

LMS Matters

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Dear Parents and Carers

A very warm welcome to the last Newsletter of this year and my last as Headteacher of LMS! As we come to the end of another wonderful school year, I find myself writing my final newsletter as Headteacher of Long Meadow School. After eight incredible years, saying goodbye is far more difficult than I ever imagined. It has been the greatest privilege of my career to lead this remarkable school and to watch so many children grow in confidence, character and achievement. I have celebrated countless successes, shared in challenges, laughed every single day and been continually inspired by the resilience, kindness and determination of our pupils.

This week saw our two **SPORTS DAYS** take place up on a rather warm school field. These two days as ever were amazing, seeing children (and parents) enjoying the thrill of team competition and the excitement of a more traditional sports afternoon with some races. Events like these do not happen by magic and firstly I must say a huge thank you to **MR MORAN** for his organisation of the days. You would not believe how many hours he puts in behind the scene to make this happen, but also to ensure they are great fun and safe for everyone. Another thank you to all of our staff and the Year 6 helpers who made these days run so smoothly. We hope you as parents and carers had a great time and thank you for your support for these events – it means a lot.

Our **SCHOOL COUNCIL** has been working incredibly hard on its latest project, creating sensory kits for children to use on school trips. These thoughtfully prepared kits will help ensure that all pupils feel supported and comfortable while enjoying educational visits. A huge thank you goes to Mrs Richardson for the time, care, and effort she dedicated to creating these wonderful bags. Her support has helped bring this fantastic initiative to life, and we hope that many children will find these sensory kits beneficial from September onwards.

MK DONS FC has launched Relegate Hunger, a community initiative that turns football shirt sales into fresh food for children and families across Milton Keynes. For every home shirt sold, a donation is made to provide fresh food to local families in need. You can read more details about the campaign on the official English Football League website: <https://www.efl.com/news/2025/june/30/buy-a-home-shirt-feed-a-child-mk-dons-launch-community-focused-initiative/>.

MK NETTERS NETBALL CLUB are running a summer camp for primary and secondary school athletes, for all abilities. If you are interested, please see the flyer further on.

WILLEN ON WHEELS, is a relaxed 4-mile circular route which will be an inclusive cycling event supporting Willen Hospice, your local hospice providing specialist care and support to families across Milton Keynes and the surrounding area. Taking place on Sunday 6th September, this end-of-summer event features a short, circular ride along Milton Keynes' Redways, making it ideal for cyclists of all ages and abilities. Make a day of it! For just £12 per person, or £40 for a group of four, you can enjoy: a family-friendly cycle ride on accessible Redways, a free medal for every participant, live music and entertainment, a picnic area – bring your own food and enjoy the festival atmosphere and the chance to raise vital funds for your local hospice. Why not invite friends, neighbours or grandparents and make it a memorable day out together? Once you've completed your ride, stay to enjoy the live music, relax with a picnic and soak up the community spirit. Every pedal helps support Willen Hospice, ensuring local people and their families continue to receive expert care when they need it most. Sign up here [Love Willen on Wheels | Willen Hospice](#).

And finally, Long Meadow has never simply been a place where I have worked; it has been a community that I have been proud to call home. I have been incredibly fortunate to work alongside such talented, dedicated and caring staff, supportive governors and wonderful families who have always wanted the very best for our children. Together, we have achieved so much, and every success belongs to all of us. Although I am leaving Long Meadow, I will take a little piece of it with me wherever I go. The memories, friendships and experiences of the past eight years will stay with me forever. Thank you for the trust you have placed in me, for your kindness, your encouragement and for allowing me to be part of your children's lives. I leave knowing that Long Meadow has a bright future ahead, and I will always look back with enormous pride and affection.

Mr Gray



EYFS/KS1

Minnows

who achieved

96.6%

KS2

Foxgloves &

Hawthorn

who achieved

97.6%



TTROCK Stars

Weekly class champions!

KS1

Newts

KS2

Bracken



LMS does not accept any responsibility for the actions of any service or event it promotes. Please ensure you do your own checks.

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

Summer Term 2026

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 (2.15pm)
Wednesday 15 July	KS1 & EYFS Awards Assembly (9.10am)
Wednesday 15 July	Year 3/4 Awards Assembly (2.15pm)
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

Safeguarding – Keeping Children Safe Over the Summer

As the summer holidays begin, children will naturally spend more time playing outdoors, meeting friends and using technology. This is a good opportunity to remind everyone about staying safe both online and in the community. Please continue to talk to your child about who they are communicating with online, the importance of keeping personal information private and what to do if something makes them feel worried or uncomfortable. If your child is out with friends, make sure they know where they are going, who they are with and when they are expected home. Whether they are cycling, visiting parks, swimming or spending time near rivers, lakes or canals, adult supervision and sensible safety precautions remain essential. We wish all our families a happy, enjoyable and, above all, safe summer holiday.

LMS Well-being

A head full of everything!

By the time you reach 40, life has probably handed you enough bad experiences, disappointments, losses, bruises and mini traumas to ruin the rest of your days. *If you let them.* That's not meant to sound bleak. It's just true. None of us get through life unscathed. We all collect stuff along the way; Stuff that didn't go to plan, Stuff that never had a plan, Stuff you thought only happened to you, Stuff that happens to loads of us, but everyone quietly assumes is theirs alone, Stuff you couldn't make up, Stuff that doesn't get shared on social media, Stuff you think but can't say, Stuff you've boxed up, buried, brushed aside or learned to carry without making too much fuss.

And most of the time, people are brilliant at hiding it. We walk around looking reasonably normal. We answer emails, make small talk, smile weakly and say, "Yeah, fine thanks," even when our head is full of everything. I'm not suggesting we should all start airing our dirty washing in public, just acknowledging that we all have some. That doesn't make you broken. It doesn't make you weak. It doesn't mean you're failing. And it certainly doesn't mean you're not worthy of joy. It just means you're human. Truthfully, everyone you encounter today will have something they're dealing with, and it probably has nothing to do with you. Which is worth remembering. Because when someone is short, quiet, distracted, over-emotional, under-enthused, or not quite themselves, we're very quick to take it personally. We assume it's attitude. Or rudeness. Or laziness. Or them being difficult.

Sometimes it's just a head full of everything. A head full of everything. It explains a lot.

So here's the point: be kind, compassionate, and generous with your assumptions. That kindness will be appreciated on a good day. On a bad day, it might be invaluable. And the tricky part is, you probably won't know which kind of day someone is having. But you can still make a difference. Should you so choose.

Congratulations to our Top Doodlers...

Ali J for his 250 day streak!

Well done



doodle



Long Meadow Legends

Tadpoles - Sebastian for always being a good friend to others.

All of Minnows - for being such superstars this year.

All of Early Years for being such wonderful subitisers this year.

Sticklebacks - Rupert for always being incredible at tidying up.

Frogs - Annabelle for fantastic learning in Science.

Newts - Lexie for being kind, polite and keen to help.

Hogweed - Grace for always trying her best in all she does, Esme for increasing her confidence in whole class situations, Giulia for persevering in her maths and Sami for a wonderful Greek Myth.

Bracken - Dylan for always giving 100% in his learning.

Hawthorn - Dheer for always giving his learning 100% & consistently challenging himself.

Foxgloves - Nayara for amazing talent & teamwork on sports day.

Ferns - Safiya for a fabulous effort & attitude in athletics.

Thistles - Harriet for a constant positive attitude to her learning and Sam for knowing things!

Teasels - Lacey for learning an astounding amount of lines for our production!

Brambles - Elliot, Finley & Charlie 'The Guitarists' for going above & beyond to practise for our performance.

Sports Person of the Week

SPOTW is Amaiya S in Newts class. She is a pleasure to teach, always showing excellent behaviour, ready to learn, helpful and smashed her running races! Amaiya competed in an athletics event and then followed this up with some super running at sports day.

Y2 Athletics;

Last week, a group of Y2 children went off to Emerson Valley School to compete in the KS1 Athletics competition. They took part in track and field events and finished with the relays. The children competed amazingly and came in third place overall.

Well done to: Antonio, Kyan M, Mollie, Ivy, Isobel, Matheus, Tom W, Ahmet, Amaiya, Nina, Zahra, Sophia, Thomas S & George

Newsletter bits:

Sports Day:

Congratulations to Blue team for winning KS1 sports day and to Yellow for winning KS2 sports day. The overall school totals with all scores added together are:

1. Blue - 2190
2. Yellow - 2072
3. Green - 2043
4. Red - 1959

MKSSP Awards

Last week, I attended the annual MK School Sports Partnership Awards. These are the people that run all of the sporting events we attend throughout the school year. Following on from our 'School of the Year 2025' win last year, I am delighted to say we were again nominated for several different awards. We won the 'Inclusion Award 2026' as a result of the number of opportunities we have given to all groups of children that attend LMS. This included an 'equal access' award for our contributions towards giving equal opportunities to both boys and girls in each of the events we have attended.

Finally, we were also then awarded the 'Gold School Games Mark' for the second year in a row. This is a government scheme that celebrates schools' commitment to developing sport in school and the community. Thank you to every child, parent & teacher that has represented the school and supported us this year!

#PROUD

ALWAYS FOLLOW THE WATER SAFETY CODE



Whenever you are around water:

STOP AND THINK

Take time to assess
your surroundings.
Look for the
dangers and
always research
local signs and advice.



STAY TOGETHER

When around water always go
with friends or family.
Swim at a lifeguarded venue.



In an emergency:

CALL 999

If you are at the
coast, call 999 and
ask for the
Coastguard.
Don't enter
the water to
rescue.



FLOAT

Fall in or become
tired - stay calm, float
on your back and call
for help.
Throw something that
floats to somebody that
has fallen in.



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Learn basic lifesaving and CPR skills.
Visit www.rlss.org.uk

Milton Keynes Mental Health Support Team

Stay Connected with the MK MHST

June 2026 Newsletter Now Available

We're excited to share our new-look MK MHST Newsletter, shaped by your feedback to make it more useful, accessible, and relevant.



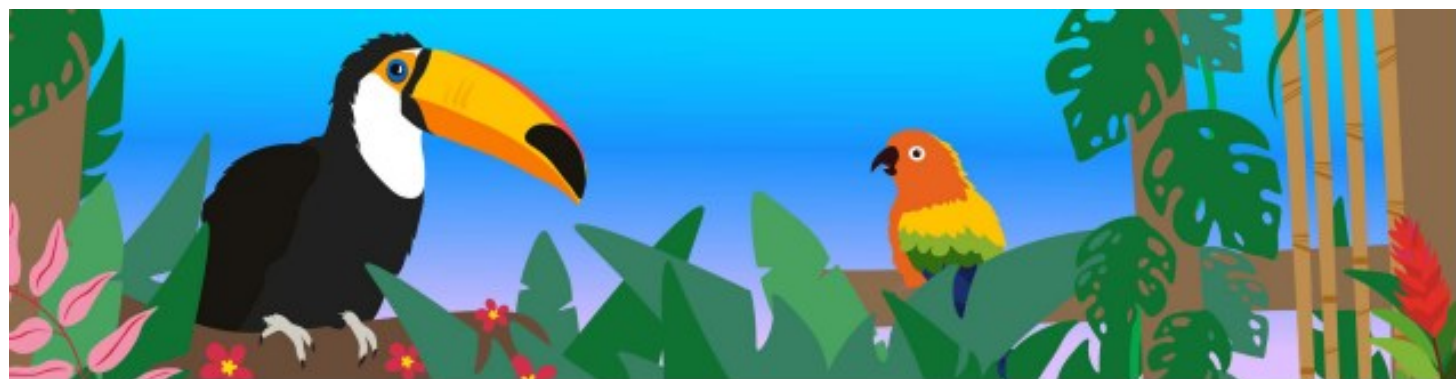
✨ What's inside this edition:

- ✓ Your feedback in action – see what's changed and what to expect
- ✓ Logo competition winner revealed – celebrate young people's creativity (sneak peek below!)
- ✓ Meet the MHST – who we are & how we support schools and families
- ✓ Top wellbeing tips you can start using today
- ✓ Upcoming groups & workshops – including more flexible options



Don't miss out – scan to explore our newsletter!





The Doodle Summer Challenge

1st of July - 31st of August 2026

Earn a pin badge and certificate!

Between the **1st of July - 31st of August**, Doodle are running two exciting Summer Challenges — the DoodleMaths Challenge and the DoodleEnglish Challenge!



Both Challenges are designed to encourage a few minutes of daily Doodling, keeping your child engaged in their learning and boosting their skills. Plus, they can earn exclusive rewards by taking part!

How to take part

1 Create or link your account

If you haven't already, create and/or link a parent account to your child's school account. To find out how to do this, see the reverse of this flyer or visit help.doodlelearning.com and search 'how to link account'.

2 Register for the Challenge

From the **1st of July**, visit parents.doodlelearning.com and press **Register** next to your child's name for one or both Challenges.* **The last day to register for and begin the Challenge is the 18th of August.**

3 Doodle 'little and often'

Once you've registered, encourage your child to **earn 750 stars** (or **600** if they were born after August 2018) and use **DoodleMaths** and/or **DoodleEnglish** for **14 days*** between the **1st of July – 31st of August**.

*These 14 days don't need to be in a row. A day of use is defined as completing at least one exercise between 00:01 and 23:59.

4 Receive a pin badge and certificate!

Once they've reached their target, we'll send a **pin badge to their school**. This will arrive after the Challenge comes to an end. You can also claim a **personalised certificate** for them by visiting parents.doodlelearning.com and pressing **Download certificate**. The last chance to do this is midnight on the 25th of September.



Tag us and use the hashtag
#DoodleSummerChallenge

For more information,
please visit doodlelearning.com/challenge.

Any questions? Visit help.doodlelearning.com and press on the green circle icon to chat to our team.

How to create and/or link a parent account to your child's school account

Creating a parent account is really important (and really easy!). By doing this, you'll be able to enter the Summer Challenge and claim your child's personalised certificate by visiting parents.doodlelearning.com, our online parent hub.

How to create and/or link a parent account via the Doodle apps

- 1 Log in to any of the Doodle apps using the username and password provided by your child's school. **If you're not sure what these are, please contact your child's school rather than creating a new account for them.**
- 2 From the Learning Zone, click on the arrow icon in the top left-hand corner of the screen
- 3 Select **Settings** and press **Parent details**
- 4 If you're new to Doodle, choose **Create parent account**. If you already have a Doodle account, click on **Link existing account**.
- 5 Enter your details to link your email address to your child's account



How to create and/or link a parent account via the Parent Dashboard

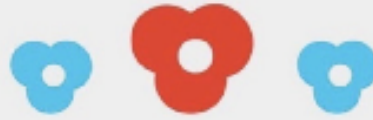
- 1 Visit parents.doodlelearning.com
- 2 If you're new to Doodle, click on **Create account** and follow the instructions. After you've done this, log in to parents.doodlelearning.com. If you already have a parent account, log in to parents.doodlelearning.com.
- 3 Once you've logged in, hover over **My account** and select **Child details**
- 4 Click on **Link to my child's school account** and enter the username and password provided by your child's school. **If you're not sure what these are, please contact your child's school rather than creating a new account for them.**

Good luck, and happy Doodling!

*The Challenge available will depend on your school's Doodle subscription. If you'd like to join both Challenges but your school does not subscribe to DoodleMaths or DoodleEnglish, a home subscription can be taken out in the subject you're not subscribed to. To receive 2 FREE weeks of a home subscription, please visit doodlelearning.com/challenge-offer.



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Thursday 27th August 2026

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FREE Child Tickets!

You can book entry tickets online and take advantage of our **FREE child ticket** offer. Get up to 3 **FREE** child tickets (up to 16yrs) with each full paying Adult or Over 65 ticket. To redeem, simply use code **SCHOOL26** at checkout.

Visit www.buckscountyshow.co.uk/tickets or scan the QR code



T&Cs: Offer valid online only. Must be booked using the code SCHOOL26. Not valid with the use of any other offers. Offer ends midnight 26.08.26

MK
NETTERS

AUGUST 17TH - 19TH

10AM - 3PM

£30 / DAY

YRS: 5&6, 7&8, 9&10, 11-13

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WESTBURY BEE FESTIVAL

19 July 2026

11:00 - 16:00

- Brilliant bee talks
- Wax candle making
- Workshops and activities
- Local honey & bee gifts for sale
- Live observation hive - safely see the bees up close

