

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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WHAT'S
NEW?

PGL

Koala Class 2 night stay at Grosvenor House

On Wednesday 18th March- Friday 20th March Year 4 went on a 2 night residential to PGL Grosvemor House in Ashford.

Miss Broadmore was incredibly proud of how resilient and brave the children were for trying out all the different activities. We had a variety of activities: aeroball, zipwire, raft building, fencing, giant swing, trapeze and archery!

Everyone had an amazing time and coped so well!

Well done Koalas!



Parking

We regret to inform you that a local resident has had to reached out to us about parking issues in the vicinity of the school. We kindly ask that when you pick up your children, you park courteously and refrain from blocking driveways.

Dont forget, the clocks go forward this weekend!



Attendance matters



Week Ending 13th March

Panda Class 96.05%

Elephant Class 95.33%

Giraffe Class 94.83%

Lion Class 99%

Koala Class 95.17%

Tiger Class 98.28%

Zebra Class 98.62%

Week Ending

20th March

Panda Class 92.61%

Elephant Class 96.00%

Giraffe Class 89.31%

Lion Class 96.33%

Koala Class 94.44%

Tiger Class 96.9%

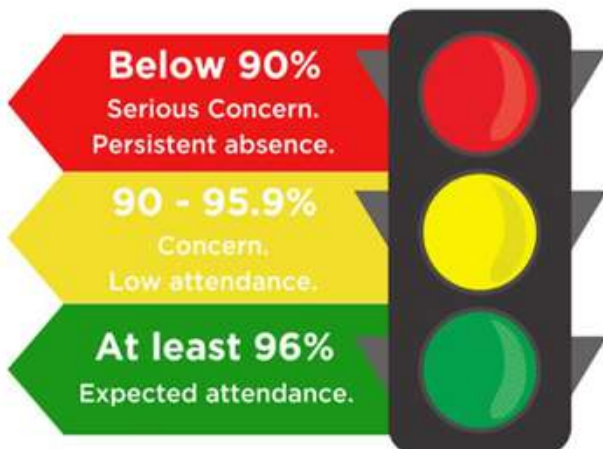
Zebra Class 97.93%

**Whole School
Attendance
Target
97%**

**Whole School
Attendance
this Week
96.93%**

**Whole School
Attendance
this year
95.41%**

Please check your child's attendance on Arbor against the below traffic light system - if you are concerned about your child's attendance contact our Family Liaison officer, Mrs Taylor in the school office.





Safeguarding Focus- YouTube

Helping your child use YouTube and YouTube Kids safely

YouTube is hugely popular with children. It can be fun, creative and educational, but like any online space, it isn't risk free. Even apps designed for children, such as YouTube Kids, can sometimes show content that isn't right for younger viewers.



What parents and carers should know about the risks

Most children start by watching something completely harmless. The risk usually comes from how the platform works, not from what they set out to watch.

Some common ways children can come across unsuitable content include:

Autoplay: one video can quickly lead to another without your child choosing it.

How parents/carers can reduce this risk:

- Turn Autoplay off in settings
- Encourage children to choose videos rather than letting videos be chosen for them
- Check what the next suggested video is if Autoplay is left on
- Use YouTube Kids 'Approved Content Only' mode where possible

Search: children might search for something innocent but get unexpected results

How parents/carers can reduce this risk:

- Turn off search in YouTube Kids
- Sit with children when they are searching, especially younger primary-aged children
- Talk about what to do if they see something confusing or upsetting
- Save or subscribe to trusted channels so children can go straight to safe content

Adverts: young children can struggle to tell the difference between adverts and videos

How parents/carers can reduce this risk:

- Explain simply what an advert is (for example: "This is trying to sell you something")
- Watch together sometimes so you can talk about adverts when they appear
- Consider using YouTube Kids, which usually has fewer and more age-appropriate adverts
- Teach children not to click on adverts or pop-ups without checking with you first

Even YouTube Kids, while safer, is not perfect because content is filtered by systems rather than checked by a person first.



Safeguarding Focus- YouTube cont'd

A helpful mindset for parents and carers It can help to think of YouTube like a busy public place. There are lots of great things there, but children still need guidance, boundaries and support while they learn how to navigate it safely. You don't have to know everything about technology. Staying curious, setting simple rules, and keeping conversations open are some of the most powerful safety tools you have

We strongly recommend that no primary school age children, even Year 6s, are allowed unsupervised access to any internet enabled devices eg. In their bedrooms or overnight.

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

Practical ways TO MAKE YOUTUBE SAFER

- Use YouTube Kids where possible**
 - Set up separate profiles for each child
 - Choose an age level
 - Turn on 'Approved Content Only'
 - Set screen time limits
 - Block videos or channels you don't want your child to see
- When using normal YouTube, switch on safety settings**
 - Turn on Restricted Mode
 - Use Supervised Accounts to manage what they can access
 - Turn Autoplay off
 - Check their watch history regularly
- Watch together when you can**
 - Ask what they like watching
 - Occasionally watch a video with them
 - Keep devices in shared family spaces
- Talk about what to do if something feels wrong**
 - It's never their fault if they see something upsetting
 - They can tell you and won't be in trouble
 - They can close the video and come and get you

Science Week Competition

Congratulations to the following children who won the design a Space Rover Competition

- Amelia B: Elephant Class
- Matt N: Giraffe Class
- Emily M: Zebra Class





Rocks Day



Year 3 had a fantastic Rock Day with Mr Berry, exploring their Science topic of rocks while making links to this term's Geography learning about volcanoes and earthquakes.

The children had in-depth discussions about the layers of the Earth and how different types of rocks are formed. They made their own fossils and carried out an experiment using water, sand and tubes to model how sedimentary rock forms layer by layer, helping them understand how fossils can become trapped within these layers over time.

They also investigated metamorphic rocks, using candles and wax to demonstrate how heat and pressure can change rocks deep within the Earth.

Another highlight was creating mini volcanoes using bottles of fizzy liquid, showing how gas can build up pressure and suddenly burst upwards, just like in a volcanic eruption.

The children were incredibly engaged throughout the day, asking thoughtful scientific questions and using equipment safely and responsibly. They absolutely loved learning with Mr Berry

What an achievement

Last weekend Lily D (Tiger Class) competed in an open international competition in Guildford with competitors from England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Belgium, the Czech Republic and Italy. In her age and belt category, she achieved an amazing 3rd place for her kata and 2nd place for her semi-free sparring. This was an incredible accomplishment, especially as this was her very first international competition.

Lily also took her grading and achieved black belt (1st Dan), she has had to work so hard to achieve this, waiting 6 months for the opportunity and also had to submit a 500-word essay on what a blackbelt means to her. She now has to wait 2 years before she is eligible to go for her 2nd Dan. Well done Lily we are all so proud of you.



Lunsford Pupils Take on the TCS Mini London Marathon in Schools

This term, pupils at Lunsford Primary School have been taking part in the exciting **TCS Mini London Marathon** in Schools, joining thousands of children across the UK in this inspiring national event.

The challenge invites children of **all ages and abilities** to run, jog, walk or wheel a distance of **two miles within their school setting**, making it inclusive and accessible for everyone.

Our pupils showed fantastic determination, enthusiasm and resilience as they worked towards completing the distance. The event has been a brilliant opportunity to promote the importance of staying active, while also being part of something much bigger, with over **one million children taking part nationwide since its launch**.

Throughout the event, children demonstrated excellent teamwork, perseverance and positive attitudes, supporting one another and celebrating each other's achievements. It was fantastic to see so many smiling faces and a real sense of pride as pupils crossed their own 'finish line'.

Events like this play an important role in encouraging healthy lifestyles and helping children build confidence through physical activity.

A huge well done to all of our pupils who took part—we are incredibly proud of your efforts!

Inter-House Pickleball Competition

On Thursday 19th March, Impact Sports Clubs were delighted to host an exciting Inter-House Pickleball Competition at Lunsford Primary School.

Children from Years 2, 3, 5 and 6 took part in a series of fast-paced and competitive matches, representing their school houses with pride. Throughout the day, it was fantastic to see such high levels of enthusiasm, teamwork and determination from all participants.

The standard of play was brilliant, with children quickly developing their skills and understanding of the game. Even more impressive was the excellent sportsmanship shown by everyone involved – pupils consistently demonstrated positive attitudes, respect for one another and great team spirit.

After a closely contested competition, the final results were:

- 1st Place – Chartwell (Blue)
- 2nd Place – Knole (Yellow)
- 3rd Place – Penshurst (Red)
- 4th Place – Hever (Green)



A huge well done to all children who took part and represented their houses so brilliantly. We are incredibly proud of the effort, behaviour and energy shown throughout the day.



Spadework Easter Egg Designs

We have recently been working with Spadework and their Easter event. As a school we were asked to paint two wooden eggs that will become part of their Easter Egg trail.

Our Zigzag pattern egg was designed by Adelyn C (Elephant Class), with help to decorate from the runners up of Georgia M (Panda Class) and Hailey T (Giraffe Class).

School emblem egg designed by Imogen G (Lion Class), with help to decorate from the runner up of Jack C Lion Class.)

Why not pop down to Spadeworks over the Easter holidays and see if you can spot our eggs!



Author Event with Ella Dove

Join us at Bluewater Waterstones in celebrating the release of Ella Dove's book, *How to do Paris with one leg.*

We will be doing some activity sheets and a reading from the author herself!

14th April
11am-12noon

This event* is free, just head to the back of the store to the red carpet.



PIZZA AND PRAISE



This Sunday 26th March

3pm

At St. James the Great Church

Free Pizza, soft drinks & Crafts



To celebrate our upcoming Impact Easter Sports Programme 2026, we are running a Facebook competition where one lucky winner can receive 5 FREE days at our Easter Sports Camps!

The prize can be used for one child to attend a full week, or it can be shared with friends so they can all attend together.

How to enter:

1. Visit our Facebook page
2. Like the competition post
3. Comment your name on the post

It only takes a few seconds to enter, and you could win a fantastic week of sport and activities for your child this Easter.

Competition closes on 31st March 2026

The winner will be chosen at random and announced on our Facebook page shortly after the closing date.

You can view the competition post and enter here:

www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61553634043573

For full competition terms and conditions please visit:

www.impactsportsclubs.co.uk



Good luck and we hope to see your children at our Easter Sports Camps!

Kind regards,

Chris Dickinson & Stephen Hatley

Impact! Easter Holiday Provision for Lunsford Primary School

We're excited to share the fantastic range of holiday provision available this Easter from Impact!, offering fun, safe and engaging childcare for children aged 5–11.

Easter Holiday Camp – Lunsford Primary School
Running from **7th–10th April (8:00am – 4:00pm)**, our Easter Holiday Camp provides a vibrant and nurturing environment where children can enjoy a wide variety of activities throughout the day.

Children will take part in:

- Arts & Crafts
- Construction activities
- Music & Dance
- Fun sports sessions
- Board games and free-play opportunities

The camp is designed to offer a balance of structured activities and child-led play, ensuring every child has an enjoyable and enriching experience during the holidays.

Easter Sports Programme 2026

Alongside our holiday camp, Impact! are also delivering their **Easter Sports Programme**, packed with exciting sporting opportunities.

More Park Primary School – 7th–10th April
Madginford Primary School – 13th–17th April
9:00am – 3:00pm each day

Each day includes:

- Two coached sports sessions
- Access to a wide range of sports equipment
- Free-play and choice-based activities
- A fun and supportive environment for all abilities

Sports on offer include:

Football, Tennis/Pickleball, Archery, Ultimate Frisbee, Cricket, Athletics, Rounders/Baseball, Basketball, American Football and Tri-Golf.



LUNSFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

LUNCHTIME FOOTBALL CLUB

2025 – 2026

⚽ Lunchtime Football Club - 2025/2026 ⚽

Lower School (Years 1-2): Thursdays

Upper School (Years 3-6): Fridays

Just £2.50 per session – Running all year (Terms 1-6)



Make the most of your child's lunchtime with
Impact Football Coaching!

Fun and engaging sessions help children improve their football skills while promoting positive behaviour on and off the pitch. Open to both boys and girls!



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