

LMS Matters

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Dear Parents and Carers

A warm welcome to the final newsletter of the Spring term at LMS and, whilst this was a shorter half term than usual, all of the staff and children are ready for a break and recharge before we go again for the summer term. As we approach the joyful celebration of Easter, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on what this special time of year represents within our school community. Easter is a season of hope, renewal and new beginnings, and it has been wonderful to see these values reflected in the enthusiasm, kindness and resilience shown by our pupils throughout the term. From their dedication in the classroom to their positive attitudes on the playground, our children continue to make us incredibly proud. We look forward to ending the term with a range of enriching activities and celebrating together before the well-deserved holiday break.

This week, our **AWARD ASSEMBLIES** have provided a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the many achievements of our pupils across the school. It has been a pleasure to recognise not only academic success, but also the personal qualities that contribute to becoming a well-rounded individual, such as perseverance, kindness, creativity and teamwork. At our school, we are deeply committed to developing the whole child, and these assemblies reflect the importance we place on nurturing confidence, character and a love of learning alongside strong academic progress. Seeing pupils take pride in their own accomplishments, as well as celebrating the success of others, truly embodies the supportive and inclusive ethos we strive to promote every day. A huge thank you to all the adult supporters that were able to attend too.

As a gentle reminder, please could parents utilise the Easter break to ensure **LUNCHBOXES ARE NAMED**. This ensures there are no mix ups when it comes to lunchtime. Thanks in advance for your support in this.

As ever the **SUNSHINE FAMILY CENTRE** has a full calendar of Easter events for your children to access. There is something on every day and is a great place to have fun and meet other families. The centre is for families who live in Furzton, Emerson Valley, Shenley Lodge, Shenley Church End, Shenley Wood, Tattenhoe, Tattenhoe Park, Loughton, Crownhill, Kingsmead, Whitehouse, Grange Farm, Oxley Park, Westcroft, Oakhill and Medbourne. See their full programme further on.

Next half term we have **BUCKS CRICKET CLUB** coming in to work with some of our year groups. As part of this, they are offering free cricket sessions to LMS children at various locations across MK. Please contact Samina before your first session to confirm timings for your location. samina.mehrab@bucksccricket.co.uk , 07825 338087. No equipment needed, just wear sports clothes. Please see their poster further on.

Don't forget that **PALMS** are introducing a brand new event to the calendar this year - a **COLOUR FUN RUN** taking place on the school field on Friday 1st May! Bookings can be made at <https://pta.events/colourrun26> (all children must be accompanied by an adult). Full details in the flyer further on in this newsletter.

As we come to the end of a busy and rewarding term, I would like to thank our entire school community for their continued support and commitment. The achievements celebrated in our assemblies, alongside the daily efforts seen in classrooms and beyond, truly reflect our shared dedication to nurturing confident, caring and capable young people. I wish all of our families a happy and restful Easter break, filled with opportunities to spend time together and recharge. We kindly remind children to stay safe over the holidays—whether out playing with friends, travelling, or enjoying time online—by making sensible choices and always speaking to a trusted adult if they are unsure. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for the summer term on **TUESDAY 14th APRIL 2026**

Have a lovely break.

Mr Gray



EYFS/KS1

Minnows

who achieved

93.3%

KS2

**Hawthorn, Ferns
& Thistles**

who achieved

97%



TTROCK Stars

Weekly class champions!

KS1

Frogs

KS2

Bracken



**LEGOLAND
INSET DAY
TICKETS!**

**[https://
pta.events/
LegolandApril](https://pta.events/LegolandApril)**

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

Summer Term 2026

Monday 13 April	INSET Day
Tuesday 14 April	Summer Term 1 Begins
Tuesday 14 April	Year 4 Rivers Trip (Foxgloves)
Tuesday 14 April	Year 6 Residential Parent Meeting (virtual 4.30-5.30pm)
Wednesday 15 April	Year 4 Rivers Trip (Hawthorn)
Wednesday 15 April	Year 5 Residential Parent Meeting (3.30-4.30pm)
Wednesday 22 April	EYFS Literacy Evening (3.30-4.30pm)
Friday 24 April	EYFS Jasper Beanstalk Maths Mission Day
Friday 1 May	EYFS Science Day
Friday 1 May	PALMS Colour Run (3.45-5.45pm)
Monday 4 May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 5 - 6 May	Year 3 Caldecotte Xperience
w/c 11 May	Mental Health Awareness Week
w/c 11 May	Year 6 SATs
Friday 15 May	Affect the Rules Day
Tuesday 19 May	EYFS Thrift Farm visit
Wednesday 20 May	Year 2 Woburn Safari trip
Friday 22 May	Last day of half term
25 - 29 May	HALF TERM
Monday 1 June	Summer Term 2 begins
Monday 1 - 2 June	Year 4 Wilderhope residential
Monday 8 - 10 June	Year 5 National Forest residential
Thursday 11 June	EYFS Learning Fair
Friday 12 June	Year 2 Evening Under the Stars (4.30-9.30pm)
Monday 22 June	PALMS Non-Uniform Day (for school fete)
Wednesday 24-26 June	Year 6 Swanage residential
Monday 6 July	KS1 & EYFS Sports Day
Tuesday 7 July	KS2 Sports Day
Friday 10 July	Year 3 Learning Fair
Saturday 11 July	School Fete
Monday 13 July	Year 6 Performance
Tuesday 14 July	Year 5/6 Awards Assembly
Wednesday 15 July	KS1 & EYFS Awards Assembly (9.10am)
Wednesday 15 July	Year 3/4 Awards Assembly
Wednesday 15 July	Year 6 Leavers Disco
Friday 17 July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly (9am)
Friday 17 July	Last day of term
Monday 20 July	INSET Day

LMS Safeguarding

The Media Literacy Parents' Study (2026) - YouGov

The Media Literacy Parents' Study (2026) highlights a clear gap between parental confidence and the realities of children's online experiences. While most parents feel broadly informed, many lack confidence in understanding content and risks. The findings reinforce the need for practical, accessible support and more open, everyday conversations about online life.

- 80% of parents know which platforms their child uses, but only 24% feel very confident about the content they see
- Many parents want simple, practical guidance rather than technical advice
- Children are often exposed to harmful content without actively searching for it

Download the study here:

<https://safeguarding.info/medialiteracy>

LMS Well-being

As we head into the Easter break, this is a valuable time to focus on family wellbeing and creating opportunities for rest and connection. The holidays can be a chance for children to recharge after a busy term, so we encourage a healthy balance of activity and relaxation—whether that's spending time outdoors, engaging in creative play, or simply enjoying quieter moments together.

Maintaining simple routines, such as regular sleep times and limited screen use, can also help children feel secure and ready for the return to school. Most importantly, taking time to talk, listen and enjoy shared experiences can have a lasting positive impact on children's emotional wellbeing.



Congratulations to our Top Doodlers...

Nina B, Matheus F & Juwon O
for their 50 day streak.

Well done



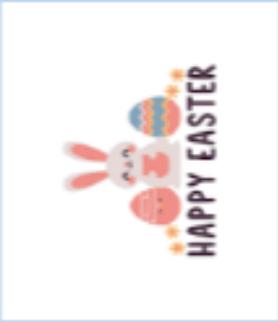
doodle



Long Meadow Legends

These will return after the
Easter holidays

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

Sunshine Family Centre Calendar Easter 2026			
Monday 30 th March	Tuesday 31 st March	Wednesday 1 st April	Thursday 2 nd April
<p>8:45-9:30 Every morning Come along to speak to a member of the team for guidance, support or a listening ear. No booking required</p> <p>10:00-10:45 Story, Songs and Rhymes Suitable for under 5's</p> <p>10:45-11:30 Games and colouring suitable for older children Join the Sunshine team at Westcroft Library</p> <p>Our sensory room is available to book today between 9:00 and 12:00. Contact the centre for more information</p> <p>2:00-4:00 Community Larder & Community Café Toys, games and puzzles for all ages. At The Hive Community Centre, Whitehouse Run by the Sunshine team</p> <p>More info at: www.sofea.uk.com Help reduce food waste</p>	<p>10:00-12:00 Ark farm is coming to Sunshine Family Centre. Easter Farmyard including soft, furry and small animals encounter. All the family are welcome.</p>  <p>2:00-5:00 Community Fridge At Westcroft Pavilion Anti food waste scheme, open to all.</p>	<p>9:00-10:00 Join us for a family Breakfast</p>  <p>10:00-11:30 Family Play with activities from The Parks Trust Indoor and outdoor play All the family are welcome.</p> <p>2:00-3:30 Get Crafty Spring crafts for all the family</p>	<p>9:30-10:45 Baby Group A relaxed session including songs and rhymes. From newborn to non-walkers.</p> <p>10:45-12:00 Whitehouse Community Play at The Hive, Whitehouse We will be there for stories, songs and rhymes.</p> <p>1:00-2:30 Lego and Lunch Come along for Lego and Duplo Play and a light lunch.</p>
			<p>Friday 3rd April BANK HOLIDAY CLOSED Happy Easter from all of us at Sunshine Family Centre</p> 

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Monday 6 th April	Tuesday 7 th April	Wednesday 8 th April	Thursday 9 th April	Friday 10 th April
<p>Bank Holiday Closed</p>  <p>No lender today at The Hive, Whitehouse</p>	<p>10:00-11:30 Family Walk Look out for signs of Spring at the local parks.</p> <p>Followed by Café at the centre including a light lunch Play & games for all the family 11:30-1:30</p> <p>2:00-5:00 Community Fridge At Westcroft Pavilion Anti food waste scheme, open to all.</p>	<p>8:45-9:30 Every morning Come along to speak to a member of the team for guidance, support or a listening ear. No booking required</p> <p>9:30-1:30 HAF Creative Craft Lab Arts and crafts session for children eligible for HAF Book via eequ.org</p> <p>2:00-3:30 Family Walk Look out for signs of Spring at the local parks</p>	<p>9:00-1:00 Citizens Advice Appointments only Book at: Shenley, Brook End Parish, Council - Citizens Advice Milton Keynes</p> <p>9:30-10:45 Baby Group A relaxed, nurturing session including songs and rhymes. From newborn to non-walkers.</p> <p>12:00-1:00 Family Lunch Light lunch and refreshments with children's activities, open to all in our community.</p> <p>1:00-2:30 Family Garden Play Spring fun in the garden for all the family.</p>	<p>9:30 HAF Gullivers Land For children eligible for HAF Book via eequ.org</p> <p>12:00-2:00 Meet us at Whitehouse Margery Gorse Park Join us for a family picnic and play</p>

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Stall Booking & Info



Sat 25th April 2:30–4:30pm
Sat 6th June 2:30–4:30pm
Sat 4th July 2:30–4:30pm

Shenley Brook End School
Walbank Grove
Shenley Brook End
Milton Keynes
MK5 7ZT

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MOVIES
FAMILY CONCERT

Saturday 18 April, 1pm
at The Stables, Milton Keynes

Featuring music from Frozen, Pirates of the Caribbean, Coco, Toy Story and many more film favourites...

Come dressed as your favourite film or TV character – or bring your favourite doll or toy.

Book at **stables.org** or call the box office on **01908 280800**

We look forward to seeing you soon!



STREET CRICKET



CHANCE TO SHINE
STREET

FREE WEEKLY CRICKET SESSIONS

MILTON KEYNES

Bletchley Leisure Centre
GIRLS AGED 8-15
Fridays 18:00 – 19:30



Radcliffe School, Wolverton
BOYS & GIRLS AGED 8-15
Saturdays 13:45 – 15:15

Leon Leisure Centre, Bletchley
BOYS & GIRLS AGED 8-15
Mondays 17:00 – 18:30



No equipment needed. Wear sports clothes.

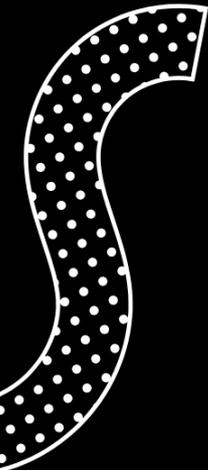
Please contact Samina before your first session to confirm timings
for your location. samina.mehrab@buckscricket.co.uk 07825 338087



30TH-31ST
MARCH
MILTON KEYNES



FREE
street dance
EASTER CAMP



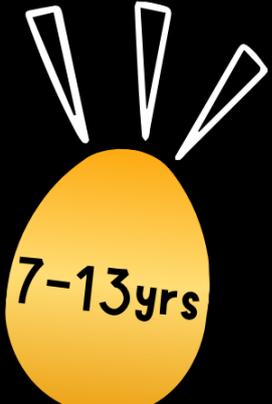
Learn about street dance

Interactive activities

Food & snacks provided

Beatbox workshop (30th)

Arts & Crafts



7-13yrs



30th -31st March 10am-2pm
Venture Church (Previously MKCC) Strudwick Dr,
Oldbrook, Milton Keynes MK6 2TG

Registration → nadia@udoitdance.co.uk
caroline@udoitdance.co.uk





DANIEL'S CARE

SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND
FAMILIES IN MILTON KEYNES

School essentials for local children
A small, discreet community initiative based in Wolverton.

We provide practical items such as:

Plain school jumpers
Non-branded PE kits
Backpacks
Water bottles
Pencil cases & stationery

Families can request support directly using the QR code below.

We will always do our best to provide requested items, depending on availability.



Scan the QR code to request support

TYFC KICKSTART!



FIRST SESSION
FREE!



5:30PM – U7 & U8

6:30PM – U9 & U10 Then just £5 per session!



Every Thursday



Rickley Park School / Medbourne Pavilion



Tattenhoe Youth FC are launching TYFC Kickstart!
A new foundation training sessions for Year 2 to
Year 5 children looking to start playing football for
the first time or looking to get back playing the
beautiful game.

Delivered by our DBS checked, safeguarding and FA
qualified coaches, providing a safe, supportive and
structured enviroment for all!

Scan the QR code now to register your childs interest
or email joinus@tattenhoeyouthfc.co.uk



DISCOVER MUSIC TECH AT YOUR FUTURE SECONDARY SCHOOL

A free and exciting after-school club for Upper KS2 (Yr 5 & Yr 6)

We're excited to share a brilliant opportunity for you to explore some exciting music technology music making sessions. The club will run weekly on Thursday at Shenley Brook End school from 3.30pm to 4.30pm and you're invited to go along and make exciting music for free!

What You'll Do:

Finger Drumming: Drop beats like a pro using specialist Yamaha gear.

Browser Beat Makers: Create your own music online using free tools you can continue using at home.

iPad Music Making: Swipe, tap, and loop your way to your very own booming beats using iPad apps.



Why Join?

- Visit and explore the music department at your future school
- Meet your future music teacher
- Make music with other pupils from local schools
- Try exciting new tech and get creative
- No experience needed — just bring your curiosity!

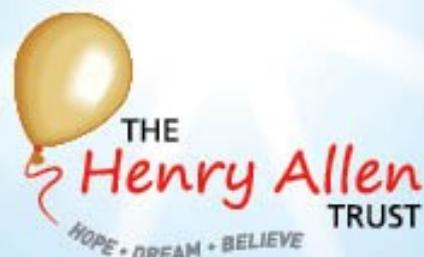
It's a great way to build confidence, make new friends, and get a taste of what's to come in Year 7 — all while having fun making music!



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As well as Easter eggs we are asking for
Easter Themed Games · Colouring Books
Activities · Arts & Crafts · Confectionery



A list of EggstraSpecial EasterWishes

Can you help
Team Henry and
the Easter chicks by
donating Easter treats
for Children, teens,
young adults and
their families battling
childhood
cancer

If you would like to donate a treat from our Amazon Easter
Wish List please visit <http://bit.ly/THATEaster>

Alternatively, if you would like to fundraise for us or donate to help support
families battling childhood cancer please visit [https://www.justgiving.com/
henryallentrust](https://www.justgiving.com/henryallentrust) or send a donation via PayPal enquiries@thehenryallentrust.org.uk



Spreading Some Henry's Happiness This Easter
www.thehenryallentrust.org.uk

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Is your child finding it hard to make friends?

The award-winning makers of *The Dog House* are **casting** for a brand-new **BBC** series about **friendship**.

We are looking for **children aged 5 to 8** from all over the UK who need a little help navigating the world of friendship. Over three days, a team of child psychologists will help them build the social skills and confidence to make real, lasting connections with other kids.

If you'd like to help your child make a new friend (with no pressure to take part), please apply at:

[bemyfriend.tv](https://www.bemyfriend.tv)



Easter Break

Holiday Adventure Clubs @The Caldecotte Xperience



Action-packed days your child will love — and you'll feel good about booking!

Looking for an active, outdoor holiday club that gets children off screens and into fresh air? Our Holiday Adventure Clubs offer safe, supervised fun, packed with confidence-building activities, led by experienced instructors.



Ages
5 - 15

£37.50 per day
9:00am – 5:00pm

**Ofsted
registered**

Childcare vouchers welcome

Dates

**30th March -
10th April**

(Excluding weekends
and Bank holidays)

Early bird offer

Use code
EARLYBIRDADVENTURE
to get 10% discount.
Expires: 8th March 2026

**Scan
to book**



Places fill quickly

- ✓ Extended day option (8:30 am-5:30 pm)
for an additional **£5.00**



What's included

Every day is designed to help children **move, explore, build confidence and make friends** – all in a safe, supportive environment.

Activities may include

- Water sports & bushcraft
 - Climbing & abseiling
 - Arts & crafts
 - Bouncy castle & zorbing
 - Scavenger hunt & rocket challenge
 - Team games & confidence-building challenges
- (Activities vary by age, weather and day)*



Why parents choose Action4Youth

- ✓ Delivered by **highly experienced, qualified instructors**
- ✓ Safe, supervised outdoor environment
- ✓ Children grouped by age
- ✓ Focus on confidence, resilience and teamwork
- ✓ A fun alternative to traditional holiday childcare

Scan the QR code for information on activities and to book a place



Places fill quickly

Unforgettable adventures – without the overnight stay.

Perfect for the Easter holidays!

Action4Youth Ltd
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**ACTION
4YOUTH**

Ready, steady, run!

Get ready to watch a rainbow of colours swirl
through the air at our brand new event
Friday 1st May 2026 3:30 – 5:00PM

Colour Fun Run!



£8
ENTRY

Non-toxic
Skin-safe

17/04
DEADLINE

- ✓ Race entry includes colourful wrist band and finishing medal.
- ✓ Spectators do not require a ticket unless joining the race.
- ✓ Children **must** be accompanied by adult
- ✓ **No late entries** - please book early to avoid disappointment!

SCAN HERE TO BUY TICKETS!



Colour Powder Event

Information for Parents & Carers

We are looking forward to a fun and colourful event for the Long Meadow School community. During the event, participants will be throwing coloured powder in a designated outdoor area as part of the activity.

Please read the information below to help you prepare and make sure everyone has a safe and enjoyable experience.

About the Colour Powder

The colour powder used at the event is supplied by Ministry of Colours and is produced specifically for organised events.

- Made primarily from **corn starch and food-grade or cosmetic-grade colours**
- **Non-toxic** and non-flammable
- **Biodegradable**
- Suitable for use at family and school events

While the powder is designed to be safe when used appropriately, it is **not intended to be inhaled or eaten**, and contact with the eyes should be avoided where possible.

What to Wear

Colour powder may stain clothing, so please dress accordingly.

We recommend:

- Old clothes or a plain white T-shirt
- Trainers or suitable outdoor footwear
- A bin bag or similar to protect your car on the way home.
- Some participants also like to wear hats, sunglasses or fun accessories.

Cleaning Up Afterwards

Skin and Hair

- Rinse with cold water
- Wash with normal soap or shampoo

Clothing

- Shake off excess powder outside
- Rinse with cold water before washing
- Wash separately if possible

Safety Guidance

To help ensure the event is enjoyable for everyone:

- Children should be **supervised by their adult**
- Participants should **not throw powder directly at faces**
- **Sunglasses or glasses are a must**, to help protect eyes
- Children should **keep their mouths closed during colour throws**
- Hands should be washed before eating or drinking

If powder gets into the eyes, rinse gently with clean water.

Children with **asthma, allergies or sensitive skin** may wish to take additional care.

Hair Tips

The powder can usually be washed out of hair.

- To make this easier:
- Rinse hair with **cold water first**
- Wash with **shampoo as normal**

Applying **conditioner or hair oil before** the event can help reduce colour sticking to hair. Wearing a hat is another option.

Cleaning Outdoor Areas

Most powder will be concentrated around colour stations and the finish area.

Excess powder can be removed by:

- Sweeping or brushing
- Using a leaf blower
- Washing surfaces with water or a jet wash

As the powder is biodegradable, **any remaining colour outdoors will fade over time, especially after rain.**

If you have any questions about the event, please contact:
Parents & Friends at Long Meadow School parents@palmspta.co.uk

Thank you for helping us make this a safe, fun and colourful event for everyone.