

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



JUNE 1
UPDATE
TERM 6

WHAT'S
NEW?

Clothing

I hope you all had a wonderful half-term break and were able to enjoy the fantastic weather we were lucky enough to have. Sunshine during a school holiday always feels like a bonus, and it was lovely to hear from the children how they had made the most of it!

With the changeable weather in mind, please ensure that your child comes to school each day with a waterproof coat or suitable outerwear. We still have a number of children arriving without appropriate

clothing, and as the weather can change very quickly, it is important that they are prepared for outdoor play and activities.

Back in school, the week has been very much a case of business as usual as the children have settled quickly last week and this week and are positively back into their routines following the half-term break. It has been lovely to see classrooms buzzing with learning and to witness the enthusiasm with which the children have returned to their learning.

We have had our phonics screening for Key Stage 1 as well as the Multiplication Times Table Check for Year 4.

Also we were lucky enough to have the Governors visit the school this Tuesday. They looked at attendance, Early Years, Science as well as capturing pupil voice and looking at safeguarding in school too. Here is a comment from our Chair of Governors: "Visit days at school are the highlight of this role and most interesting for me. The students at Lunsford are confident, clever and courageous. And this is a direct result of the great work you and your team put in."

We also welcomed a number of Maths Leads from other primaries to the school to share best practice and look at how maths is taught in Lunsford.

As always, there is a great deal happening across the school, and we are grateful for your continued support in helping the children make the most of these opportunities.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mr Anscombe

Attendance matters



Week Ending 15th May

Panda Class 97.41%
Elephant Class 92.33%
Giraffe Class 93.57%
Lion Class 96.00%
Koala Class 93.75%
Tiger Class 93.57%
Zebra Class 100%

Week Ending 22nd May

Panda Class 98.41%
Elephant Class 88.75%
Giraffe Class 95.98%
Lion Class 94.58%
Koala Class 93.23%
Tiger Class 96.43%
Zebra Class 95.26%

Week Ending 1st June

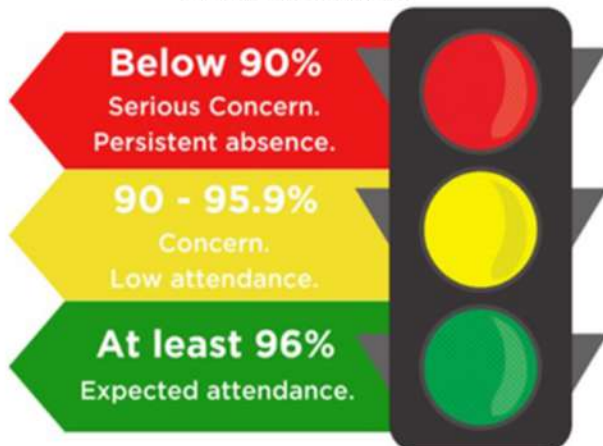
Panda Class 95.56%
Elephant Class 100%
Giraffe Class 98.57%
Lion Class 92.00%
Koala Class 93.33%
Tiger Class 91.07%
Zebra Class 96.21%

Whole School Attendance Target 97%

Whole School Attendance this Week 97.14%

Whole School Attendance this year 95.94%

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- Harmful Sexual Behaviour

Understanding Harmful Sexual Behaviour in Children

Many parents hear the term harmful sexual behaviour and immediately feel worried or unsure what it means. In schools, this term is used to describe sexual behaviours shown by children that may be unsafe, inappropriate, upsetting or harmful to themselves or others. It is important to remember that children are still learning about bodies, privacy, relationships and boundaries. This is why calm, age-appropriate conversations at home are so important.

What is harmful sexual behaviour?

Harmful sexual behaviour can include:

- touching another child in a way that makes them uncomfortable
- trying to look at private body parts
- using sexual words or language they do not fully understand
- showing sexual images to other children
- pressuring other children into games or behaviours they do not want to in in with
- copying behaviours they may have seen online, in videos, games or from older children.

Some behaviours may seem 'childish' or 'just joking' but children still need help to understand safe boundaries, consent and respect.

How can children learn these behaviours?

Children may copy things they have:

- seen online, including through social media
- heard from older children
- watched in videos, films or games
- overheard in conversations
- been sent via group chats on gaming platforms.

Young children are naturally curious, but they often do not fully understand what they are seeing or repeating.

Why talking about this matters

Children who understand body safety and boundaries are more likely to recognise when something feels wrong, speak up if they feel uncomfortable and understand when they need help from a trusted adult. These conversations also help children learn to respect other people's personal space and boundaries, as well as understand the importance of consent in an age-appropriate way. Talking about these topics is not about frightening children or taking away their innocence. It is about helping them stay safe, build healthy relationships, and learn how to treat others with kindness and respect

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.

**HELPFUL THINGS
PARENTS CAN DO**

Use the correct names for body parts
This helps children communicate clearly if they ever need help or support.

Teach children about consent in everyday life
Simple examples such as asking before hugging or respecting when someone says "stop" can help children understand boundaries.

Supervise online activity where possible
Many children are exposed to inappropriate content accidentally through apps, games or videos.

Stay calm if your child says something worrying
Children are more likely to speak honestly when adults respond calmly rather than with anger or panic.

Encourage open communication
Children should know they can always come to trusted adults if something feels confusing, upsetting or unsafe.

Giraffe Class Visit Dover Castle

Giraffe Class had a lovely class trip to Dover Castle. We walked around the whole of the castle looking at the castle defences such as the stone wall, the drawbridge, the trenches, the cannons before entering the castle. We loved looking around and imagining what it would have been like to live in a Castle.

We also explored the church area and a tunnel.

Thank goodness the weather held out for us as being on the top of the castle was one of our best parts, sadly we couldn't see France.

Thank you to the parent volunteers who helped on the day.



Elephant Class Visit Wingham Wildlife Park

On Wednesday 3rd June, Elephant class spent a wonderful, but slightly wet day at Wingham Wildlife Park learning all about different types of animals, where they come from and what they eat.

We enjoyed walking through the bug garden and spotting the minibeasts amongst the flowers, learning about how flamingo's feathers turn pink and trying to spot the lizards and snakes hiding in the rocks.

The favourite parts of the our trip though had to be meeting the 'singing' penguins and the tropical house where we fed the lorikeets and had lots land on our arms and even our heads!

Thank you to the ladies that came with us, we hope you had as much fun as we did.



Samba Workshop

The whole school had a visit from Eddie and his Samba Workshop. We practised interesting Samba rhythms and Eddie gave us a demonstration of some Samba. He could play 3 different instruments at once!

A huge thanks to FoLS who provided this for us.

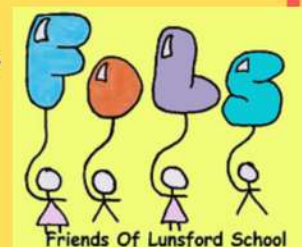


FoLS Summer Fayre 27th June 2026

We would love for as many people as possible to attend our Summer Fayre on 27th June. It will be a wonderful opportunity for everyone to come together, enjoy the day, support our school. The fayre is not only a chance to have fun, but also to raise money for the charity which funds lots of different enrichment activities and equipment for the school.

We would also be very grateful for any volunteers who are able to help with the setup of the event and support the stalls on the day. Extra hands really do make a big difference, whether you can offer a little time in the morning to help get everything ready, clear away at the end of the day, or assist during the fayre itself. Your help and support would be hugely appreciated and would play an important part in making the day run smoothly for everyone.

Dont forget to keep selling those raffle tickets, if you need more please come to the School Office.



Music Concert

On Thursday, we hosted our annual music concert. This event offers an opportunity for children studying the violin and piano to showcase their progress.

The concert started with Mrs. Self and her piano students. It was truly impressive to witness the children's talent; a big congratulations to all those involved! Performing in front of the whole school and adults is no small feat.

Following that, Mrs. Norris took the stage with the Year 4 Koala class, along with students from Tiger and Zebra classes. All the children performed beautifully, and it was a joy to listen to them.

What a fantastic concert. Everyone should feel immensely proud of their accomplishments in mastering their instruments.

If any parents are interested in continuing violin lessons for their Koala Class child or are considering piano lessons, please reach out to the School Office for more information.



We have received been contacted by a local resident concerning irresponsible parking near the school. We kindly request that when you park, please avoid blocking residents' driveways and be mindful of your parking choices to ensure the safety of children, parents, and visitors during morning and afternoon drop-off and pick-up times. We are aware of a recent incident involving a child being struck by a car, and we want to prevent such occurrences in the future. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Gymnastics Achievements

A couple of weeks ago a few children from Lunsford competed in a gymnastics competition.

They complete a floor routine and then a vault jump where they were scored on their ability. This is a competition that the gymnastics squad have been working towards for weeks now.

Sophie (Tiger class) in her category won 1st place overall and 1st for her floor routine.

Freya (Koala Class) in her category won 2nd place

Ella (Koala Class) in her category won 1st place overall, 1st for her floor routine and 1st in her vault jump.

What amazing achievements, well done girls.



Football News

You may recall a few newsletters ago we brought you news about Frankie (Lion Class) and Henry (Tiger Class) football tour.

Well we have more amazing news. They recently played at the Seville stadium and played different teams from different countries, both had amazing success scoring some fantastic goals.

Henry's team finishing a brilliant 3rd in their entire age group.

Frankie's team won the whole tournament for their age group.

We are very proud of them both.



Amazing Imogen

In September 2022 Imogen (Koala class) stepped into a dojo for the very first time and took part in her very first shotokan karate lesson with Kent Michi Karate Association. She quickly fell in love with the sport and set herself the goal of becoming a 1st Dan black belt by the time she turns 10 in November.

On Sunday 7th June Imogen achieved this amazing goal, with 5 months to spare, and has become the youngest black belt in her association. She has now set herself the target of becoming a 2nd Dan before she turns 13.

Congratulations on achieving your dream Imogen and we wish you the best of luck in conquering your next one.



FRIDAY, 19TH JUNE



SUMMER *Solstice*

Chips
Garden Peas
Coleslaw 9

Hot Dog 1,3,5,6
Summer Puff Pastry Tart 1,7V
Jacket Potato served with a
Choice of Fillings 7,8,9

Strawberry Ice Cream 7
Sunshine Cookie 1VG
Fruit Pots 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

SUMMER DISCO



◆ FRIDAY 19TH JUNE ◆

FUNKY SUMMER GLASSES

(ECO FRIENDLY
CARDBOARD)

£1 PER PAIR - PURCHASE VIA
ARBOR SHOP

INFANTS 5.15PM - 6.15PM
JUNIORS 6.30PM - 7.30PM

TICKETS £2.50 INCLUDES A DRINK AND A SNACK - BOOK VIA YOUR ARBOR ACCOUNT

JOIN AN **iROCK** BAND THIS SEPTEMBER



As our iRocker school leavers move on to their next adventure, new places are opening for children to start band lessons from September.

About iRock Lessons

- 30-minute band-based music lessons taught by a professional Band Coach
- Lessons take place during school hours
- Easy subscription: cancel at any time, with a first lesson money-back guarantee.
- Open to children aged 4 to 11, regardless of ability or experience
- Children learn popular music while building confidence, teamwork and listening skills
- Pupils can work towards an exam-free RSL Awards music qualification as part of their iRock journey.

New spaces now open!
Choose your instrument today.



JOIN THE ADVENTURE



on Wednesday Evenings



at Larkfield & East Malling Methodist opposite Morrisons

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| ANCHORS
5 – 8 Years | βυαμβερεβ
8 – 11 Years | Company
11 – 14 Years | Seniors
14 – 18 Years |
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FIND OUT MORE ABOUT YOUR LOCAL GROUP AT BOYS-BRIGADE.ORG.UK/JOIN

or email 1larkfieldbb@gmail.com



1st LARKFIELD GIRLS' BRIGADE

New Members Welcome



Explorers
(Reception - Year 3)
5 - 6.30pm



Juniors
(Year 4 - Year 6)
5 - 6.30pm



Seniors
(Year 7 - Year 9)
6.45 - 8.30pm



Brigaders
(Year 10 up)
6.45 - 8.30pm

Monday evenings at Larkfield and East Malling Methodist church hall

For more information email:
larkfieldgb@gmail.com

badges ~ cooking ~ activities ~ craft ~ new friends ~ camps

News Nuggets

We are excited to share KMTV's award-winning show, News Nuggets, a news series created especially for young audiences (KS2) in Kent, helping children and families engage with local stories, current events, and positive community topics in an accessible and age-appropriate way.



The episodes are available free on our YouTube channel and are designed to:

- encourage curiosity about the world around them
- support media literacy and discussion
- highlight inspiring local stories from Kent and Medway
- provide short, engaging content suitable for classrooms or home viewing

You can watch the latest episodes on this link:

https://youtube.com/@newsnuggetstvseries?si=GO_RRuz1xxgpOdv2

Little Lights
at Larkfield

A toddler group
for little ones and their grown-ups

Larkfield and East Malling Methodist Church

Tuesdays during term-time

8.45am - 10.30am

REFRESHMENTS SONGS STORIES

CRAFTS FREE PLAY

£1 per family per session

LAUNCHING 8 SEPTEMBER 2026!

All are welcome!