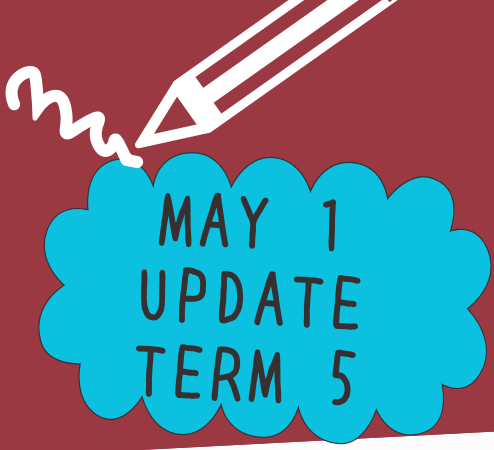


# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



MAY 1  
UPDATE  
TERM 5

WHAT'S  
NEW?

PARENTS EVENING  
COMMENTS

We've had a lovely week in school, with the sunshine allowing even more learning to take place outdoors. Lots to report on and celebrate as you will see in our newsletter. Today brings us to the end of the second week of Term 5 and a slightly longer weekend due to the Bank Holiday on Monday. Fingers crossed the sunny weather continues and not the weather that is forecasted (!) and that you are able to enjoy some time outdoors.

I look forward to seeing you all this week, when we will already be halfway through the term!

Here are some of the lovely comments from parents during the last parents consultation:

- Every time I visit Koala class the teachers are friendly, kind and supportive. The class is welcoming, the room has a good feel about it and the children are happy.
- The classroom is open and I like to see the children's work on the walls.
- "X" enjoys coming into school and has made great friends, the teachers are very supportive.
- Every time I visit Zebra class I love to see their work on the walls.
- I am always greeted with kindness and compassion.
- We feel extremely lucky that "X" has had such lovely teachers in Panda Class who have made every day so fun and exciting.
- Thank you for all that you do "X" always loves coming to school.
- He has amazing teachers and classmates. We never have anything to worry about.
- She loves coming in each day, loves her teachers and is always coming out with facts and phrases she has learnt at school.
- Thank you for going above and beyond with communication – we feel so well informed.
- It is unbelievable how much confidence "X" has built since starting Lunsford Primary school.
- She has learnt so much and made lots of friends. This is a testament to the hard work and dedication that the school and teachers put in. Thank you!

Hope you all had a lovely Bank Holiday!

# Attendance matters



Week Ending 27th March

- Panda Class 98.77%
- Elephant Class 96.67%
- Giraffe Class 97.18%
- Lion Class 98.33%
- Koala Class 97.2%
- Tiger Class 96.43%
- Zebra Class 97.93%

Week Ending  
2nd April

- Panda Class 96.0%
- Elephant Class 96.25%
- Giraffe Class 90.95%
- Lion Class 98.75%
- Koala Class 92.5%
- Tiger Class 92.86%
- Zebra Class 100%

Week Ending  
24th April

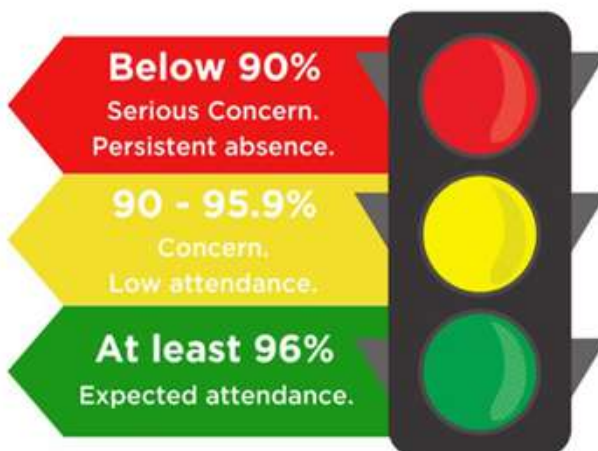
- Panda Class 94.4%
- Elephant Class 98.67%
- Giraffe Class 92.41%
- Lion Class 96.67%
- Koala Class 96%
- Tiger Class 96.43%
- Zebra Class 95.86%

**Whole School  
Attendance  
Target  
97%**

**Whole School  
Attendance  
this Week  
96.11%**

**Whole School  
Attendance  
this year  
95.61%**

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

## Talking to children about what's happening in the world

Many of the events happening around the world are discussed frequently in the news and on social media. Even if adults try to shield children from it, they often pick up snippets of conversations, headlines or comments from other children.

Because of this, children may already have partial information, misunderstandings or worries that they have not shared.

For primary-aged children, it is usually better that the trusted adults in their lives help them make sense of what they are hearing.

When parents and carers talk openly and calmly about world events, it helps children feel safe, supported and able to ask questions.

The goal is not to give lots of detail or expose children to distressing information. Instead, it is about helping them understand the basics, reassuring them that they are safe and reminding them that many people are working hard to help.

### Why these conversations matter

Talking about world events in a calm and supportive way can help children to:

- feel safe and reassured by hearing information from a trusted adult
- correct misunderstandings they may have picked up from others
- develop emotional awareness by talking about feelings and worries
- build resilience and empathy by learning how people help each other during difficult times.

### Top tip: Use child-friendly news

When children are not given opportunities to talk, they sometimes fill in the gaps with their imagination, which can make things feel scarier than they really are.

If your child is interested in finding out more, it can help to use news sources designed specifically for children. Programmes such as BBC Newsround explain current events in a clear, age-appropriate way that avoids unnecessary distress.

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.

**HOW PARENTS AND CARERS CAN APPROACH THE CONVERSATION**

- START BY LISTENING**  
Ask what your child has already heard. This helps you understand their level of knowledge and whether they are worried about something specific.
- KEEP EXPLANATIONS SIMPLE AND FACTUAL**  
Use clear language and avoid too many details. Answer the question they asked rather than giving long explanations.
- OFFER REASSURANCE**  
Remind children that they are safe and that many adults, leaders, helpers and communities are working to solve problems and keep people safe.
- FOCUS ON HELPERS AND POSITIVE ACTIONS**  
Children find comfort in knowing that people help each other in difficult situations.
- FOLLOW YOUR CHILD'S LEAD**  
Some children will want to ask lots of questions; others may only want a brief explanation. Both responses are normal.

## Inter-House Ultimate Frisbee Competition – 22nd April 2026

On Tuesday 22nd April, pupils at Lunsford Primary School took part in an exciting Inter-House Ultimate Frisbee competition, delivered by Impact! Sports Clubs. Children from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 represented their house teams in a series of fast-paced and highly competitive matches across the day.

It was fantastic to see so many pupils getting involved, demonstrating excellent teamwork, communication and sportsmanship throughout. The standard of play was brilliant, with some outstanding catches, quick passing sequences and well-worked team plays on display.

All four houses gave a great account of themselves, making for a closely contested competition. After all matches were completed, the final scores were:

- Peshurst – 16 points
- Chartwell – 14 points
- Hever – 11 points
- Knowle – 10 points



A huge congratulations to Peshurst House, who were crowned this year's Ultimate Frisbee champions!

Well done to all pupils who took part – your effort, enthusiasm and team spirit made the event a great success. We look forward to bringing more inter-house competitions to Lunsford soon!

### Giraffe Class Show Assembly

On Tuesday, Giraffe Class delighted us with their show assembly, sharing details of the books they had been reading in class. They took turns completing the sentence, “If all the world were....” and offered a variety of responses, such as “hungry I would give them a KitKat, a slice of bread, and a roast dinner,” and delightfully said, “I would give them a hug.”

They also shared fascinating facts about the Great Fire of London, along with photos from their visit to our local fire station. To conclude their assembly, they showcased their Art and Design projects and ended with a lively song.

Well done to Giraffe Class and their team for an engaging and informative assembly, and a heartfelt thank you to the parents who came to support!



### TCS London Marathon

If you were watching the TCS London Marathon very carefully on Sunday you may well have spotted a very familiar face our very own Deputy Headteacher Mrs Lomax. Huge congratulations we are so proud of this remarkable achievement. Please wear your medal with pride!

## Henry (Tiger) and Frankie (Lion) Football Tour

A report from Henry's and Frankie's mum about their recent football tour:

*Henry and Frankie had an amazing time on their Barcelona football tour, they both played brilliantly with both the boys scoring some fantastic goals.*

*They won their group stages and both reached the quarter finals, unfortunately losing out on penalties.*

*They played lots of teams from different countries including America and the Barcelona academy.*

*Henry and Frankie were both awarded the 'parents player' trophies of the tournaments for their respective teams, we are very proud of them both.*



## Chicks in Elephant Class

Elephant Class have had an 'egg'cellent couple of weeks hatching out and looking after some baby chicks as part of their science learning all about seasonal changes in spring.

8 chicken eggs were delivered to their classroom in a special incubator on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April and by Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 7 had hatched! The children were very lucky to be in school at the time when the first chick hatched and got to watch and record the whole process happening.

The children have enjoyed holding the chicks, watching them grow and seeing how quickly they have changed.

As you can imagine the chicks caused so much 'egg'citement that the experience was shared with the rest of the school. Year 1 will definitely be a lot quieter now the chicks have returned to the farm.

Thank you to the parents who helped make this experience possible, we hope you also enjoyed your visits!



## Junior Playground Revamp A Wonderful Easter Surprise!



Over the Easter holidays, something very special was happening behind the scenes at school. While everyone was enjoying a well-earned break, work was underway to transform our Junior playground — and we were delighted to reveal it as a surprise for both children and parents on our return.

Thanks to months of dedicated fundraising, we were able to give the playground a fantastic refresh. The space has been thoroughly cleaned, the fences have been repainted, and vibrant new play graphics now bring colour and fun to the playground. In addition, the quiet area has been improved with new gravel boards to help stop stones going into the playground and next week we hope to bring music to break times with a new sound system!

This transformation simply would not have been possible without your support. From attending events and activities to making generous donations; parents, children, and staff have all played a vital role in making this project a reality.

Every contribution, big or small, has helped us create a better environment for our children to play, learn, and have fun. We are truly grateful for the continued support and enthusiasm shown by everyone involved.

Thank you for helping us make a difference.



**£6**

# Father's Day

**Event**  
18th 9.45 am  
& 19th June  
9.45am or 1.45pm

Booking and payment will be available from the 5th May via Arbor only. We will be selling raffle tickets so please bring cash to support.

Maximum 2 tickets per family  
Tickets are for adults only

## Did you know?



Children currently receive free school milk until their fifth birthday through the Government's school milk scheme. After this point, the entitlement ends. This means that within the same Reception class some children continue receiving milk while others do not, depending on when their birthday falls.

At Lunsford Primary School, we're supporting the Fair Milk for a Fair Start campaign, which calls for a simple change so all children can receive free school milk until the end of their Reception year. Find out more or show your support: <https://fairmilkfairstart.com/>

## Network Rail

We were fortunate to have Nicola Doris from Network Rail visit our school. She spoke to all the Junior children during an assembly about safety on and around the railways. Following this, Nicola conducted workshops with the Tiger and Zebra Classes. She later returned to present us with this plaque.



## Shine

Recently our Zebra Class took part in the Shine research programme (Studying Happiness, self-Image and Nutrition and Eating in children). We are pleased to advise that the research programme has now finished and the school has been given the certificate below



## The Cricket Season is on its Way!

This year, some of our children have had the opportunity to enjoy fun-filled cricket sessions led by Adrian, a community coach from the Kent Cricket Foundation in Canterbury. There's been laughter, excitement, and a flurry of new skills discovered out on the playground!



Cricket isn't just about hitting boundaries - it's a smashing way to boost confidence, keep active, and learn the importance of teamwork. The friendly atmosphere at cricket clubs offers the perfect chance for youngsters to forge new friendships and create memories that will last a lifetime.

We're incredibly lucky to have fantastic local cricket clubs right on our doorstep, some with junior sections specially designed for primary school children. Many clubs offer unique, engaging programmes – check out their websites to see what adventures await!

For our youngest budding cricketers aged 5-8, the brilliant All Stars Cricket programme is running at several clubs nearby. It's a wonderful introduction to the sport, filled with energy, fun, and plenty of smiles. All the details can be found at <https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars>

Local clubs will also be running Dynamos Cricket, which is aimed at 8-11 year olds. You can obtain details of this programme at <https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/dynamos-cricket>

Don't miss out - let's make this cricket season unforgettable! Why not have a look and see which local club is right for your child?

**HARRY POTTER THEMED MENU**

**NOURISH** GROW WITH US

**21<sup>ST</sup> MAY**

Slytherin's Chicken Meatball Sub 1,5  
Berty Bott's Bean, Pepper and Cheese Pocket 1,7 V  
Hagrid's Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings  
7,8,9

Ron's Roast Wedges  
Moaning Myrtle's Mixed Veg  
Gillyweed Salad

Hagrid's Bake (Vanilla Cake) 1 VG  
Leaky Cauldron's Jelly VG  
Hedwig's Fruit Pots VG

**Dishes marked with any of the following numbers contain the matching allergen:**  
1 Wheat 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 16 Barley Gluten V Vegetarian VG Vegan

## 1<sup>st</sup> Larkfield Girls' Brigade - Volunteer With Us!

Volunteering with Girls' Brigade is a great way to use your skills and enrich young lives as well as having lots of fun. We're looking for new Leaders and Helpers to start right away.



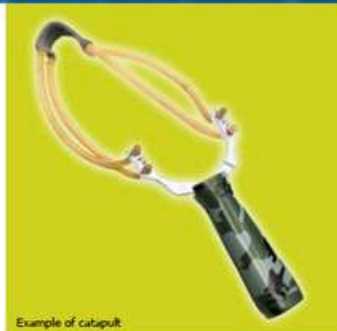
We run a varied programme with activities that enable girls and young women (ages 4-18) to grow and develop in confidence, resilience, wellbeing and life skills, whilst developing strong friendships, a sense of belonging, taking part in social action, and having great fun along the way.

Leaders are required to be in sympathy with our aims and values. Don't be shy - ask Val for more information: [larkfieldgb@gmail.com](mailto:larkfieldgb@gmail.com)

## Catapults – Know the law

Catapults can be classed as offensive weapons.

If you **carry one in public** without a reasonable excuse, you could face up to **four years in prison**.



Example of catapult

If you use it to **threaten** or **injure someone**, or **damage property**, the penalties could be even higher.

## Is it worth it?

**Remember** – A criminal record can change your life.

- You may not be offered a college or university place.
- Getting a job will be more difficult.
- It can even prevent you from travelling to some countries.



Report a non-urgent crime online [www.kent.police.uk/report](http://www.kent.police.uk/report)  
Talk to us on LiveChat – available 24/7 [www.kent.police.uk/contact](http://www.kent.police.uk/contact)  
In an emergency, if crime is in progress or life is in danger call **999**  
If you have a hearing or speech impairment, use our textphone service **18000**.  
Or text us on 999 if you've pre-registered with the emergency SMS service,  
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## 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.



### 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](http://www.kent.police.uk/road-safety)