

LMS Matters

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Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, following my announcement about me leaving at the end of this term, I wanted to recognise that news of change can bring a range of emotions for both children and adults, and we are mindful of the importance of providing reassurance and continuity for our pupils during this time. Please be assured that the Governing Body has already begun the process of recruiting a new headteacher and is working carefully to secure a continued strong and positive future for the school. In the meantime, our focus remains firmly on ensuring that the children continue to feel happy, supported and able to thrive each day. I would also like to take a moment to thank you all for the many kind messages and words of support following the announcement of my departure. Your generosity and warmth have been deeply appreciated and mean a great deal to me personally. It has been a privilege to be part of such a caring and supportive school community, and I am truly grateful for the relationships we have built together during my time here.

Following our successful **BIKEABILITY** training recently, we have been offered the opportunity of a visit from **DR BIKE**. Dr Bike is a free service and will look at your brakes, tyres, gears and the general road-worthiness of your bike. The Dr Bike mechanics will fix problems with your bike if it's possible to do it there and then. Otherwise they will advise you on what is wrong so you can take your cycle to a bike shop and explain the problem. We have him booked in for **Tuesday 28th April**. All you have to do is bring in your child's bike onto the KS2 playground AstroTurf in the morning and collect it after school – it is as simple as that!

We have received funding for the rest of the year (and hopefully beyond) to be part of an exciting initiative to encourage more children and their families to walk to school. **WOW – the walk to school challenge** - is delivered by Living Streets, the UK charity for everyday walking, to help as many children as possible experience the benefits of walking or wheeling to school. The pupil-led challenge enables children to self-report how they get to school every day. If they travel actively (walk/wheel, cycle, scoot, 'Park and Stride' or hop off) at least once a week, for a month, they get rewarded with a badge. It's that simple! Please see further details in the separate letter that came out to you recently.

I am proud to announce that our **EYFS** won a competition recently! This competition was created by Young Artists and they have had their work published in their book - **'Me And My Family 2025'**. The children used pen and ink to draw a portrait of them and their families back in the Autumn term, as part of their work on our 'special people and celebrations' topic. EYFS displayed the artwork in class and also sent in a copy to the Young Artists company. They have been awaiting the results of their hard work and their efforts have paid off! They have been given a copy of the book to keep in classes and families ordered a copy of their own too. We are all so **#PROUD** of this success and of all the wonderful progress these children have made! A huge well done to them all.

Have a great weekend and let's all hope that this nice weather continues.

Mr Gray



EYFS/KS1

Minnows & Newts

who achieved

100%

KS2

Hogweed &

Foxgloves

who achieved

98.9%



TTROCK Stars

Weekly class champions!

KS1

Newts

KS2

Foxgloves



Please remember that if children wear trainers with their normal uniform these must be plain black only.

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

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
Wednesday 6 May	EYFS Maths Workshop (3.30-4pm)
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 1 & 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

A deeply concerning and serious safeguarding issue involving a TikTok account, 'I Love Gymnastics', has been brought to our attention.

This account is actively encouraging dancers to sign up for what is presented as free tuition, daily exercises, and related activities. Upon engaging with the link, dancers are directed to download one or both of two external applications, where they are told they will receive daily exercise content.

However, the situation escalates significantly beyond this initial contact. Dancers are being encouraged to film themselves completing these exercises and to upload or share these videos, with the incentive that those reaching certain "optimum levels" may be featured. This appears to be a deliberate tactic to encourage children and young people to publicly share video content of themselves.

Two highly serious concerns have now been identified:

- Children who have submitted videos are subsequently receiving inappropriate and concerning suggestions regarding what they should wear — or not wear — in future recordings.
- Videos are appearing on these platforms without prior consent, indicating that content may be being taken or "lifted" from other sources without permission.
- In addition, there are no identifiable IP addresses linked to responses, downloads, or associated applications. This lack of traceability is extremely concerning and raises significant safeguarding and security risks.

LMS Well-being

Picture this: you've just landed on holiday. Bags collected, the sun's shining and you've shuffled to the front of the car hire desk. Cue the lean-in and the all-too-familiar line... 'Would you like to add extra insurance or collision damage waiver to your booking?'

Translation: 'Congratulations on planning the trip of a lifetime. Now, please hand over extra cash... just in case!' Classic, right? You plan fun for months, and your first act is paying for potential disaster. It's like buying an ice cream and paying extra in case it melts.

Here's the bigger truth: life can basically be one long 'extra insurance'.

We all start off with big plans: careers, adventures, relationships. We picture ourselves cruising through life, roof down, wind in our hair, sunglasses on, looking effortlessly fabulous. But before we even leave the driveway, we're worrying about bumps, scrapes, and all the what-ifs. We pile on 'insurance' in the form of caution, overthinking, and politely declining opportunities just in case we crash.

Now, don't get me wrong, a little insurance is smart. You can be too carefree!

But here's the thing: life's meant to have a few scratches. Missed turns, wrong exits, spontaneous detours – those are the moments you actually remember. Nobody tells stories about the perfectly smooth motorway stretches. They talk about getting lost, finding a hidden café, an amazingly daring cliff edge drive, or a journey with a view.

Because the point of life – just like a holiday – isn't to insure against fun. It's to have it.



Congratulations to our Top Doodlers...

Vidhu & Connor W for their 50 day streaks and
Yilmaz for his 500 day streak!

Well done



doodle



Long Meadow Legends

Tadpoles - Jed for being Subitiser of the Week and Archer for supporting his friends & classmates.

Minnows - Allegra for super independent writing this week & using the set 2 speed sounds and

Sticklebacks - Frankie for using super adjectives in his writing.

Newts - Edward for his awesome geography learning this week.

Frogs - Hiba for excellent partner work in PE.

Hogweed - Giulia for always seeking to improve & learn.

Bracken - Beatrice for improvements in spelling.

Hawthorn - Yusuf for great knowledge of hillforts in history.

Foxgloves - Elsie for excellent contributions in class & for being very knowledgeable about nature on our Rivers trip.

Ferns - Tilly for outstanding focus in class & always willing to contribute to class discussions.

Thistles - Grace C for pure awesomeness, working hard & never giving up.

Brambles - James for showing a real improvement in his effort & focus with his learning.

Teasels - Jayden for demonstrating excellent resilience & drive to succeed in maths.

Sports Person of The Week

Sports person of the week is Hudson S-P in year 6. He has made a brilliant start to our Rounders topic, showing some excellent batting skills. He has also used his prior knowledge to then support others by teaching them how to run around the bases and the scoring system.

We've also had the following represent the school this week in two events across KS2.

Judo Workshop;

Kendrick, Enzo, Ethan C, Max, Lacey J, Alice G & Alessa

Y5/6 Girls Football;

Jessica H, Harsimran, Haniya, Milly, Ariana, Abbey, Zeynep, Conie & Jessica Y

#PROUD

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.



Pick Up & Play

Not sure which instrument to choose?

Come and explore real instruments with guidance from our expert teachers. Children can test out strings, brass, woodwind, and percussion in a fun, hands-on open afternoon!

Saturday 25 April 2026

2-5pm

Shenley Brook End School

mkmusiccoop.com

**Free
event**

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, Merebrook Infant School, Furzton, MK4 1EZ. Tel: 01908 508566

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>8:30-9:30 Pop in and ask Speak to the team if you have a question or need support.</p> <p>10:00-11:00 Join the Sunshine team at Westcroft Library for Story, Songs and Rhymes</p> <p>9:30-11:30 English Language Café This is an informal group for anyone who wants to improve their English. New ESOL course coming in September. Contact the centre to book.</p> <p>2:00-4:00 Community Larder & Community Café At The Hive Community Centre, Whitehouse Run by the Sunshine team More info at: www.sofea.uk.com Help reduce food waste</p>	<p>8:30-9:30 Pop in and ask Speak to the team if you have a question or need support.</p> <p>10:00-11:30 Stay and Play Follow your child's lead during indoor and outdoor play. Includes a healthy snack and songs and rhymes.</p> <p>12:45-2:45 Childcare Level 1 BTEC with CLMK Introduction qualification to childcare for under 5's. Current course in progress. Register your interest for further courses.</p> <p>2:00-5:00 Community Fridge at Westcroft Pavilion Open to all, anti-food waste scheme. www.mikcommunityfridge.org</p>	<p>8:30-9:30 Pop in and ask Speak to the team if you have a question or need support.</p> <p>10:00-11:30 Tuff Tray Play Lots of opportunities for you and your child to join in with sensory and creative play to support their learning and development.</p> <p>1:30-2:30 LIPS and Rattlebox A fun interactive group to support your child's early communication and speech through play, music and song. Please speak to a member of the team to book your place.</p> <p>9:00-4:00 Sensory room available Monday & Friday Contact the centre to book.</p>	<p>8:30-9:30 Pop in and ask Speak to the team if you have a question or need support.</p> <p>9:30-10:45 Baby Group A relaxed session for newborn babies to non-walkers. Time together to meet other parents and share experiences. 11:15-12:00 Soccatots Fun free football session for walkers to 4 years. No need to book</p> <p>10:00-1:00 Citizen's Advice Fortnightly appointments. Book at: Shenley Brook End Parish Council - Citizens Advice Milton Keenes miltonkeynescab.org.uk</p> <p>10:45-12:00 Community Play At The Hive, Whitehouse The Sunshine team will be there for story and rhymes</p> <p>12:30-2:30 Creative Play Music and song peri- natal mental health session. Run by Arts for Health</p>	<p>8:30-9:30 Pop in and ask Speak to the team if you have a question or need support.</p> <p>10:00-11:30 Walk and Talk Meet at the centre and join the team for a walk to the local parks.</p> <p>11:30-12:30 Drop in Café Pop in for a hot drink and a chat. You can come with or without your children.</p> <p>Music Bugs 10:00-10:45 Family Bugs - Mixed age 11:00-11:45 Baby Bugs Book at: www.musicbugs.co.uk</p> <p>10:00-1:00 Community Larder at Westcroft Pavilion More info at: www.sofea.uk.com Help reduce food waste</p>

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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

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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



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



ALL STARS & DYNAMOS

CRICKET 2026

Friday Evenings at Wolverton Town Cricket Club



ALL STARS

Ages 5-8

- Fun introduction to cricket through games and activities

Scan to book



DYNAMOS

Ages 8-11

- Develop skills, play games and build confidence

Scan to book



- ✓ Friday evening sessions
- ✓ All equipment provided
- ✓ New players welcome

Junior training available for older children on Friday evenings
(supported by Bucks Cricket)

WOLVERTON TOWN CRICKET CLUB



mj.hartle64@gmail.com





Part of the Love Willen event
Saturday 23 May

Find the teddies
solve the puzzle
and support your
local hospice

The Route

The route is one lap around both of the Willen lakes and can take up to two hours to complete.

Entry & Fundraising

- £10 per adult. Each £10 entry includes two children
- £50 fundraising goal for one adult and two children
- Team fundraising goal for two adults, and four children £85

Time

Saturday 23 May
Start times:
1pm & 2pm

Location

Willen Lake,
V10 Brickhill Street,
Milton Keynes,
MK15 0DS

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