


SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



JULY 2
UPDATE
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WHAT'S
NEW?

Goodbyes & Thank yous

Welcome to the last newsletter of this academic year and what a year it's been! Today saw us say goodbye to our fabulous Zebra Class pupils as they head off onto the next phase of their learning journey. All of us here are incredibly proud of each and every one of the year group and all that they have achieved during their years at Lunsford Primary School

In addition to saying goodbye to our children our Zebra Class children we also bid farewell today to Miss White. May I take this opportunity on behalf of all in the Lunsford community to publicly thank Miss White for her hard work and dedication to the school. We wish you well with your new adventures!



It is also a sad farewell to two Governors at the end of this academic year. I would personally like to thank Andy Wall and John Coffey who have been so supportive of the school and contributed so much to its development and continued success.

Thank you to all children, staff, parents, carers and governors for your continued hard work and support here at Lunsford Primary School. Thank you for all your words of gratitude, kindness, encouragement and support across the year.

I hope that you all have a thoroughly restful summer break and look forward to seeing you all back in school in September.

Mr Anscombe



Attendance matters



Week Ending

27th June

- Panda Class 91%
- Elephant Class 87.59%
- Giraffe Class 93.33%
- Lion Class 88.21%
- Koala Class 96.33%
- Tiger Class 95.33%
- Zebra Class 96.15%

Thank you to all parents and carers for your support regarding children's attendance at school. 141 children received an attendance certificate during this week's Attendance assembly for the Summer Term with 97 100% Attendance badges being given out.

Week Ending

4th July

- Panda Class 98%
- Elephant Class 90.69%
- Giraffe Class 88.06%
- Lion Class 85.71%
- Koala Class 93.67%
- Tiger Class 95.67%
- Zebra Class 96.15%

25 pupils achieved 100% attendance for the whole academic year with 106 pupils achieving 95% + attendance.

Week Ending

11th July

- Panda Class 98.65%
- Elephant Class 95.17%
- Giraffe Class 97.42%
- Lion Class 91.07%
- Koala Class 97.33%
- Tiger Class 97.33%
- Zebra Class 93.08%

Whole School Attendance Target 97%

Whole School Attendance This Week 92.56%

Whole School Attendance this year 95.0%

ZEBRA CLASS VISIT THE ISLE OF WIGHT

From the 30th June - 4th July, Zebra Class went on a residential trip to the Isle of Wight. The children visited lots of attractions around the island, including Blackgang Chine, Carisbrooke Castle, Osborne House, Dinosaur Isle and the Donkey Sanctuary. They particularly enjoyed visiting Alum Bay and seeing the coloured sand and the Needles which links to their Geography topic about coastal erosion. The evenings were spent playing games, visiting the beach and having a campfire. The children stayed in glamping tents for the week and had an amazing time, despite some very warm weather and a few insect bites!



Koala Class visit Communigrow



Koala Class went to Communigrow as part of our Science topic 'Living Things and their Habitats'. They took part in 3 activities: pond dipping, minibeast hunt and food safari. Year 4 found a variety of minibeasts, tried some different vegetables (they weren't so keen on the spicy radish) and found a lot of insects in the pond!

The staff at Communigrow commented on how well behaved and polite Koala Class were, well done!



Sports Day and Sports Week

A huge congratulations to Chartwell in being the winning House for Sports Day this year.

Thank you to Mr Dickinson and Mrs Abbott for a fantastic sports day and well done to all the children who took part.

The children also thoroughly enjoyed the Impact and Inspire Golf and Pickleball days delivered by Impact during sports week as well as the rounders tournament that took place too.

Governor Update

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Zebra Class Prom

On Thursday 10th July, Zebra Class celebrated the end of their primary school journey with their Leavers' Prom.

Despite the warm weather, the children all dressed to impress and looked amazing! The evening included some grand entrances, takeaway pizza, doughnuts, and a candy floss machine.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped to organise the event, especially Suzanne Best, Mirella Covington and FOLS.



Spirited Arts Competition

Well done to Hunter (Panda); Toby (Elephant); Jackson (Giraffe); Leila, Lily and Nellie (Koala); Amelia (Tiger) and Skye (Tiger) who have been chosen as our school winners of the Spirited Arts Competition. The whole school took part in the competition which links Art and RE together. Our finalists entries will now be sent off to take part in the worldwide competition. Spirited Arts has attracted over 450,000 entrants (averaging 25,000 annually!) since 2004, with 3,000 entries sent into NATRE each year for judging. Good luck to our finalists!



Kooth

If you are aged between 10 and 25-years-old, Kooth offers an online mental health community giving free and confidential advice. You can chat with a team member about anything that is on your mind.

Resources for families

Kent and Medway's Mental Wellbeing Information Hub

Kent and Medway's Mental Wellbeing Information Hub is an online one-stop place to help signpost you to support and services. Whether you are feeling anxious or stressed, down or low or are just interested in finding out what help is available, the information hub is there for you.

Release the Pressure

Life can get really tough sometimes, but talking can help Release the Pressure have a highly trained and experienced team available 24/7 to provide expert support no matter what you are going through. Don't suffer in silence: Text the word SHOUT to 85258 or call 0800 107 0160 for free confidential support at any time.

Samaritans

Whatever you're going through, a Samaritan will face it with you. We're here 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Call 116 123.



Parking

We have received several more complaints from local residents concerning parents parking across driveways and obstructing access. While we understand that finding parking can be challenging during busy times, blocking access is not acceptable. We kindly ask that you avoid doing this.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter

Welcome to a fantastic free reading challenge

Join in 21 June – 30 September!

There are two ways you can take part:

You can take part in person at your local library. The library will give you a special sticker poster and other special incentives, and help you find books to read for your Challenge.

Alternatively, take part online. Set a reading goal and log your books on your profile. When you reach your goal you will unlock a limited-edition online badge and certificate!

The in-person and online Challenges are separate. Physical incentives like medals are only available via the library, for those taking part in person.



summerreadingchallenge.org.uk



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**Larkfield and East Malling Methodist Church
invites you to**



**Wednesday 13 August
2.30pm to 4.30pm**

Come and join us. We'd love to see you.

**Fun with crafts, games and activities, plus
snacks, and a short time of informal
worship.**

More details from Monica,
07704 105447 or monicawilding@outlook.com
Parents/carers, please stay with your child.
There is no charge but donations are welcome.
Larkfield & East Malling Methodist Church, ME20 6PN

Time for FAMILY,
time for YOU.



Taking place once a
month on a Saturday at
Heart of Kent Hospice

10:00am – 12:00pm Noon
Preston Hall, Aylesford, Kent, ME20 7PU

Our Family Support Drop-in session helps adults (18 years and over) living with a terminal illness, to make the most of every moment together with their family. The free sessions focus on fun activities for children and young people. The sessions offer advice and support and provide opportunities for peer support, for the whole family.



**DROP-IN
DATES**

2025: 19 July, 27 September, 25 October,
22 November, 20 December.

2026: 17 January, 28 February, 28 March
25 April, 30 May.



LEARN MORE

To find out more, please contact
our Family Support Team by
calling Vicky Brooks on
01622 792200 ext 211 or emailing
vicky.brooks@hokh.co.uk



hokh.org



🎵 Come Sing with ACYC – Aylesford Community Youth Choir 🎵

Does your child love to sing? Are they aged 7 or over? Then come and join the joyful sound of ACYC!

We rehearse every Tuesday from 4.15–5.45pm at the Brassey Centre, Aylesford, and we're currently free of charge to attend.

Led by an experienced and passionate choir master, ACYC gives children high-quality musical instruction in a warm and supportive environment. Your child will build confidence, make new friends, and experience the joy of singing as part of a vibrant community choir.

🗣️ What to expect:

- Weekly rehearsals filled with fun, music, and learning
- One Sunday performance a month at our family church service
- Opportunities to perform at local events and concerts
- A welcoming, inclusive atmosphere where every voice matters
- While we may introduce a small monthly subscription to help cover basic running costs, this will be affordable for all, and a hardship fund will be available for families needing extra support.

🎵 No auditions, no pressure — just music, community, and fun.

Interested? Come along on a Tuesday and give it a try!

For more info, message us at bee@bee-herd.com or paulrichardsmusic@yahoo.com or speak to a member of the ACYC Committee.

Sign up now to start in September 2025 first Tuesday back after school holidays is Tuesday 9th Sept.