

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

JULY 1
UPDATE
TERM 6

WHAT'S
NEW?

Reports

Your child's report will be sent home with them today. The report will provide an overview of your child's attainment and progress during this academic year whilst recording some of their personal highlights too. A separate letter providing further information regarding the content of the report is also attached in your child's envelope. In addition, Year 1 parents will receive their child's phonics screening results. Furthermore, parents of children in Reception will receive an overview of their child's end of EYFS results with children in Year 4 receiving the results from their Multiplication Check taken earlier this year. Explanations regarding the statutory data that you receive will be sent out along with the reports but if you have any queries regarding

any of these results or your child's report in general then please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher via the class email address. Happy reading everyone!

Firstly, as you may be aware Mrs Regan and Mrs Bland will be retiring at the end of the academic year. They have worked and been associated with Lunsford for many years and we will be very sad to see them go, although they have said they will return for supply as and when the school may need it.

I am delighted to inform you therefore that we have successfully appointed Mrs Wheeler from the start of September to cover PPA and Year 1 and we also have a maternity cover Mrs Callaway for Mrs Harris in Year 5. Huge congratulations to Mrs Harris on her wonderful news. Both are experienced teachers who we are excited to welcome to our Lunsford community. Your children will be introduced to them on our transition sessions next week.

Well done to the Year 6 children on their enjoyable Isle of Wight trip and a huge well done to all pupils who successfully participated in numerous events during our Sports Week and Inspiration Day on Wednesday. Thank you to IMPACT for organising our Sports Day and huge thanks to all teachers and members of staff involved in the activities this week as well as Inspiration Day too.

Have a good and hopefully slightly cooler weekend.

Mr Anscombe

Morrison Cafes

Between 29th June and 6th September 2026, families can access free Kellogg's breakfasts in all Morrisons Cafes. This is available to both children and adults, who can choose from much-loved favourites Corn Flakes or Rice Krispies, topped with their choice of dairy or non-dairy milk and a free apple or banana.

In addition to the Kellogg's Breakfast offer, Morrisons 'Kids Eat Free' offer will continue to run in all its Cafés, allowing families to enjoy a free meal and drink for one child aged 16 or under when they purchase an adult main meal costing over £5 from The Breakfasts and The Classics menu."



Attendance matters



Week Ending 12th June

Panda Class 97.1%
Elephant Class 99.33%
Giraffe Class 95%
Lion Class 98.%
Koala Class 95.83%
Tiger Class 95.71%
Zebra Class 98.62%

Week Ending 19th June

Panda Class 98.06%
Elephant Class 97.67%
Giraffe Class 92.86%
Lion Class 95%
Koala Class 94.58%
Tiger Class 90%
Zebra Class 95.86%

Week Ending 1st June

Panda Class 82.95%
Elephant Class 82.67%
Giraffe Class 84.64%
Lion Class 85.67%
Koala Class 90.83%
Tiger Class 83.21%
Zebra Class 97.24%

Week Ending 3rd July

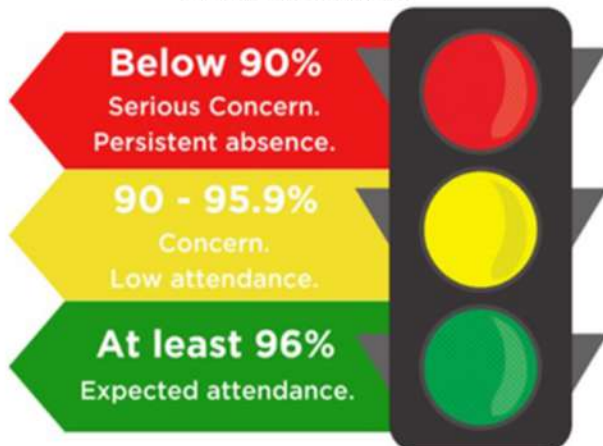
Panda Class 96.24%
Elephant Class 96%
Giraffe Class 90.71%
Lion Class 94.67%
Koala Class 93.75%
Tiger Class 93.57%
Zebra Class 99.31%

**Whole School
Attendance
Target
97%**

**Whole School
Attendance
this Week
94.21%**

**Whole School
Attendance
this year
95.58%**

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-

Helping Children Attend School

For some children, getting into school can sometimes feel difficult. This may happen after illness, changes at home, friendship worries, anxiety, poor sleep or simply losing confidence in the school routine. As a school, we understand that every family is different. We are here to work together with parents and carers to support children in feeling happy, safe and ready to learn.

Why attendance matters

Coming to school regularly helps children to:

- build friendships
- feel part of the class
- develop confidence
- enjoy routines and structure
- keep up with learning

Young children learn best when they attend school regularly and feel connected to their teachers and classmates. Missing school can sometimes make worries feel bigger. Children may start to feel nervous about returning if they are away for long periods.

Signs your child may be struggling

Children do not always have the words to explain how they are feeling. Sometimes worries about school can show up in other ways, such as:

- tummy aches or headaches before school
- becoming upset at bedtime or in the morning
- refusing to get dressed
- changes in sleep
- becoming clingy or emotional
- saying they do not want to go without explaining why

These behaviours are often signs that a child needs reassurance and support.

Working together

If your child is finding school difficult, please speak to us as early as possible. The sooner we understand what is happening, the sooner we can work together to support your child. Children do best when home and school work together with patience, understanding and encouragement. If you are worried about your child's attendance, please remember - you are not alone, and support is available.

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/CARERS CAN HELP

SMALL STEPS CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE. HELPFUL STRATEGIES MAY INCLUDE:

- KEEPING MORNING AND BEDTIME ROUTINES CONSISTENT**
Predictable routines can help children feel calm, secure and ready for the school day.
- TALKING POSITIVELY ABOUT SCHOOL**
Children often take emotional cues from adults, so calm and positive language can help build confidence.
- ENCOURAGING ATTENDANCE EVEN WHEN CHILDREN FEEL WORRIED**
Attending school can help children rebuild confidence and stop worries from growing bigger over time.
- PRAISING EFFORT AND SMALL SUCCESSES**
Simple praise for getting ready, walking into school or having a good morning can help children feel proud of themselves.
- AVOIDING LONG PERIODS OFF UNLESS YOUR CHILD IS GENUINELY UNWELL**
Long absences can sometimes make returning to school feel harder and more stressful for children.
- STAYING CALM AND SUPPORTIVE DURING DIFFICULT MORNINGS**
A calm and reassuring approach can help children feel safe, even when emotions are high.

Tiger Class Trip to Bore Place

Tiger Class had a fabulous time at Bore Place this term. The children were met off the bus by Elliott, who was our teacher for the day.

When we first arrived, Elliott took us for a walk through the long grass and woodlands to show us which flowers and shrubs are safe to eat — even stinging nettles can be eaten at certain times of the year. We also collected herbs from the gardens, which we later used in our shortbread.

Before lunch, the children made their shortbread. They measured and rubbed together the ingredients, then added the herbs we had collected earlier in the day.

After lunch, the children played a game transporting water. At first, the tables were close together to represent the short distance food travels when bought locally. Then we moved the tables farther apart to show how far food has to travel when it comes from further away.

Finally, we were allowed to eat our shortbread — it was delicious.

Lily Da said she loved the school trip, especially looking at different plants and making the shortbread.

Olivia explained that she really enjoyed the running games that showed the distance our food travels.



Panda Class Show Assembly

On June 17th, Panda Class delighted us with their captivating show assembly. They passed a bucket among themselves, sharing what they imagined they could see in it. They sang beautifully about the seaside, played musical instruments, and displayed pictures of sea creatures they had created. Additionally, they amazed us all by demonstrating their skills in doubling numbers. The assembly concluded with a delightful song about Panda Class. Well done, Pandas! What a fantastic show!



Isle of Wight 2026 29th June - 3rd July

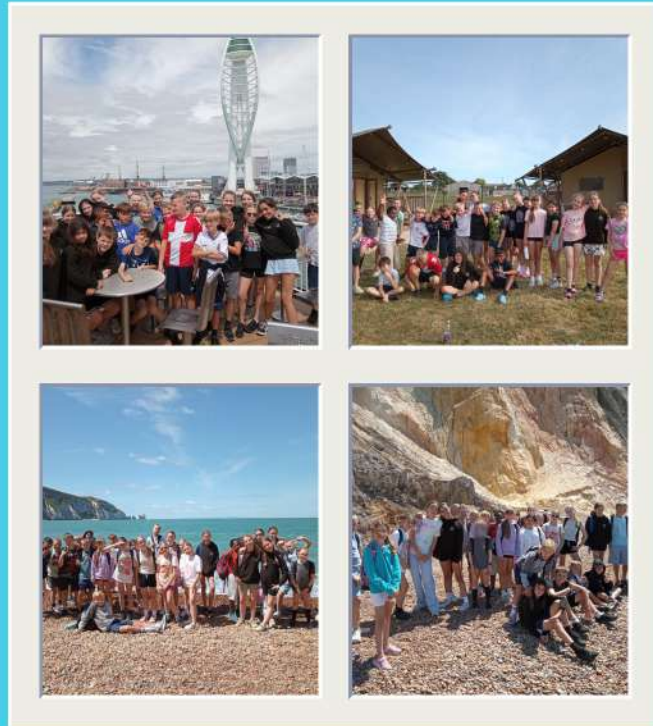
Zebra Class had a brilliant time on their residential trip to the Isle of Wight last week.

The places they visited included Blackgang Chine, Carisbrooke Castle, Alum Bay, the Donkey Sanctuary, Dinosaur Isle and Osborne House.

It was brilliant to see the Needles after learning in Geography about how they were formed.

The children all enjoyed staying in the glamping tents and their good behaviour was remarked on at several of the places we visited. Overall it was a very fun but tiring week!

A huge thank you goes to Mrs Lomax, Mrs James and Miss Thompson for accompanying the children on the trip.



FoLS Events

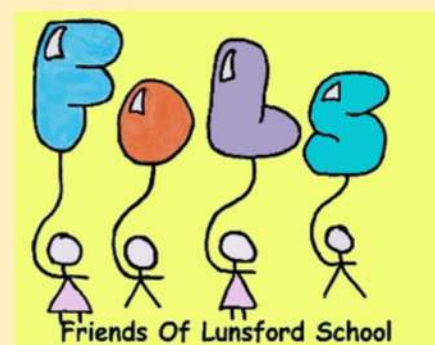
FoLS Fathers Day

It was wonderful to see so many Dads, Granddads, and Uncles come to school for the FoLS Father's Day Events. We are sure that everyone who came along had a fantastic time. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the FoLS members who dedicated their time and effort to organise this event.



FoLS Summer Fair

On a hot and humid Saturday, Fols hosted their annual Summer Fair. The event featured face painting, animal encounters, archery, a BBQ, and numerous stalls, ensuring that everyone who attended had a fantastic time. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the volunteers and attendees who made it possible.



Junior Production - The Wrong Way Round

Last week, the Junior children captivated us with their end-of-year performance, *The Wrong Way Round*. Despite the record-breaking heat, all the children delivered outstanding performances. A huge congratulations to the students in Lion, Koala, and Tiger classes for their incredible dancing and singing, and an extra special shout-out to the children in Zebra Class for their remarkable acting and vocal talents.



Changes to Free School Meal

We want to make sure that we are providing your child with the best education and support we can. Healthy school food can help pupils establish healthy habits for life and help to improve pupils' readiness to learn. You may be entitled to receive free school meals if you are in receipt of certain benefits or support. You could also raise additional pupil premium funding for your child's school to fund support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after school activities. Please copy and paste the following link to our Application for Free School Meals form. The information collected in this form will allow us to make this assessment.

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/RBHKhCDn46?origin=lprLink>

As you may have recently seen in the news that the Government has announced significant changes to Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility from September 2026.

Are your family entitled to Universal Credit?

From September 2026 many more families will be eligible for FSM. All children in households receiving Universal Credit will be entitled to FSM regardless of household earnings. This means that some families who have not previously qualified may now be entitled.

You only need to complete this form once. Subsequent rechecks of your eligibility will be carried out annually to assess whether you continue to be eligible for free school meals. Should you move your child to a new school, your child's new school may proactively assess whether you continue to be eligible for free school meals. You should contact the school or local authority if you have a change in financial circumstances.

Important: If you have multiple children attending different schools, you will need to complete a separate form for each school.



IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING SCHOOL MEAL PRICES

Monday, 15th June 2026

Dear Parents/Carers/Guardians,

This letter is to inform you of an upcoming change to the price of school meals. We understand that any price increase can be difficult, and we want to assure you that this decision has not been taken lightly.

Reason for the Increase

Due to the significant changes enforced by the Government concerning National Insurance and National Minimum Wage increases and the ongoing increases in the cost of food ingredients and other essential supplies, we are no longer able to absorb these rising costs without impacting the quality of the meals we provide. The rising cost of living has affected the entire food service industry.

New Price and Effective Date

From Tuesday, September 1st, 2026, the price of a school meal will be £2.92 for all pupils.

Maintaining Quality

We are committed to providing healthy and nutritious meals for all our students. We are working hard to ensure that the quality and nutritional value of our meals will not be impacted by this price increase. We understand the importance of a good school meal, especially for some children, and we remain dedicated to offering a positive lunch experience.

We appreciate your understanding and continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the school office, who will liaise with the Nourish team.

Kind regards,

Trudy Stroud | Operations Director
Nourish Contract Catering



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Sports Week 6th - 10th July 2026

This week has been Sports week at Lunsford, we started off with our annual Sports Day on Monday, it was a very hot day but the children coped well. Thank you to all the parents who braved the heat and watched the races. Congratulations to Chartwell House who won! There were dodgeball competitions on Tuesday. On Wednesday it was Inspiration Day, where the children took part in a number of workshops including a French ice cream parlour, mosaics, shadow puppets and slime making.



On Friday we were very lucky to be visited by Zoomies. Zoomies is a balance bike race track and caters for schools and children's parties (contact Zoomies.parties@outlook.com for further information)



Great British Summer Savings

Rising prices can make life's little treats harder to afford, especially during the school holidays when costs build up for families. This Government is determined to help, and that is why last month the Chancellor announced the Great British Summer Savings scheme.

From 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer special, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom.

The public are ready to get behind the scheme and are keen to take advantage of the discounts available. As trusted pillars of their communities, schools play a vital role in connecting families with important information.

This forms part of a broader effort by the Government to ease financial pressures on families. From ending the two-child limit and expanding free school meals, to rolling out free breakfast clubs and delivering 30 hours of free childcare, this Government is taking action to put more money back into parents' pockets and give every child the best possible start in life.

As part of this campaign, we have launched an attraction finder website which allows families to type in their postcode and find participating venues near them to make the most of summer savings. To use the attraction finder, please visit <https://summersavings.gov.uk/>.

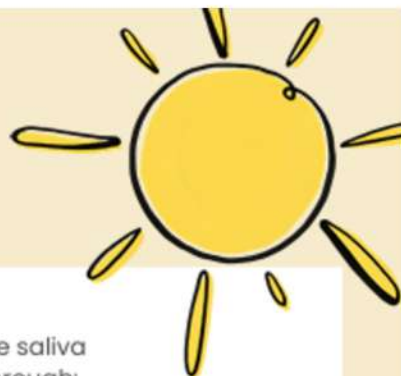
Yours sincerely,

RT HON BRIDGET PHILLIPSON MP
Secretary of State for Education

RT HON RACHEL REEVES MP
Chancellor of the Exchequer

Be safe this summer

Travelling abroad? Stay safe around animals to protect your family from rabies.



What is rabies?

Rabies is a virus that affects mammals, including dogs and people. It is deadly but preventable.



How rabies spreads

Rabies is spread in the saliva of infected animals through:



bites



scratches



licks

How to stay safe



Don't touch or approach unknown dogs or cats



Check the rabies risk at your destination and consider pre-travel vaccination



Never disturb dogs when they are eating, sleeping or with their puppies to reduce the risk of bites



Avoid dog bites, scratches and licks

If a dog bites you:

1



Wash

Wash the wound with soap and running water for 15 minutes

2



Apply

Apply antiseptic, if available

3



Go

Go to the hospital

Did you know?



Around 59,000

people die from rabies every year worldwide. Children are most at risk.



99%

of human rabies cases are linked to contact with infected dogs

While rabies is rare in the UK, it remains a serious risk in many popular holiday destinations. Mission Rabies works around the world to end rabies through dog vaccination and education.



For more details scan QR code or go to wvs.org.uk/rabies-travel-advice/





IMPACT!

wrap around care

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

AT LUNSFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

OPEN TO CHILDREN FROM
YEAR 1 TO YEAR 6

IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ:

If your child has been in Reception this academic year (2025–2026)
and will be starting Year 1 in September 2026,
they are welcome to attend.



**CHILDREN STARTING RECEPTION IN SEPTEMBER 2026
ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND.**



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≡ Everyone is welcome to join the fun! ≡

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SUMMER SPORTS PROGRAMME

TIMETABLE

WEEK 1: MONDAY 20TH – FRIDAY 24TH JULY

MORE PARK PRIMARY & MEREWORTH PRIMARY

DAY	MORE PARK PRIMARY	MEREWORTH PRIMARY
MONDAY 20 TH JULY	Football / Dodgeball	Archery / Tri-Golf
TUESDAY 21 ST JULY	Cricket / Basketball	Football / Baseball & rounders
WEDNESDAY 22 ND JULY	Baseball & rounders / Hockey	Pickleball & Tennis / Ultimate Frisbee
THURSDAY 23 RD JULY	Kick-Ball / Ultimate Frisbee	American Football / Basketball
FRIDAY 24 TH JULY	Archery / Football	Cricket / Kickball

WEEK 2: MONDAY 27TH – FRIDAY 31ST JULY

MORE PARK PRIMARY & MADGINFORD PRIMARY

DAY	MORE PARK PRIMARY	MADGINFORD PRIMARY
MONDAY 27 TH JULY	Hockey / Baseball & Rounders	Football / Tri-Golf
TUESDAY 28 TH JULY	Archery / Dodgeball	Cricket / Ultimate Frisbee
WEDNESDAY 29 TH JULY	Pickleball/Tennis / Kickball	Baseball & Rounders / Tag Rugby
THURSDAY 30 TH JULY	Football / Ultimate Frisbee	Kick-Ball / American Football
FRIDAY 31 ST JULY	Cricket / Basketball	Archery / Hockey

WEEK 3: MONDAY 3RD – FRIDAY 7TH AUGUST

MADGINFORD PRIMARY & KINGS HILL PRIMARY

DAY	MADGINFORD PRIMARY	KINGS HILL PRIMARY
MONDAY 3 RD AUGUST	Football / Dodgeball	Archery / Football
TUESDAY 4 TH AUGUST	Cricket / Hockey	Pickleball/Tennis / Tri-Golf
WEDNESDAY 5 TH AUGUST	Baseball & rounders / Tri-golf	Kickball / Ultimate Frisbee
THURSDAY 6 TH AUGUST	Kick-Ball / Ultimate Frisbee	Baseball & rounders / Dodgeball
FRIDAY 7 TH AUGUST	Archery / Football	Cricket / Football

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- ✓ ACCESS TO EQUIPMENT ZONES
- ✓ FREE-PLAY AND CHOICE SESSIONS
- ✓ A FUN, SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL ABILITIES

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WATER FESTIVALS

DRY ZONE



No water play here.
A relaxed space for families with shade and open space.
Parents and adults come to bring chairs and picnic bags to enjoy the event comfortably.

PLEASE NOTE: SEATS AND BLANKETS ARE NOT SUPPLIED - THESE MUST BE BROUGHT WITH YOU

SPLASH ZONE



Free play space where children can run their own water games with friends.

ARENA



Organised water battles and group games that children can join in or step away from at any time.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:



AGILITY GAMES



WATER PISTOL FOOTBALL



CAPTURE THE FLAG



FILL THE BUCKET LONG SHOT



WHERE:

BROOKFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL



WHEN:

10TH AUGUST 2026

***PARENT SUPERVISION REQUIRED**

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iRock

As our iRockers 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.

Make Time for Music

Bringing Music To Life

Music Lessons at Lunsford Primary

New Spaces for September 2026

Expert tuition on:  Guitar |  Piano |

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- ☒ **Convenient:** Lessons during school hours.
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