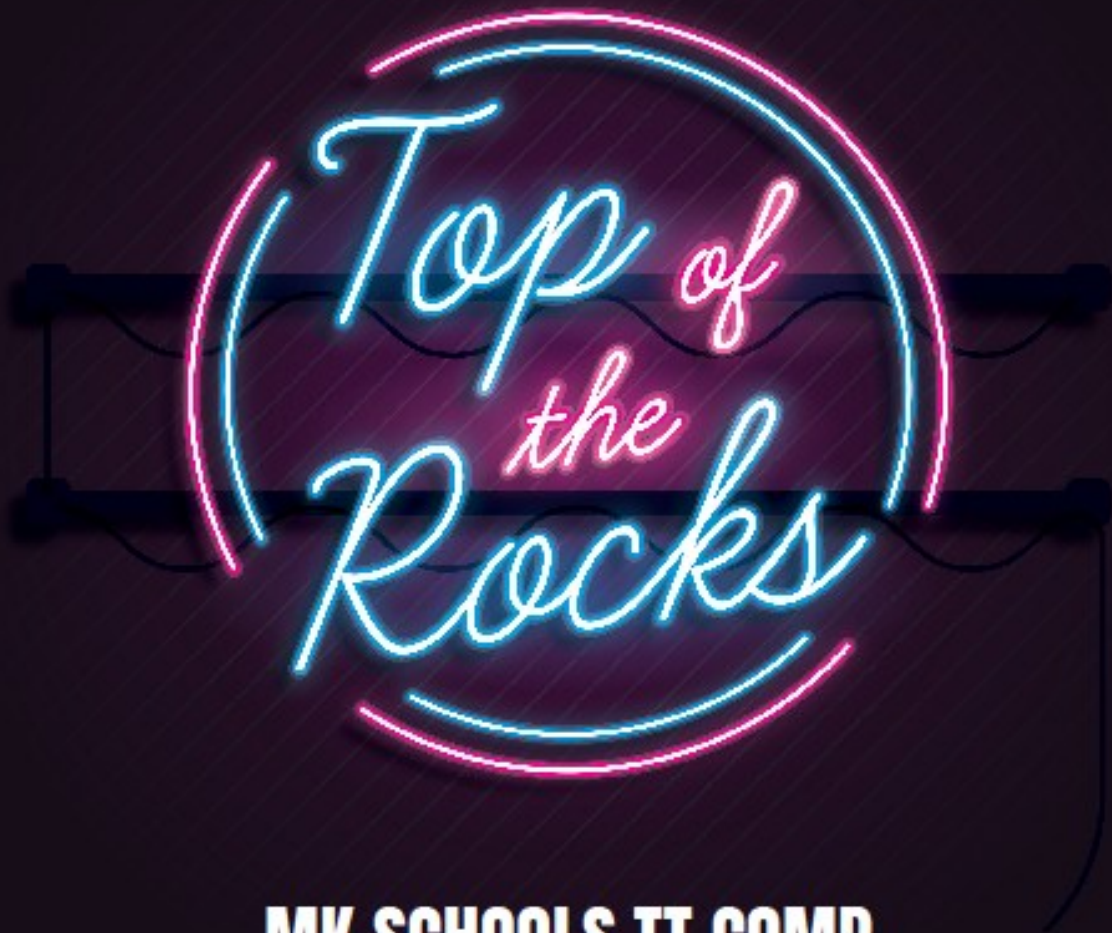
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FOR UNDER 5S
9am - 10:30am



MK SCHOOLS



MK SCHOOLS TT COMP

15 SEPTEMBER - 19 SEPTEMBER 2025

* ANSWER AS MANY QUESTIONS AS POSSIBLE *
PLAY IN ANY GAME TYPE * THE WINNING CLASS WILL HAVE
THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF CORRECT ANSWERS PER PUPIL *
ASK YOUR TEACHER FOR FULL DETAILS AND RULES *





Nurture

Christ the Cornerstone Church

Wednesdays 16:30 –19:00

1st Oct – 10th Dec

We will be holding an open evening on the 24th Sept from 16:30-19:00

*Where you can pop in and meet us , ask any questions you may have, see the resources and enjoy a cuppa. *Please note if you are unable to attend on the 24th you are still be able to sign up for the course.*

Children are rewarding, stimulating and fun, but looking after them can be stressful and challenging!

These 10 sessions fit together like a puzzle to help deal with the challenges so you can have a calmer, happier life.

The nurture programme created by the Centre for Emotional Health uses these four building blocks of emotionally healthy relationships.

- Self-awareness
- Appropriate expectations
- Empathy
- Positive discipline



Please scan the QR code or email nicola.skelton@milton-keynes.gov.uk to sign up



**TICKETS
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**AMAZING
LEGO DISPLAYS**

**NEW & RETIRED
LEGO SETS**

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CHALLENGES**

**ACTIVITIES
FOR ALL AGES**

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TOMBOLA**

**MILLIONS OF
LOOSE BRICKS**

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MUCH MORE!!**




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**19TH OCT 2025
CENTRE:MK**

MORE LEGO THAN YOU CAN DREAM OF

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Sunshine Family Centre, Merebrook Infant School, Furzton, MK4 1EZ. Tel: 01908 508566				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10:00-11:00 Story, Songs and Rhymes Join the Sunshine team at Westcroft Library	10:00-11:30 Stay and Play A play session for under 5's with indoor and outdoor play. Includes a healthy snack and songs and rhymes.	10:00-11:00 Messy Play Lots of opportunities to join in with sensory and creative play. A change of clothes is advised.	9.30-10.45 Baby Group A relaxed session including songs and rhymes. From newborn to non-walkers. 11:15-12:00 Socatotots Fun free football session for walkers to 4 years.	9.30-10.30 Walk Join us for a walk to the local parks 10:30-12:00 Drop in Café Hot drinks and snacks available. Everyone welcome!
10:00-12:00 ESOL English course for speakers of other languages. Run by MK College Contact the centre to book.	12:00-1:00 Lunch Club Join us for a free lunch! Please contact the centre to book. Everyone welcome!	1:00-2:00 Join the Sunshine team for Story, Songs and Rhymes at The Hive, Whitehouse.	10:00-1:00 Citizen's Advice Fortnightly appointments. Book at: Shenley Brook End Parish Council - Citizens Advice Milton Keynes (miltonkeynescab.org.uk)	10:00-12:00 Music Bugs Contact michelle@musicbugs.co.uk to book.
Community Larder at The Hive Community Centre, Whitehouse and our new Café Supported by Sunshine 2:00-4:00 More info at: www.sofea.uk.com Help reduce food waste	Parenting courses Nurture Workshop & LIPS course (speech and language) Contact the centre for more information.	YMCA Youth Club At Sunshine 3:30-5:30 11-13 years. 6:30-8:30 14-18 years.	12:30-2:30 Creative Play: music and song peri- natal mental health session for mums in Milton Keynes. Scan for details 	Sensory room available Monday and Friday 9:00-3:00 Contact the centre to book

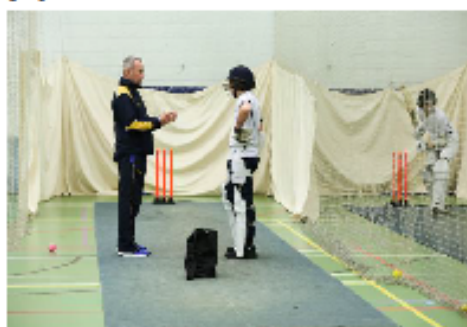
For families who live in Furzton, Emerson Valley, Shenley Lodge, Shenley Church End, Shenley Wood, Tattenhoe, Tattenhoe Park, Loughton and Loughton Lodge, Crownhill, Kingsmead, Whitehouse, Grange Farm, Oxley Park, Westcroft, Oakhill and Medbourne.



CRICKET COACHING MASTERCLASS

Learn from the pros and take your game to the next level

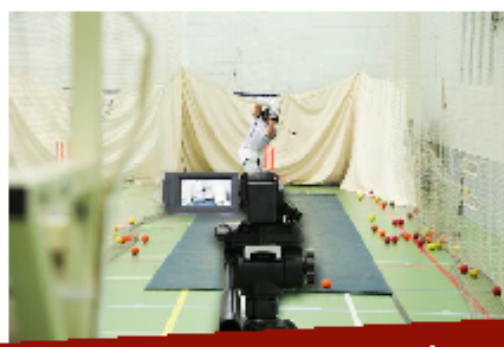
Andy O'Connor, Nick Broome, Brenden Fourie, Graeme White &
David Ripley (All Level III or IV with First Class Playing Experience)



Specialist 121 & Net Coaching

20th – 24th, 27th & 29th – 31st October.

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Open Day

BROUGHTON

— Fire Station



Sat 20 Sept 2025
12pm - 4pm

★ Stalls, raffle, demonstrations and more! ★

Funds raised will go to The Fire Fighters Charity

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bucksfire.gov.uk/events 🔍





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

