

LMS Matters

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Dear Parents and Carers

I started this week with an assembly about **BURNS NIGHT** (25th January and subsequently also my birthday). We learnt all about Robert Burns, who was also known as Rabbie, was born in 1759 and grew up on a farm in southwest Scotland where he began writing poems about everyday things he saw and did. In contrast to the formal English poetry that was more common at the time, he wrote in the Scots language because he wanted his poems to feel real and celebrate Scottish life and culture. Did you know that one of his poems was **AULD LANG SYNE**, which is now a famous song for celebrating the new year, also known as 'Hogmanay' in Scotland. This gave us the opportunity to think about friendships and good times and celebrating together.

We have been helping our community to feel and look better in recent weeks. Firstly, since the beginning of the Spring term our **ECO-CHAMPIONS**, led by Mrs Wood, have been doing weekly litter picks around the school grounds to protect the environment and keep our outdoor areas clean and tidy. Sadly, they have been collecting lots of litter, but we thank them for all they have done! Secondly, Mrs Evans and the **READING CHAMPIONS** have been posting poetry around the local area, sharing some love and enjoyment of reading. A local resident replied when they received theirs, *"Thank you for the beautiful Autumn colours song poem which I have just received. It's brightened my day. It has added colour to this grey day with it's beautiful words and superb artful drawings. Thank you. God bless. Olinda"*



There has been some fantastic news for your young people - **FREE FITNESS CLASSES** in Milton Keynes! Please see below and further on in the newsletter for information that promotes free sessions to help give young people in MK more opportunities to be active. The sessions will run every Tuesday and Thursday from 4-5pm at [The Good Gym MK | There's Nothing Like A Good Workout](#).

As part of their commitment to offering affordable football for young supporters, **MK DONS** would like to invite all children and their families to their designated **KIDS FOR A QUID FIXTURE** for under 12s against Crawley Town at Stadium MK on Tuesday February 17th, during the half-term break. It would be great to have as many families as possible there to cheer on Paul Warne and the team. Tickets for under 12s are available in the Cowshed, East Stand and Community corner for £1 and anyone wishing to book can do so by scanning the QR code on the attached poster or head straight to their ticketing site. If anyone is yet to attend a game at their stadium and requires additional information (such as parking/facilities or where to sit) they can click on the following link for more information, or head to their website and look for the matchday guides [Matchday Visitors Guide - MK Dons](#). Any supporter who requires additional assistance or has any accessibility needs can also email boxoffice@mkdons.com for more information.

Have a great weekend all and I can't wait to see you next week.

Mr Gray



EYFS/KS1

Minnows

who achieved

98.9%

KS2

Hawthorn

who achieved

100%



TTROCK Stars

Weekly class champions!

KS1

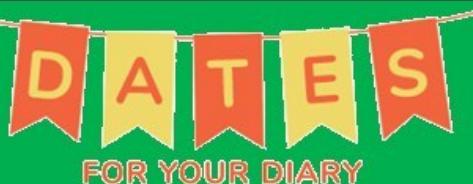
Newts

KS2

Bracken



We are looking for some more **MIDDAY SUPERVISORS** to work with and support our children over lunchtimes – if this is of interest to you, or you know someone who might be interested, please contact Mrs Franklin, School Business Manager, via the school office. Come and join Team LMS!



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

Spring Term 2026

w/c 9 February	Children's Mental Health Week
w/c 9 February	Parent Consultations
Tuesday 10 February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 11 February	PALMS Donut Day (3.15pm - £1 each, cash only)
Friday 13 February	'Wear What You Love Day' - School Council Fundraiser
Friday 13 February	Last day of half term
16-20 February	Half Term
Monday 23 February	Spring Term 2 begins
Thursday 5 March	World Book Day
Friday 13 March	Year 5 West Ashland Fire Station visiting
w/c 16 March	Year 6 Mock SATs
Tuesday 17 March	Year 3 Residential Parent Meeting (5-6pm)
Thursday 19 March	Year 3 Brioche Pasquier
Friday 20 March	Comic Relief
Monday 23 March	Year 6 Bletchley Park
Tuesday 24 March	Year 6 Bletchley Park
Wednesday 25 March	EYFS & KS1 Awards Assembly (9.10am)
Wednesday 25 March	Year 3 & 4 Awards Assembly (2.15pm)
Wednesday 25 March	Year 4 Residential Parent Meeting (3.15pm in Y4 class)
Thursday 26 March	Class Photos
Thursday 26 March	Year 5 & 6 Awards Assembly (2.15pm)
Friday 27 March	Last day of Spring Term
30 March - 10 April	Easter Holidays
Monday 13 April	INSET Day
Tuesday 14 April	Summer Term 1 begins

LMS Safeguarding

Parent webinars on county lines and criminal exploitation (Ivison Trust)

As you may be aware, county lines are a real danger to the children of LMS. The Ivison Trust (formerly Pace) is a national charity working to keep children safe from exploitation by supporting parents, disrupting exploiters, and working in partnership with police and family services. Their work is grounded in a trauma-informed, family-centred approach.

During March 2026, the Ivison Trust is delivering a series of live webinars for parents and carers focused on county lines and criminal exploitation. The sessions help parents understand how exploitation happens, how children are groomed, what warning signs to look out for, and where to access advice and support. Each webinar includes local context, time for questions, and input from a parent with lived experience.

More information and booking details are available at: <https://ivisontrust.org.uk/webinars/>

LMS Well-being

Are you stuck on auto-pilot?

Have you ever felt like life has shrunk down to just you and your problems — stuck in your head, irritated by small things, or unsure what you're working toward?

There's a way out that doesn't require "fixing" yourself, reinventing your life, or achieving more: paying deep attention to something larger than yourself that you consider genuinely worth protecting — aka reverence. You can direct reverence toward nature, relationships, long-term projects, or even your own potential. What matters isn't the specific object, but the stance you take: "This deserves my care."

This shift moves you beyond self-concern, helping you reconnect with others and restore genuine meaning to your life.

Three ways to practice reverence this week:

In your work - Treat your craft as worthy of your best. Ask: "What would it look like to honour this work?" instead of just ticking boxes.

In your relationships - See loved ones as inherently worthy of your time and attention. Create small protected moments - phones away at dinner, full presence during conversations.

For personal growth - Each morning, choose one thing you deeply respect - truth, compassion, creativity, nature and ask: "What's one small act today that aligns with this?"

Which parts of your life feel like "just going through the motions" right now? What would shift if you approached them with reverence? Reverence doesn't force meaning into your life. Instead, it reveals what already matters and helps you act accordingly.

Congratulations to our Top Doodlers...

Isla L & Najib J for their
100 day maths streak and
Kyan M for his 500 day
streak!

Well done



doodle



Long Meadow Legends

Tadpoles – Zuhair for being Subitiser of the Week and Ben for always impressing me when reading and spelling!

Minnows – Joey for being a super scientist this week.

Sticklebacks – Heidi for always having a positive attitude towards her learning.

Frogs – Chloe for super impressive descriptive writing, confidently using adjectives, finger spaces & punctuation.

Newts – Lexie for her fabulous science learning this week.

Hogweed – Calix for being a marvellous mathematician.

Bracken – Lola for creating a ‘spooky’ paragraph in English.

Hawthorn – Alessa for creating a colourful, polka dot inspired painting in art and Joshua for exceptional knowledge displayed in the author workshop!

Foxgloves – Aakesh for being so enthusiastic about everything we learn – it is infectious!

Ferns – James for being on fire! Our space & alien work has ignited his imagination & he has been so engaged!

Thistles – Conie for improving her writing & remembering to include all the elements to write successfully.

Brambles – Elliot for excellent partner interaction during all lessons.

Teasels – Iris for demonstrating a can-do attitude in maths.

Sports Person of the Week

SPOTW is Arnold in Year 4. Arnold was able to use his prior knowledge from Basketball to apply it to his 1:1 marking in Netball. He understood he needed to stand sideways, mirror movements to block the attacker, and showed some effective demonstrations to successfully intercept the ball.



MILTON KEYNES DONS VS CRAWLEY TOWN

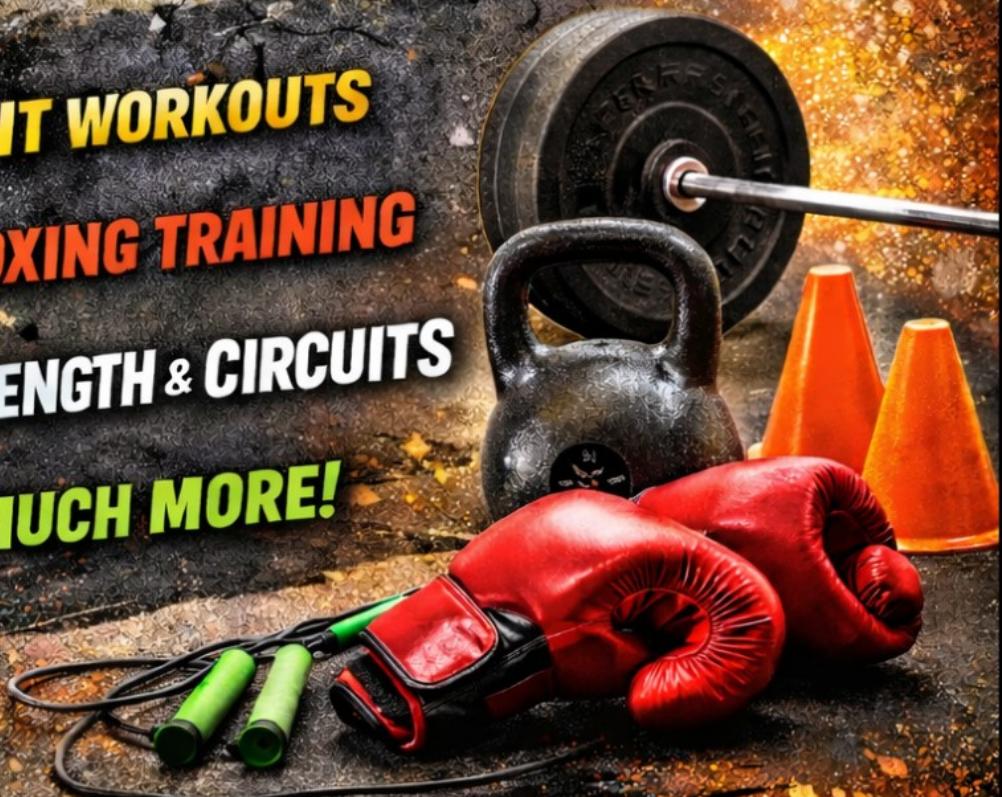
17TH FEBRUARY 2026 • KO. 7.45PM • STADIUM MK

BE PART OF IT

TEEN CLASSES AT THE GOOD GYM MK

AGES 12-15

⚡ HIIT WORKOUTS
🥊 BOXING TRAINING
🏋️ STRENGTH & CIRCUITS
& MUCH MORE!



JOIN THE
ACTION!



FREE FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!
MOST SUITABLE FOR 5-16 YRS

SCIENCE BAZAAR

OXFORD
BROOKES
UNIVERSITY

Saturday 21 February 2026

9:30am - 11:30am Relaxed autism-friendly early opening
11:30am-4pm Open to all

Fun activities, hands-on workshops, experiments, talks, show, competitions and cafe



BOOK
TICKETS



www.brookes.ac.uk/sciencebazaar
sciencebazaar@brookes.ac.uk



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@oburesearchpublicengagement

Oxford Brookes University, Headington Campus, OX3 0BP

**MORGAN
SINDALL**
CONSTRUCTION

NO PARKING ON SITE EXCEPT FOR ACCESS NEEDS



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.



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Midday Supervisor (Part of our OPAL Play Team)

**Permanent
GRADE A (£25,185 FTE)**

**5 hours per week 12pm – 1pm Monday to Friday
Term time only plus inset, paid 38 weeks per year**

We are looking for someone who:

- is sensitive to the needs of individual children
- has high expectations
- encourages children in relation to healthy eating practices and appropriate behaviour and engages in their play
- is a good 'team player'
- has good communication and organisational skills
- is reliable, trustworthy and can work within schools' policies, including safeguarding

For further details please contact the school office or visit our website

<https://www.longmeadow.milton-keynes.sch.uk>

This post requires a Disclosure and Barring Service check.

Numerous roles needed ASAP

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment. We are an equal opportunities employer.