

Newsletter 2 – Monday 21st September 2026.



Value of the Month: Respect

Dear Parents/Friends,

Now at the start of the 3rd full week in school, it is wonderful to see all our children settled into our school routines and eager to learn at the start of this new school year.

I would like to thank all of our parents, carers and staff for their support in assisting our children in settling into the new school year. This partnership hugely enables our young people to feel safe and happy in their new classes, enabling them to thrive as the school year develops. Thank you all.

PALMS - Parents at Long Meadow School

We are extremely grateful to have such an active - PALMS' committee, who have organised such a tremendous range of events and have raised much needed funds for our wonderful school across the years.

Our active band of supportive parents and families met together in the school staffroom for their annual AGM on Tuesday last week and have already mapped out a plan for a number of family fundraising events for across the year. Be sure to look out for details of these and join in the fun.

The team are looking to welcome new members of the parent community into the fold and to join them in fundraising for the school across the school year. In addition, they are also looking to welcome a new chair of the committee. If you feel that this is something that you are interested in supporting, please contact the team at longmeadowPALS@gmail.com

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Lost Property

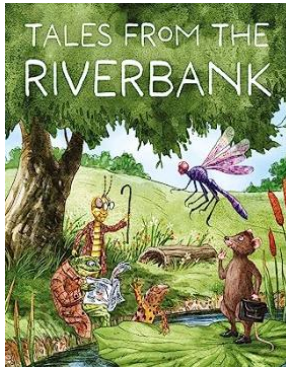


Already in school, our lost property cupboard is filling up! We work hard to ensure that all items are returned to children who may have misplaced their belongings. However, many items are not named and so it is difficult to find their rightful owners.

With this in mind, please help us to reunite children with any misplaced belongings by ensuring that **ALL ITEMS ARE CLEARLY LABELLED**. This really does help us keep down the mound of lost property that we are already seeing in school! Thank you all for your continued support with this.

Introducing the Riverbank

Due to significant unexpected circumstances at the very start of this term, we had to make changes to the organization of the classes in our Early Years and Year 1 classes. We now have three classes of mixed EY and Year 1 children in our wonderful new 'Riverbank' provision. We are delighted to report that the children and staff in these three classes have experienced a wonderful week in their new classes, where the children have been extremely settled, are happy and continuing to thrive and make positive progress.



We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all our Riverbank parents and staff team who have supported this significant change in school – and in nurturing the children through this process. Without your careful support and encouragement for the children, we know that this change would not have been so smooth and seamless. Thank you all so very much.

We are delighted to announce that the children in these new classes have chosen new names for their classes – and we now have Otters Class, Dragonflies Class and Hedgehogs Class in the Riverbank.

Jeans for Genes

Did you know that genetic conditions affect 1 in 25 children in the UK?

On Friday of last week, we saw all our children and staff coming into school wearing their jeans to support the important work of the Jeans for Genes charity. This charity raises much-needed awareness and vital funds for children with a huge range of genetic conditions.



This year we are delighted to report that the school raised £206.25 to support this important charity.

Harvest Assembly

On Friday 2nd October, we will be celebrating harvest time in school, in our special harvest assembly. Children will learn about the meaning of harvest and why we celebrate harvest at this time of year.



This year, we are supporting the Milton Keynes Food Bank and we are asking families to send in donations, which will go directly to local families in need. We recognise that in this time of financial hardship for many, this valuable resource will be a welcome support for many in our community. We will be displaying all the donations in the school hall

across the week, and at the end of the assembly, our Student Council will parcel all the items together to send off the Milton Keynes Food Bank.

During these particularly tough times, the Food Bank provides food and provisions for many families who are in need of their services and have been particularly busy supporting families in our Milton Keynes community.

Particular items that would be welcomed by The Food Bank at this time are:
tinned meat, tinned fish, long life milk, cereal, tea, biscuits, juice or squash, tinned pulses, spreads – jams, peanut butter, or chocolate spread, tinned pasta, pasta sauce, tinned fruit, dried rice, tinned vegetables, dried pasta, tinned soups, tinned tomatoes, savoury snacks/cereal bars, sugar, rice pudding/custard, baked beans.



Thank you to everyone in anticipation of your generous donations.

Safeguarding Snippet – Designated Safeguarding Leads in School



All our staff at Long Meadow School have received updated safeguarding training – keeping the culture of vigilance in safeguarding and child protection at the school extremely high and informing everyone of the new changes to 'Keeping Children Safe in Education 2026'.

At Long Meadow School, keeping our children safe from harm is paramount to the work that we do with our children. We use an online system – CPOMS – to support us further in ensuring that our safeguarding systems are as efficient and robust as possible.

The Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) at Long Meadow School are:

- Miss Emma Kidd (Deputy Head) - Designated Safeguarding Lead
- Ms Ruth Seagar (Headteacher) – Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
- Mrs Kerrie Evans (Assistant Head) - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
- Mrs Emma Seaton (Learning Mentor) - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Dates for your diary for this half term

Please see below the dates in your diaries for this term:

- Friday 2nd October – Harvest Assembly – with donations to Milton Keynes Food Bank
- Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd October – Parent Consultations – remotely – for parents of all children across the school
- Friday 23rd October – Children break up for October half term
- Monday 2nd November – Children are welcomed back into school

And finally...

We have already hit the ground running with an incredibly busy start to the new term. School is settled and calm, with an atmosphere of a purposeful working buzz. Just wonderful.

Many thanks to all our families in supporting such an excellent start to the school year for our Long Meadow children

Best regards as always,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ruth Seagar". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping 'R' and a long, sweeping 'S'.

Ruth Seagar
Executive Headteacher