

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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WHAT'S
NEW?

Thank you and
goodbye

Dear Parents and Families,

It's been another busy and positive week at school leading up to our last week before half term that begins on Monday 20th October.

From Year 3's School Trip to Kent Life for their Roman Day this week to the amazing attendance from parents and carers at our Harvest Festivals last week so much has been happening at School.

What has been particularly pleasing in our Celebration Assemblies this term have been the number of certificates that have been handed out mentioning

how wonderful the children's manners and how polite the children are.

Sadly we are saying goodbye to Kelly from the Emotional Wellbeing Team after half term as she is taking up a position nearer her home. I would like to say a huge thank you on behalf of the children and families who she has worked with over the past year as well as the numerous workshops she has delivered for parents and pupils. We look forward to introducing you all to her successor but would like to take the opportunity on behalf of the Lunsford community in saying thank you so much for supporting us.

I would also like to say a very heartfelt thank you to Mrs Jacky Sharpe who has stepped down as Chair of Governors for Lunsford Primary School. Jacky continues to be on our Governing Board but has passed the Chair position to our new Chair of Governors Mrs Milli Matthews.

Mrs Sharpe has been Lunsford Primary School's Chair of Governors for over eight years and as a governor for many years more. During her tenure as Chair she has supported the school through two successful Ofsted as well as the refurbishment of the school, move across to the temporary school site on the field and the successful move back. She has been a tremendous support and advocate for the school – staff and pupils. Being a retired teacher she recognises the challenges within education. The time, effort and dedication she has spent has been above and beyond. Words do not do justice for the thanks and gratitude that should be bestowed towards her. Personally I could not have wished for such a supportive Chair. Thank you Jacky.

Another gentle reminder before the weekend looms large – next week we have much overdue works for our field. An email was sent out earlier this week regarding the impact this will have.



Attendance matters



Week Ending

19th Sept

- Panda Class 99.57%
- Elephant Class 97.33%
- Giraffe Class 97.57%
- Lion Class 96.33%
- Koala Class 91.72%
- Tiger Class 94.67%
- Zebra Class 98%

Week Ending

26th September

- Panda Class 96.88%
- Elephant Class 92.67%
- Giraffe Class 92.76%
- Lion Class 95.67%
- Koala Class 94.14
- Tiger Class 97%
- Zebra Class 98.33%

Whole School Attendance Target 97%

Whole School Attendance This Week 92.8%

Whole School Attendance this year 95.28%

Week Ending

26th September

- Panda Class 86.09
- Elephant Class 98%
- Giraffe Class 88.62%
- Lion Class 99%
- Koala Class 93.29%
- Tiger Class 96%
- Zebra Class 94.77%

Supporting School Attendance for Children with SEND

It may take some time for children with SEND to adjust to the new school routine. Click the link below for resources and advice to assist in this process.

<https://news.kent.gov.uk/articles/supporting-school-attendance-for-children-with-send>



Safeguarding Focus

Body safety matters - Helping your child understand boundaries and personal safety

Keeping children safe starts with conversation

Talking about body safety can feel uncomfortable — but it's one of the most powerful ways to protect children. Children who understand their bodies, boundaries and rights are more confident and better equipped to speak up if something feels wrong. You don't need a big formal talk — short, everyday chats work best.

Here are some simple conversation starters you can use:

- “Do you know what parts of your body are private?”
- “If someone made you feel uncomfortable, who would you tell?”
- “Has anyone ever asked you to keep a secret that made you feel funny or unsure?”
- “You're allowed to say 'no' to hugs or kisses, even to family – how do you feel about that?”
- “What would you do if someone touched you in a way you didn't like?”

Use natural moments (e.g. bath time, getting dressed, bedtime stories, a walk in the park) to bring up the topic gently. Keep your tone calm and reassuring. The goal is to help children feel safe, heard and empowered.

Reassure them: “You can always talk to me about anything – I'll always listen and help.”

Don't forget the online world

Even at primary age, many children play games or watch content online. It's important they know that body safety rules apply online too.

- Teach them never to share photos of their body, especially private parts.
- Make sure they know: if anyone asks them to do something that feels odd, secret or confusing online, they should tell you straight away.
- Talk about how some people online might pretend to be children when they're not. Use privacy settings and supervise young children during screen time.
- Remind them: “If something online makes you feel uncomfortable or unsure, it's never your fault. Just come and tell me.”

For more information, visit <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

As ever, if you require any support, guidance or further information, please do not hesitate to contact a member of DSL team: Mrs Lomax (Deputy Head); Mr Anscombe (Headteacher); Ms Beckett (SENCO); Amy Taylor (FLO)

All can be contacted via the school office.

Oakwood Grammar Maths challenge Morning



Skye, Oakley, Ollie, and Lydia from our Zebra Class participated in a maths challenge morning at Oakwood Grammar School.

The event featured four different timed challenges that required teamwork.

Some challenges included a relay format, where one pair had to finish their question before the next pair could start, using their answer as the basis for the subsequent questions.

There was also a logic challenge where participants solved clues to uncover the answers.

We had an incredibly enjoyable morning, competing alongside many other schools. Our team was smaller compared to others, as some schools brought two or three teams to the event.



Playtime and Lunchtime

This year we are excited to be focusing on improving the quality of our break and lunchtime provision for all the children. Work has already started on this and the school is working closely with FOLS, IMPACT and of course most importantly, the children! The recently elected school council have been speaking to their classes to gain ideas ready to be shared at our first meeting next week; staff training has been organised and we have lots of ideas!

Some new equipment has already been ordered – thank you so much to FOLS for supporting with this and also to Mrs Lever who purchased some new skipping ropes for the school.

We will be keeping you updated about our progress in our newsletters so any feedback is welcome.

Mrs Lomax



Harvest Festival

Friday was such a joyful and memorable day in the Lunsford calendar when the whole school gathered together for our Harvest Festival assemblies. Children from each of the year groups in the infants and the juniors led us through a feast of songs and poetry, helping us to reflect on the meaning of Harvest. Well done and thank you to all involved for the work that you prepared and presented during the celebration.

Thank you too to the many parents who joined us in our celebration; we hope you enjoyed the occasion as much as we all did. Thanks also go to all families who sent in produce for our harvest collection which was collected by the Medway Foodbank today.



School Librarians



Sophie F
Leila
Sophia
Mathulika

Thank you to all the children who applied to be school librarians.

WELL DONE TO OUR NEW

School Council



Emily (Y6) Chair
Oakley (Y6) Secretary

Ollie & Juliette (Y1)

Daeja & Maya (Y2)

Ivy & Joshua (Y3)

Dollie & Ollie (Y4)

Sophie Aaron (Y5)

Ollie & Spencer (Y6)

School Eco Council



Lydia (Y6) Chair
Ronnie (Y6) Secretary

Willow & Arlo (Y1)

Harry & Rosie (Y2)

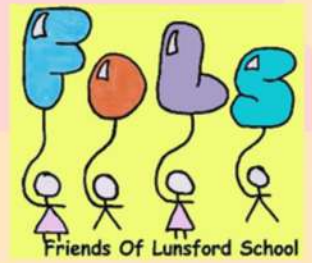
Erin & Alex (Y3)

Evan & Imogen (Y4)

Olivia & Isaac (Y5)

Sam & Nicol (Y6)

FoLS



Christmas Gift Evening

We are excited to announce that FoLS will be hosting a Christmas Gift Evening on Thursday 13th November 2025, from 7pm-9pm.

This event will be open to the public as a relaxed & festive shopping evening, perfect for adults looking to find thoughtful Christmas gifts from small local businesses. Please note, this event is aimed at adults so not suitable for children under 12.

Please tell all your family & friends & join us for a lovely evening of shopping, hot drinks, and tasty snacks.

Entry is just £2, payable on arrival.

Calling all stall holders!

We are currently looking for stall holders to take part in this exciting event. If you are a local business owner, crafter, or independent seller and would like to showcase your products, we would love to hear from you.

Stalls are a great way to share your creations, meet members of our community, and be part of a festive evening that supports both our school and local businesses.

If you are interested in having a stall, please contact FoLS on fols2016@outlook.com.





Lunsford Primary School

Dear fols,

Thank you for all your help with sorting out the craft sheds on the infant and Junior Playground. We really appreciate all your help in and around school without you we would not have all these good things. Thank you!

FOLS

Amelia head pupil
Teddy head pupil

Headteacher Mr G Anscombe BA (Hons) PGCE NPQH

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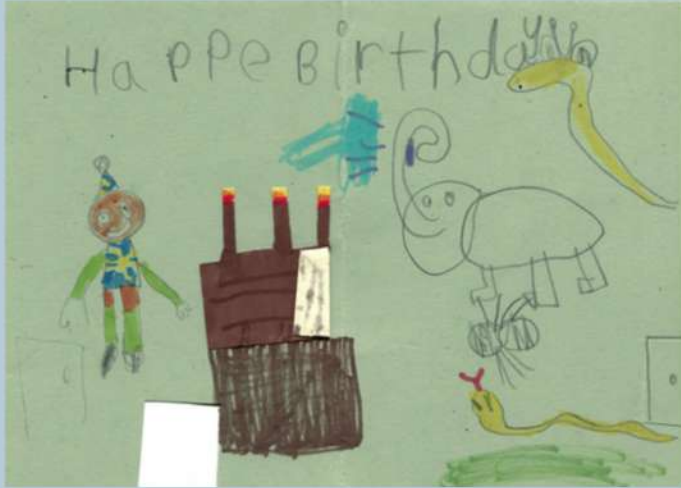
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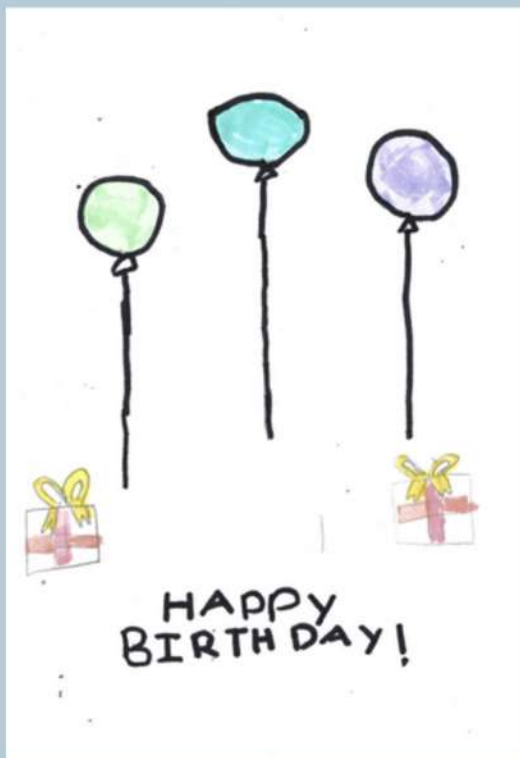
Safety on the playground

Mr Nourish Birthday Card Winners

Congratulations to.....



Hunter (Elephant Class)



Ella B (Koala Class)

Just a reminder that no children should be playing football or other ball games before or after school on the playground and no bikes or scooters should be ridden. The reason for this is because the playground can be very busy at these times with people of all ages so we want to ensure we keep everyone safe. We would encourage children to arrive at school just a few minutes before the whistle goes in the morning - 8:30am for EYFS / KS1 and 8:40am for KS2. Until that point parents are responsible for supervising their children so please keep them close to you.

On previous occasions we have had very young children and some elderly people hit by balls and had quite a few near misses with bikes and scooters so we obviously want to avoid this happening again. All the children are aware of these rules having been spoken to in assembly so we appreciate your support in enforcing this and helping to keep our whole school community safe.

Dogs on the premises

Just a reminder that dogs (with the exception of assistance dogs) are not allowed on the school site, this includes the driveway. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

HOLY TRIUNITY CHURCH PET BLESSING SERVICE



EAST MALLING PLAYING FIELD

3PM SUNDAY 12TH

All dogs to be on leads, (small animals in baskets/cages please). Animals remain the responsibility of their owners at all times.

This service will be cancelled if it rains!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME



KITE MAKING

Come together, learn and soar high in the sky!

Design and create your own kite and learn how they fly in this practical and hands-on course.

Where:

Long Mead Family Hub

Wavney Road, Tonbridge TN10 3JU

Date:

Monday 20th October 2025

Time:

1.30 – 3pm

To book a place please contact:

Tonbridgeandmallingfh@kent.gov.uk or call 03000418008



For more information scan the QR code

kentadulthoodeducation.co.uk

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SEASONAL CRAFTS

A creative experience for the whole family!

Work together to make cherished memories and beautiful crafts that celebrate the joy of togetherness.

Where:

Snodland Family Hub

Malling Road, Snodland

ME6 5JG

Date:

24th October 2025

Time:

9.30-11 am

To book a place please contact:

Tonbridgeandmallingfh@kent.gov.uk or call 03000418008



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PARENT SEND INFORMATION DAY

- Get help and advice
- Learn ways to support your child
- Talk to people from schools, health, and charities

Book here



forms.office.com/e/veetxmvSsq

16th October 2025 10am - 4pm

Kent Showground, Detling, Maidstone, Kent ME14 3JF



E-scooters – are you breaking the law?



Can I ride my e-scooter to school or work?

No, it's Illegal...

E-scooters are classed as motor vehicles and are required to be taxed and insured. It's not possible to get insurance for privately owned e-scooters, which means it's illegal to use them.

Can I ride my e-scooter on the pavement?

No, it's Illegal...

You cannot use e-scooters on public footpaths, cycle lanes or roads.

What happens if I'm caught using my e-scooter in public spaces?

The scooter may be seized and as a result, destroyed.

If stopped by an officer, you may be asked to complete a breath and drugs test. You also risk a £300 fine and six penalty points on your licence for no insurance.



**Kent
Police**

Think before you buy:

The number of electrical scooters being used on our streets has risen, as well as reports of serious injury and fatalities.

For more information and advice on the use of e-scooters visit www.kent.police.uk/road-safety