

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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WHAT'S
NEW?

Head Pupils &
more

Again a very warm welcome back to the start of a new academic school year as Headteacher here at Lunsford Primary School.

It has been a pleasure to speak with so many of you either at the school playground over the past three weeks or front office or during the recent 'Meet the Teacher' meetings. If we haven't had the chance to speak yet, I do hope you and your family enjoyed a restful summer break. I would again especially like to extend a warm welcome to our new Reception children and their families. It has been a joy to watch them begin to build friendships, explore their classroom and grow in confidence as they settle into their new environment.

In addition to our Reception starters, we are also pleased to welcome several new families who have joined us across other year groups. We're delighted to have you with us and we hope you feel part of our Lunsford family very soon.

Over the past fortnight, we have welcomed parents and carers from Years 1 to 6 into school for our 'Meet the Teacher' meetings. These sessions are an important opportunity for us to share key information with you, introduce your child's new class teacher and give a preview of what's to come this term—and throughout the year. For those unable to attend, the presentation slides have now been shared, but if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher directly. One of the key messages from these meetings was around communication including how we share information with you and how you can get in touch with us. While there are many channels available, we did want to highlight that sometimes, the most effective way to resolve a concern or query is through a face-to-face conversation. (Call me old-fashioned, but we find it's far more effective than going back and forth over email!) If you ever need to speak with your child's teacher, please do send a quick email or Class Dojo to arrange a convenient time or contact the school office for support.

Finally, a huge well done to our Year 6 pupils that sat the Kent Test! I am extremely proud of all of them and was particularly impressed with how each of them approached the papers with confidence and maturity. I'm sure there is a sigh of relief for parents and children alike now that this stage is over!



Attendance matters



Week Ending

2nd September

Panda Class 97.78%

Elephant Class 99.17%

Giraffe Class 94.91%

Lion Class 99.58%

Koala Class 94.3%

Tiger Class 95.69%

Zebra Class 98.75%

Week Ending

8th September

Panda Class 100%

Elephant Class 99.67%

Giraffe Class 94.06%

Lion Class 98.67%

Koala Class 88.97%

Tiger Class 96.96%

Zebra Class 99.67%

Whole School Attendance Target 97%

Whole School Attendance Last Week 96.33%

Whole School Attendance this year 96.69%

Congratulations to the following classes who have all won prizes on our school Classopoly competition for having an attendance figure of over 96.5%

Week one

Zebra - Chairs in Assembly / Tiger - Golden Time / Lion - Art Activity / Elephant - Golden Time

Week Two

Elephant - Library / DEAR time / Giraffe - Golden Time / Zebra - Party Table

DEMOCRACY AT LUNSFORD

In week 2 and week 3, we held our annual elections across the school as we sought to find our two Head Pupils for the year and our House Captain group as well as prefects.

All our Head Pupil candidates were outstanding and huge credit goes to them. We are proud of all of them. The Year 6 children put their names forward to be considered to be Head Pupil, gave a presentation to all of the children in assembly who then decided who to vote for by visiting our polling station and placing their votes in the ballot boxes, casting their votes just like we all do in local, county and general elections.

Well done to Teddy and to Amelia who are our Head Pupils this academic year.



Our Prefects are: Cameron D, Tanaka M, Delilah B, Skye H, Emily M and Adelina C

Our House and Vice Captains are:

Penshurst House - House Captains Arabella W, Spencer H. Vice Captains: Lydia M & Stanley S.

Hever House- House Captains Brody H, Lauren B. Vice Captains: Harry M & Lily N.

Knole House - House Captains Izzy B, Jess H. Vice Captains: Piper M & Rex P.

Chartwell House - House Captains Ollie W, Nicol K. Vice Captains: Samuel S, Isla R.

Our exploration of democracy doesn't stop there though. During this week, each teacher in Year 1-6 will ask their class if anyone would like to stand for School Council; the elected body that meets to discuss activities, events and items of interest at school. This week we will also look to vote for Eco Council members as well as Digital Leaders and expressions of interest for Librarians. I am incredibly proud of every child who put themselves forward. These roles are an important part of school life and Pupil Voice plays an integral role on our School Development Plan.



Safeguarding Focus

As we start a new year, I would like to remind everyone that at Lunsford Primary School, safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is our number one priority and it is everyone's responsibility.

Everyone who comes in to contact with the children and families who comprise our community, has a role to play. Everything that we do has the children at the core. Their safety, their wellbeing, their achievement and, of course, their happiness underpins every decision we make.

Often when safeguarding is mentioned, the immediate thought is about child protection –when a child is suffering harm, or is in danger of suffering harm. However, safeguarding is much more complex than this and encompasses a very wide range of areas in all aspects of school.

At Lunsford, we ensure that all of our staff are highly trained in all aspects of safeguarding and this training is regularly updated and frequently revisited throughout the year. We also ensure that our curriculum provides the children with age-appropriate opportunities to learn how to keep themselves healthy and safe.

During each newsletter this academic year, we will be focusing on a different area of safeguarding and offering helpful advice and tips to support you and your child.

In our first safeguarding focus for the year, we will re-introduce you to the school's Designated Safeguarding Team and what you should do if you have a concern about a child.

As ever, if you require any support, guidance or further information, please do not hesitate to contact a member of DSL team.

Meet the Designated Safeguarding Team:

The Safeguarding Team oversee and co-ordinate all aspects of the school's work to ensure that children are kept safe. They regularly attend training to ensure their skills and knowledge are up to-date.



Lunsford Designated Safeguarding Lead : Mrs Lomax (Deputy Head)

Lunsford Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads:



Mr Anscombe (Headteacher)



Mrs Taylor (FLO)



Ms Beckett (SENCO)

All can be contacted via the School Office

WHO TO CONTACT IF YOU HAVE A CONCERN ABOUT A CHILD

If you are worried about a child's safety, please do not hesitate to contact the Designated Safeguarding Lead or Deputies straightaway.

If you have an urgent safeguarding concern outside of school hours or during the weekend or school holidays, you should contact the Front Door Service via the Kent Integrated Children's Services Portal <https://kccchildrens.kent.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/home> or contact the NSPCC via their website <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/reporting-abuse/report/> or by telephone 0800 800 5000

Or if a child is in immediate danger, call the Police on 999



Harvest Festival

This year's Harvest Festival assemblies will take place on Friday 3rd October. Infant Harvest assembly will be at 9am to which parents of Infant children are very welcome to join us. The Junior Harvest assembly will be at 10am to which parents of Junior children are very welcome to join us.

To enable us to collect a variety of needed items we are asking classes to collect and bring the following only. Please feel free to bring as much as you can from the class lists below:

Panda	Elephant	Giraffe	Lion	Koala	Tiger	Zebra
Biscuits	Instant Mash	Tinned Spaghetti / Hoops	Tinned Ham	Soup Instant or tinned	Pasta cooking sauce	Tins of tuna or other fish
Squash (drink) small bottle	Tins of custard	Jam/ Marmalade	Tins of tomatoes	Tinned Rice pudding	Gravy Granules	Tinned Potatoes
Tinned Fruit	Milk UHT/Long life	Fruit Juice (Carton long)	Chocolate spread	Hot chocolate	Ketchup	Coffee (small jars/)
Deodorant for men and women	Toilet rolls	Baby Wipes	Shampoo/Conditioner	Washing-up liquid	Soap Liquid or bar	Toothpaste/brush

Children can start bringing these items in from Monday 22nd September into class, any glass bottles can be handed into the School Office. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Free KS2 learning



We work in partnership with Atom Learning, the leading online Key Stage 2 learning and 11+ preparation platform, to provide children in Years 3-6 who are eligible for Pupil Premium with free Atom Home accounts. Atom Home is normally £575.90 per year.

Atom Home provides Key Stage 2 learning resources, helping children build exam technique, subject mastery and academic confidence.

If your child is aged between 7 and 11 and has been eligible for free school meals at any point in the last six years (please check with the school office if you are not sure), please fill in the form by clicking the button below.

[<<Access free KS2 learning>>](#)

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

The online secondary school application process is now open for Year 6 parents to apply for their child's place for Year 7 starting in September 2026. The deadline is Friday 31 October. Local Secondary Schools are holding open events if you are unsure of which school to list as your four chosen schools in order of preference. Kent County Council have an online guide

https://www.kent.gov.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0004/195646/Secondary-admissions-book.pdf

to assist with any questions you may have before making your choices via their platform below

<https://kent.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/Synergy/Admissions.aspx>

New Starters

A special well done to our youngest pupils who have now completed their first weeks at 'big school'!

They've made a brilliant start by learning their new routines in the classroom, the lunch hall and even out on the playground

Summer Reading Challenge

Congratulations to everyone at Lunsford who took part in this summer's reading challenge in association with Kent Libraries and the Reading Agency.

The quest includes browsing, choosing, borrowing, reading (and hopefully enjoying) books from local libraries throughout the summer holidays.

The reward was a certificate, a medal, a series of stickers, and a pack of sunflower seeds.

It was fantastic to see so many children bring and share their certificates and medals. They are all superstar readers.



Meet your FoLS Committee

Welcome to the Friends of Lunsford Primary School (FoLS)

All parents, guardians, and careers of children enrolled at Lunsford Primary School are automatically members of the Parents Association, known as Friends of Lunsford Primary School (FoLS).

FoLS is a registered charity in the UK (charity number 1174321), and everyone involved in its operations is a volunteer.

The group was re-established in 2016, founded by Sarah Cole (the then Chairperson), Naomi Keeling (the then Treasurer), and Faye Pearce (the then Secretary).

We diligently work to raise additional funds for Lunsford Primary School through events like the Summer Fair, Mother's Day Tea & Cake, as well as various smaller activities and grant applications.

Since 2017, FoLS has begun utilizing the funds raised to create a meaningful impact. The volunteer group meets regularly to plan events, discuss future initiatives, and explore ways to further support the children and staff at Lunsford Primary School.

Every member is encouraged to attend meetings and share their suggestions.

The FoLS team always appreciates assistance and welcomes more volunteers, regardless of how much or how little you believe you can contribute. Enthusiasm is essential; together, we can achieve great things!



Becky



Amy



Amanda



Ilona



Julie



Karen

Break the Rules Day: Fundraising Event

As we get closer to our Break the Rules Day on the 25th September, we're excited to let you know that all the funds raised will go directly to benefit your child's classrooms.

Here are some fun ways the classes plan to use the funds:

- **Outdoor play equipment** for more fun during recess
- **Storage solutions** to organize our new reading scheme
- **Books** to fill our cozy book corner

We'd love your support in helping us raise as much money as possible for the classes by having fun and breaking a few rules! Each broken rule comes with a 50p fine, which can be paid to your child's teachers in the morning. Alternatively, you can make payments into the school bank account, using your child's name and year as a reference.

Thank you for your support and let's make this a fun and successful event!

FoLS Break the Rules Day 25/09/25

Number of rules that have been broken _____

Total sent for rule breaks _____

50p per rule break

Account name: Friends of Lunsford School

Sort code: 53-61-55

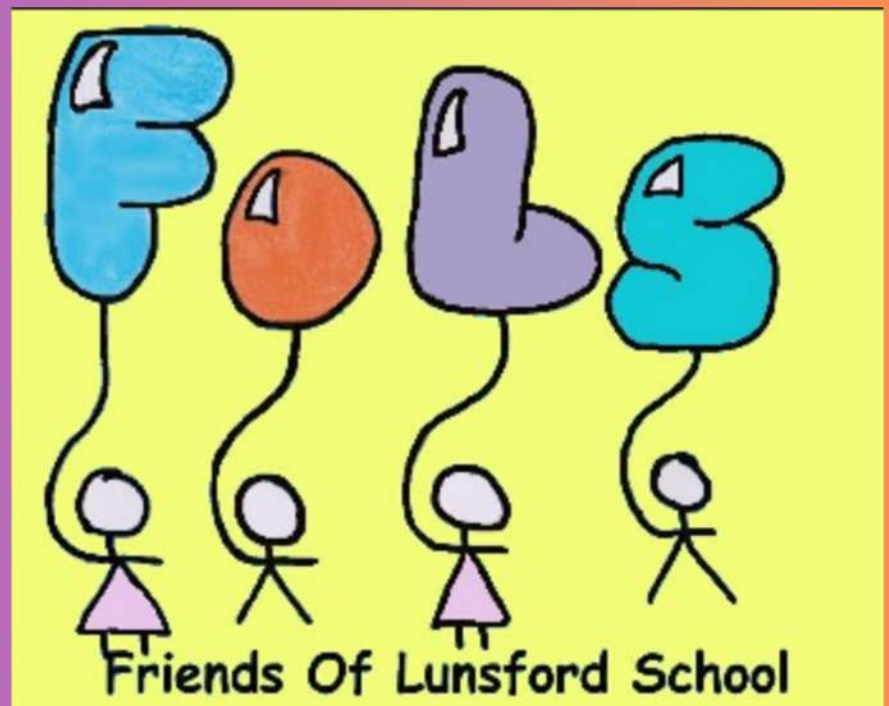
Account no: 70337500

01 Juice or cordial in your water bottle	02 Large colourful hair accessories
03 Painted finger nails	04 1 visible temporary tattoo
05 Wear your uniform inside out.	06 Bring in a cuddly toy (no other toys)
07 Have chocolate as your snack	08 Wear a non-uniform cardigan, jumper or hoodie
09 Wearing your own choice of footwear	10 Pick your seat in the classroom.

Only rules above may be broken. All changes must still be reasonable for a day at school

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Uniform reminder

Now that we're fully back into the swing of school life and most uniform orders should have arrived, we expect all children to be in the correct school uniform from this week. Please remember that only black school shoes or black school trainers are permitted, if your child needs to wear any other footwear this must be agreed in advance with a member of the Senior Leadership Team. If you ever need support with School Uniform (including shoes) please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Taylor, our Family Liaison Officer via flo@lunsford.kent.sch.uk.

EARRINGS IN SCHOOL

With it being the start of the new school year and an increasing number of children having had their ears pierced over the holidays, we wanted to clarify what the school policy is around the wearing of earrings, particularly during PE lessons. This is to ensure we continue to keep everyone safe during physical activity. The Association for Physical Education (afPE) and national guidance strongly recommend that all jewellery, including earrings, should be removed before participating in Physical Education (PE) or other practical activities due to health and safety risks. Taping earrings is not advised, as it can give a false sense of security and does not eliminate the risk of injury.

Why are earrings dangerous during PE?

Wearing earrings during PE can pose several risks, including:

- Tearing of the earlobe if the earring gets caught on clothing, sports equipment, or during physical contact;
- Injury to others, particularly in team games or close-contact activities;
- Infection risk, especially if the earring is pulled or the piercing is new and not fully healed;
- Distraction or discomfort, which may interfere with participation and focus during the lesson.
- To reduce these risks, pupils are expected to remove their earrings themselves before PE lessons.
- If they are unable to do so, they should not participate in activities where their safety, or the safety of others, may be compromised.

As a school, we understand that some children may not yet be able to take out their earrings independently. We therefore recommend that earrings are removed before your child comes to school on PE days, or when taking part in any school-led physical activity or sporting event.

Unfortunately, staff are not permitted to remove earrings for pupils. If a child is wearing earrings and is unable to remove them, they will still be involved in the lesson in a safe and appropriate way, but adaptations will be made to reduce the risk of injury. However, these adaptations may limit their ability to participate fully in all aspects of the activity. If your child has very recently had their ears pierced and you are awaiting the end of the healing period (typically 6 weeks), we encourage you to speak to your child's class teacher about this so that together you can find a way forward so that your child does not miss out.

Moving forward, we will aim to ensure we remind all parents of this information prior to the summer holidays and you will also be able to find this information in our School Uniform Policy for future reference. A reminder all policies can be found on our school website. Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep our children safe.

The Immunisation Team is coming.

Find the e-consent form at
www.kentimmunisations.co.uk



FLU CLINIC VISITS LUNSFORD IN SEPTEMBER

The Kent Community Health team will be joining us again on Tuesday 30 September to hold their annual flu clinic, administering the seasonal flu vaccine to children across the school.

If not already done so parents must reply directly to the NHS team using the link below to say that they give or do not give consent for the immunisation to be administered in school. Flu Vaccination Consent Form The deadline for the completion of the form is 16:00 on Friday 10 October. If you have any questions, please contact the NHS team via kchft.cyp-immunisationteam@nhs.net, Text Chat via 07700 140385 or via www.kentcht.nhs.uk/imms

KEEPING UP-TO-DATE

It's that time of year again when we ask all of our families just to quickly check that we have all of your up-to-date details on Arbor. This will include telephone numbers, home addresses, email addresses, dietary requirements and medical conditions. Most of these can be changed by logging in and amending them yourselves, if you have any problems doing so please just contact us. Thank you for your help in keeping our records and personal information up-to-date.

EARLY YEARS 2026 APPLICATION OPEN MORNINGS

Families with children born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 will be preparing to make their choices of primary school for intake for Reception Year in the Early Years Foundation Stage in September 2026. The application window opens on Friday 7 November (shutting in mid January).

We are hosting our open mornings to show what Lunsford can offer on Monday 10th, Tuesday 11th and Thursday 13th November with details on our website

Keeping Lunsford Tidy

Thank you to Ronnie and Teddy who volunteered and asked to do a litter pick last week. It was a wonderful gesture by the two boys and helps make our Lunsford environment lovely for everyone.

Sadly there was a lot of litter to pick so we would like to reach out to you all to ensure any rubbish is put in the bins in school or taken home. Thank you for your support with this.



New Best Start in Life website for parents

The Best Start in Life website will officially replace the Childcare Choices website as the main source of information for early education and childcare support - offering a broader range of resources for families, including eligibility for childcare offers, information about free breakfast clubs and Best Start Family Hubs in their area, and support on pregnancy through to starting school and beyond.

Although the website has changed, the offers for parents - such as support for working parents and the 2-year-old childcare offer - are not affected. Visitors to the current Childcare Choices website will be automatically redirected.



Dear TEPO community,

We're excited to announce a new Teacher in Your Pocket (TEPO) module—this time focused on helping people stay safe from scams.

Scams can devastate lives- especially for those who aren't online.

Without internet access, many people miss out on vital alerts and advice, including those we share through our Public Protection channels. That's why this new TEPO module matters: it helps you reach those who are most at risk.

TEPO is a simple, powerful way to help. Just share our short, practical videos from your mobile phone with someone who's digitally excluded-like a neighbour, client or loved one. It's designed to spark a life-changing conversation.

- You become the messenger. Your mobile phone becomes the teacher.

[Share scams advice NOW](#)

🔗 Explore other TEPO modules
Visit kent.gov.uk/TEPO to see what's already available, including electrical safety at home, doorstep crime prevention, and support to stop smoking.

Together, we can make sure more vulnerable people are getting the same vital information the rest of us take for granted.

Warm wishes,
The TEPO Team

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

MR NOURISH'S 7 BIRTHDAY

THURSDAY
02 OCT

Design a birthday
card for Mr Nourish.

Hand it to the
Catering Team
Prizes will be
awarded.

Burger in a Bun 1,5,6
Vegetable Burger in a Bun 1,5 VG
Jacket Potatoes with a choice of
Fillings 7,8,9

Herby Diced Potato
Sweetcorn
Coleslaw 9

Birthday Cake 1 VG
Mr Nourish Party Rings 1 VG
Fruit Pot VG



GROW WITH US
NOURISH

Dishes marked with any of the following numbers contain the matching allergen:

1 Wheat Gluten 2 Crustaceans 3 Soybean 4 Mustard 5 Sesame 6 Sulphites/Sulphur Dioxide 7 Milk 8 Fish 9 Egg
10 Peanuts 11 Molluscs 12 Celeriac/Celery 13 Nuts 14 Lupins 15 Oat Gluten 16 Barley Gluten V Vegetarian VG Vegan