

LMS Matters

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the final newsletter of what feels like quite a long half term. Children and staff alike are looking forward to a well earned break.

We hope you all found the **LEARNING CONVERSATIONS** useful. These meetings are a valuable opportunity for families and schools to work together in support of each child. They allow parents to gain a clear understanding of their child's progress, strengths and next steps, while giving teachers helpful insight into a pupil's interests, experiences and needs beyond the classroom. By sharing information openly, we can celebrate achievements, address any concerns early and agree on consistent strategies that help children feel confident, supported and ready to succeed. If you were unable to attend, or missed your slot, teachers will be contacting you, so please don't miss this opportunity to support your child.

PALMS trialled their new after school **DOUGHNUT DAY** this week in a change to their usual format of pre ordering and receiving them in school. We hope this will make it a better experience for the children who sometimes felt left out through no fault of their own. We hope this works just as well and raises the same much needed money. As ever, all money raised will go straight back into funding fantastic events and experiences for the children. Huge thanks to **PALMS** for their continued support and a huge thank-you to Damian who works at Tesco for donating all of the doughnuts for free (600 of them!).

Today, **THE SCHOOL COUNCIL** had their **WEAR WHAT YOU LOVE DAY!** Children came to school dressed in their favourite outfit, whether that was sportswear, a costume, comfy clothes, or something that simply makes them feel great. In exchange for a small donation, the School Council raised money for the school to support resources and activities that benefit all of our children. It's a fun, easy way to show off a bit of personality while helping our school community. Thank you to the School Council for organising and everyone for supporting.

Boredom: Busted! Looking for a free, active way to entertain the kids this half term? Stony Stratford's **WORLD BOOK DAY TREASURE HUNT** is the perfect outdoor adventure. It's part treasure hunt, part digital magic. Kids love the excitement of discovering which 3D character pops up at each shop, and parents love that it's all about encouraging a life-long love of reading! Finish the hunt, collect your selfies, and solve the hidden word. The Hunt is on from 12th February until 15th March, so grab your mobile phone and get down to Stony Stratford High Street! Start your journey at: Stony Stratford Library - Cost: **FREE!** - Hunt for QR codes and scan them to unlock a 3D augmented reality (AR) book character and a letter!

LEON LEISURE CENTRE are offering swimming lessons during the half term break and also during the week and at weekends. This includes their **FAST TRACK** course. Please see their flyers further on.

I would like to take this opportunity to once again say thank for your continued support. We have a shorter half term next but we will still pack lots and lots in as usual!

Please enjoy your week together and see you on **MONDAY 23RD FEBRUARY.**

Mr Gray



EYFS/KS1

Newts

who achieved

95.9%

KS2

Hawthorn

who achieved

99.6%



TTROCK Stars
Weekly class champions!

KS1

Sticklebacks

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!

D A T E S

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
Monday 16-19 March	Book Fair (3.15-3.45pm)
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

LMS Safeguarding

Sexual and Sexist Bullying - Anti-Bullying Alliance

Sexual and sexist bullying covers a wide range of behaviours, and while definitions may vary, schools need a shared and practical understanding to recognise concerns early and respond effectively. These behaviours often overlap with sexual harassment and harmful sexual behaviour, and are most likely to persist when dismissed as “banter” or “part of growing up”. Unlike other forms of bullying, sexist and misogynistic bullying can function as a way of policing gender norms, particularly where girls and young women are perceived to be stepping outside expected roles.

Girls are disproportionately affected, but boys, LGBT children, and children with SEND are also at increased risk, especially where power imbalances and vulnerability are present. Sexual and sexist bullying can occur in any school community and must be addressed with clarity, consistency and a firm safeguarding focus, balancing cultural sensitivity with an absolute duty to keep children safe. You can read more about how sexual and sexist bullying is defined and responded to here:

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/all-about-bullying/sexual-and-sexist-bullying>

LMS Well-being

Looking After Wellbeing During Half Term

As we reach the half term break, I hope families are able to enjoy some well-deserved time together. After a busy and productive few weeks in school, this pause in routine is a valuable opportunity for everyone to rest, recharge and focus on wellbeing.

Children benefit from a balance of relaxation and gentle structure. Keeping fairly regular bedtimes and mealtimes can help them feel secure and make the return to school smoother. At the same time, try to leave space for simple pleasures — a walk outdoors, a visit to the park, baking, reading together or spending time with friends and relatives. Fresh air, movement and shared experiences can do wonders for lifting mood and reducing stress.

Half term can also be a lovely moment to talk. Asking children what they have enjoyed at school, what they are proud of, or what they are looking forward to next term helps them feel listened to and valued. These conversations strengthen confidence and resilience.

Screen time will naturally play a part in many families’ plans, but mixing this with creative or active opportunities can help everyone feel more balanced.

Most importantly, I hope the break brings opportunities for rest and happy moments together. We look forward to welcoming the children back refreshed and ready for the exciting learning ahead.

Sports Newsletter Update

Y3/4 Boys Football League

Our Y3/4 Boys football team completed their Football League last week. After 3 weeks of fixtures and only losing once, they finished 2nd. This meant they went on to the cup finals night to play against the top 3 from each league. After one win and one loss in the group, it went to a thrilling decider for who finished top, with LMS winning 3–2. We went on to narrowly lose 1–0 in the semi-final to Newton Leys, who were the eventual champions. The boys put the disappointment behind them to win the third place play off on penalties. An incredible achievement to finish 3rd best out of 31 teams!

Congratulations to: Aaryan, Noah C, Nathaniel, Arnold, Luca, Rychard, Ali K, Bertie & Leo

Bucks XC Championships

After winning the MK Schools cross country competition earlier this year at the Bowl, our Y5/6 boys team went off to Stowe School to compete in the county championships. They ran superbly in an incredibly tough field and made LMS proud finishing joint 6th overall as a school with individual results below.

Well done to: Matthew (3rd), Henry M (25th), Oscar (50th), Joey (64th) & Henry W (66th)

Thornton Trail Girls XC

On Friday afternoon, a group of KS2 girls went to Thornton College for the rearranged Thornton Trail. This is an incredible experience for the girls, racing against many schools that we wouldn't usually compete against. On a day where course records were broken, each race was run at an extremely fast pace in very challenging conditions.

Y5/6 team results: Zoe (5th), Abbey (67th), Evie–Grace (71st) & Lacey (72nd)

Y3/4 team results: Anne (34th), Tani (35th), Esme (44th) & Daisy (45th)

KS1 Climb Quest

Earlier in the week, a group of KS1 children went off to Climb Quest and enjoyed a morning of activities. They climbed with confidence & were incredibly brave, trying everything at the centre. Well done: Noah H, Frankie D, Florence, Sadie, Heidi, Kyan Nina, Lexie H, Joaquim

Y3/4 Swimming Gala

A group of children went off to Bletchley Leisure Centre to participate in a Swimming Gala where they had to swim 25m using freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke. Well done: Guilia, Beatrice, Krystine, Lok, Thomas & Dheer

Y3/4 Boys Football

Finally, another group of boys played in a Football competition where they played 5 matches. They won 3, drew 1 and lost 1 throughout the evening with some excellent football being played. Well done: Yilmaz, Dylan, Ross, Zayn, Owen, Arjun, Dheer



Long Meadow Legends

Tadpoles – Elliott for being Subitiser of the Week and Wilberforce for completing all his literacy challenges so far to an excellent standard.

Minnows – Hunter for using his Fred talk to read CVC words & becoming more confident – all his hard work is paying off.

Sticklebacks – Hayden for a great effort in maths, I am #PROUD!

Frogs – Callum for developing confidence as a writer.

Newts – Zane for his amazing money learning in maths.

Hogweed – Karter for working systematically & methodically to complete her maths learning.

Bracken – Jamal for being a fantastic member of Bracken.

Hawthorn – Eli for showing curiosity, excitement & giving all the experiments a go during our science afternoon.

Foxgloves – Ava for always having a 'can-do' attitude & trying her very best.

Ferns – Mufaro for asking relevant questions to further his understanding.

Thistles – Zain for always working hard & completing his learning to a super standard.

Brambles – Finley for his fantastic effort with his recent flashback story.

Teasels – Lacey for huge improvement in her attitude towards school both in learning & dealing with situations on the playground.

Sports Person of the Week

This week's SPOTW is Nina B in Year 2. Earlier this week we took a group of KS1 children to Climb Quest and Nina absolutely blew me away with her confidence and fearless nature! She was straight on to the climbing wall, trying her best to get all the way to the top. It was lovely to see her being so confident and all with a huge infectious smile on her face!

#PROUD

Over 8's Swimming LESSONS

Leon Leisure Centre

**ENROLL
NOW**

Weekday and Weekend availability!

Beginner swimming lessons for children over 8 years old



The perfect lesson for nervous swimmers

swimbookings@liftsirherbertleon.org

01908 624725

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FAST TRACK SWIMMING



Monday 16th February – Friday 20th
February 2026

9.30-12.00

Enquire at the reception or via email for
specific stage timings!

**5 x 30 minute
lessons for
£30!**

- ✓ Boost confidence and build stamina
- ✓ Great introduction for new swimmers
- ✓ Improve stroke weaknesses with less time between lessons to forget

**For swimmers stage 1-5
4-15 years**

Contact us

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Leon



**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



@OxfordBrookesPublicEngagementResearch



@oburesearchpublicengagement

**MORGAN
SINDALL**
CONSTRUCTION

Oxford Brookes University, Headington Campus, OX3 0BP

NO PARKING ON SITE EXCEPT FOR ACCESS NEEDS



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.



LONG MEADOW SCHOOL

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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.

NINJA KNIGHTS OPEN DAY

FREE
EVENT

NON-MEMBERS
ONLY

BOOK YOUR
PLACE! →



50 MINS
OF FUN ON
THE GYM FLOOR

Gymfinity Kids
CLUBS



Date: Saturday 21st February
Location: Gymfinity Kids Milton Keynes

Experience the world of **Ninja Knights** - twist, turn, jump and parkour roll in our fully equipped gym! And get front row seats to an awesome **Ninja skills demonstration** from our team of superb ninja pros.

GYMNASTICS OPEN DAY

NON-MEMBERS
ONLY

& MEET OLYMPIC MEDALLIST
BETH TWEDDLE

BOOK YOUR
PLACE! →



FREE
EVENT

Gymfinity Kids
CLUBS



50 MINS
OF FUN ON
THE GYM FLOOR

Date: Sunday 22nd February
Location: Gymfinity Kids Milton Keynes

Give gymnastics a go and explore the Gymfinity Kids gym apparatus alongside **Olympic Medallist, Beth Tweddle**, & our coaches! Finish the experience with a talk & photo opportunity with Beth, plus a special viewing of her Olympic medal.

MILTON KEYNES BREAKERS BASKETBALL

DISCOUNTED TICKETS

CODE: SCHOOLS35

WWW.MKBASKETBALL.CLUB

WORTHING

THUNDER



SATURDAY 14TH FEBRUARY
17:00PM

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM

ROCKETS



SATURDAY 21ST FEBRUARY
17:00PM



BRITISH
CHAMPIONSHIP
BASKETBALL

GAMES AT BLETCHLEY
LEISURE CENTRE