

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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WHAT'S
NEW?

Welcome back

A very warm welcome back to the start of a new school year! It certainly feels like we have hit the ground running, with so much already happening both in and outside of school in just our first two full weeks back! Firstly, I have been SO impressed with how brilliantly all of the children have settled back into school life. They seem prepared and ready for the year ahead, and their behaviour has been impeccable. I would also like to say a huge thank you to all of our staff and acknowledge the work that went into supporting the children's transition during the summer term. It has certainly paid off!

I would especially like to extend a very warm welcome to our new Reception children and their families, who have joined the Lunsford community. It has been a joy to watch them begin to build friendships, explore their classrooms and grow in confidence as they settle into their new environment. Alongside our Reception starters, we are also delighted to welcome several new families who have joined us across other year groups. We're so pleased to have you as part of our Lunsford family and hope you quickly feel at home with us.

Over the past week, we have welcomed parents and carers from Year 1 through to Year 6 into school for our 'Meet the Team' meetings. These sessions are an important opportunity for us to share key information with you, introduce your child's new class teacher and give you a preview of what is to come this term and throughout the year. For those who were unable to attend, the presentation slides will be shared on the class page on our website/ Class Dojo. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher directly.

FOLS, myself, Mrs Mead our Office Manager and Mrs Finch our School Business Manager met last week to discuss events in school for parents/ carers and the children. It was a wonderful reminder of just how strong our school community is. I look forward to continuing to work alongside you all over the coming year. We look forward to the FOLS coffee morning event next Friday morning, see page xx for further info.

Finally, a huge well done to our Year 6 pupils who sat the Kent Test last week! I am extremely proud of every one of them and was particularly impressed by the confidence and maturity with which they approached the papers.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend. I look forward to seeing you on Monday as we begin another exciting week together!

Best Wishes

Mr Anscombe



Attendance matters



Week Ending 4th
September

Panda Class 100%

Elephant Class 95.06%

Giraffe Class 97.62%

Lion Class 98.77%

Koala Class 99.4%

Tiger Class 95.45%

Zebra Class 98.84%

Week Ending 11th
September

Panda Class 100%

Elephant Class 98.89%

Giraffe Class 98.21%

Lion Class 98.89%

Koala Class 98.21%

Tiger Class 99.57%

Zebra Class 97.96%

**Whole School
Attendance
Target
97%**

**Whole School
Attendance
this Week
97.59%**

**Whole School
Attendance
this year
98.03%**

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.

Below 90%

Serious Concern.
Persistent absence.

90 - 95.9%

Concern.
Low attendance.

At least 96%

Expected attendance.





Safeguarding Focus

As we start a new year, we 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); Ms Beckett (SENCO); Amy Taylor (FLO)

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 0808 800 5000

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

Harvest Festival - Wednesday 30th September 2026

We look forward to welcoming all parents and carers into school on the 30th September for our Harvest Assemblies (Infant 9am / Junior 10am.) Parents are invited to send into school the any of the following items, which will be donated to the local food bank.

Panda	Elephant	Giraffe	Lion	Koala	Tiger	Zebra
Biscuits	Instant Mash	Tinned Spaghetti / Hoops	Tinned meat	Soup Instant or tinned	Pasta cooking sauce	Tins of tuna or other fish
Squash (drink) small bottle	Tins of custard	Pot noodles/ packet noodles	Tins of tomatoes	Ketchup	Chocolate spread	Tinned Potatoes
Tinned Fruit	Milk UHT/Long life	Tea Bags	Tinned fruit	Tinned Rice pudding	Jelly/Angel Delight	Coffee (small jars/ packets)
Deodorant for men and women	Toilet rolls	Deodorant	Shampoo/Conditioner	Washing-up liquid	Soap Liquid or bar	Flaty wipes

Recycling Week at Lunsford

This week, all classes have taken part in Recycling Week. In a whole school assembly, we discussed ways we can recycle in school and at home. Year 4 have designed their own recycling logos!

Year 2 planned something they could make from recycled items at home. They took their plans home and then brought in some items to make their models in school.

We thought carefully about how we were going to attach our things together.

We made rockets, jet packs, robots, jewellery boxes and much more!



Allergies reminder

We would be grateful if you could reinforce the following important messages with your child(ren):

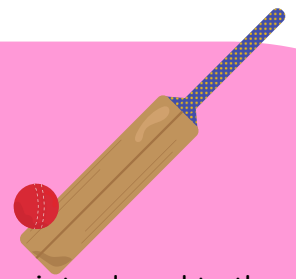
- Do not share food.
- Do not share utensils.
- Do not share plates or containers.
- Do not eat food from another child's lunchbox.

We are a nut free school please do not send you child in with any food containing nuts, this includes peanut butter and Nutella chocolate spread.

These measures are essential in helping us protect children with allergies and reduce the risk of accidental exposure.

Chance to Shine

Chance to Shine - Year 4 and Year 5 have been having cricket coaching sessions with Adrian from Chance to Shine. Chance to Shine is an independent charitable organisation in the UK that aims to help young people to play, learn and develop through cricket. Each session is adapted to the needs of the children to help them become confident cricketers. In many cases pupils are being introduced to the game for the first time.



Be Safe with Us

Kent Fire and Rescue Service has launched a brand new YouTube Kids mini-series, 'Be Safe with Us'.

We know children love watching their favourite programmes and videos, so we've created something that's both fun and educational!

Our short videos are designed to help teach children important safety skills including understanding fire engines, what to do in an emergency, and the importance of smoke alarms.

They're a great way for the family to learn together about staying safe at home. We hope you enjoy them!

You can watch the videos here: www.kent.fire-uk.org/besafewithus



Kent Family

Parents, carers and loved ones can find support and answers to common questions on the [Kent Family website](https://family.kentcht.nhs.uk/)
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It brings together trusted information and advice for families before and after birth, through childhood and up to age 19.

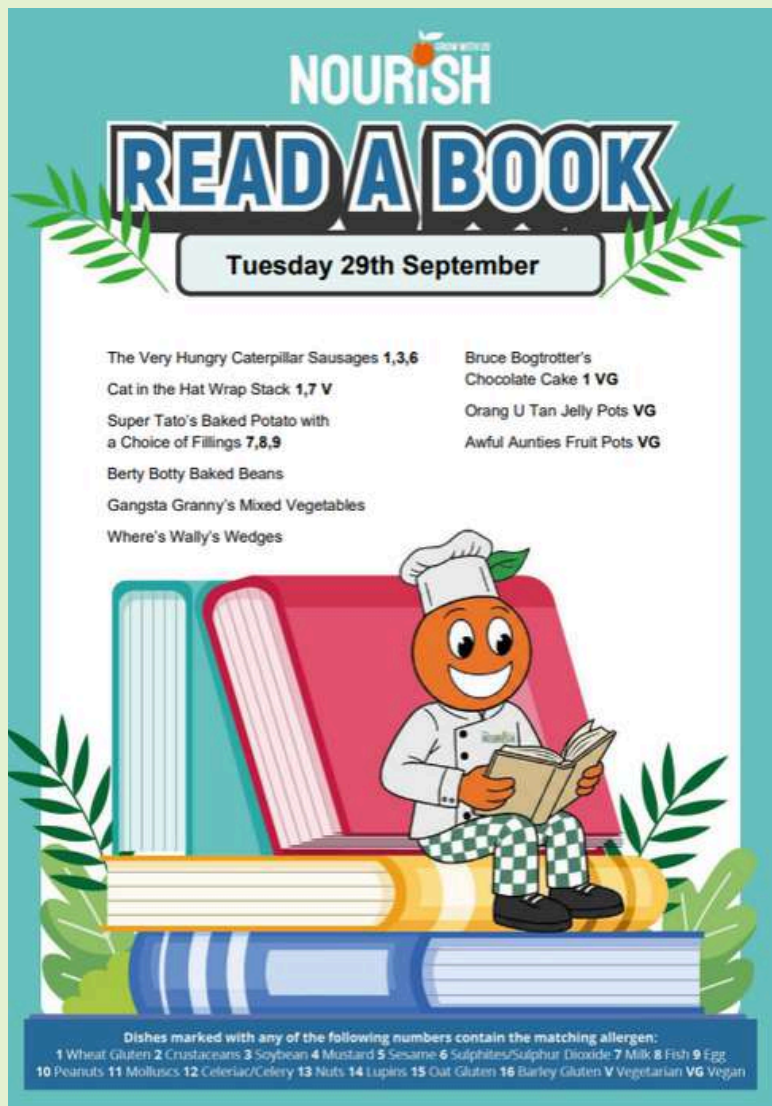
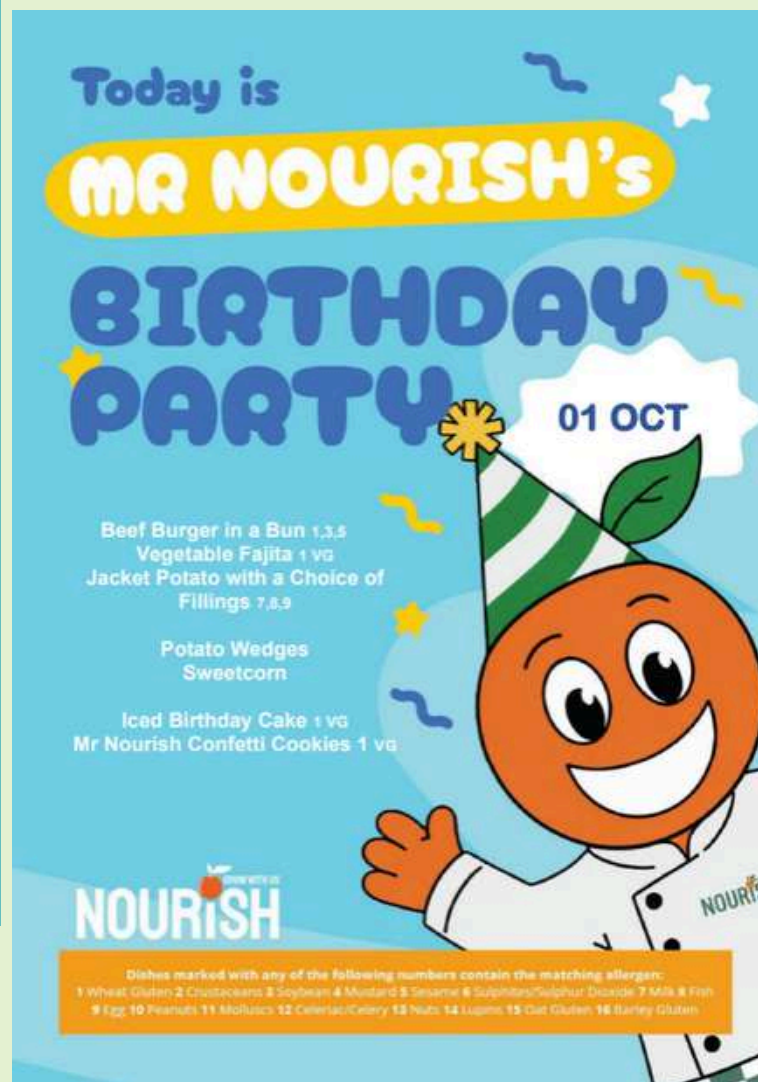


Asthma Action Plan reminder

If your child has been diagnosed with Asthma and you have not already done so, can you please provide the school with their Asthma Action Plan, set by your Doctor or Health Care Practitioner. This will guarantee that your child receives the best possible care in the event of an asthma attack.

Arbor records

As we are at the start of the new year we are asking all parents to take a moment and review their child's records on Arbor, are all contact details correct, are all addresses correct are all medical details correct etc.



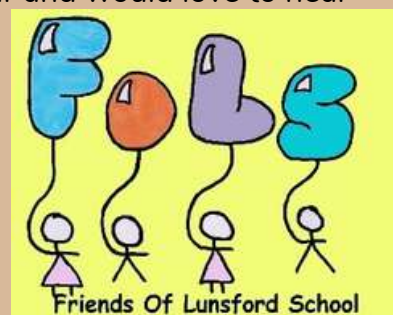
FoLS Coffee Morning - 25th September

Did you know that by enrolling your child in our school, you automatically became a member of Friends of Lunsford (FoLS)?

FoLS serves as our parent-teacher association, dedicated to raising funds for the additional resources that the school cannot cover.

Recently, FoLS has undergone a team change, and the new members warmly invite you to join them for a coffee morning on 25th September. Please drop your child off at school and head over to the hall. During this gathering, FoLS will share their plans for the upcoming year and would love to hear any fundraising ideas you might have for the school.

Remember, they cannot raise funds without your support!



Summer Reading Challenge 'Read to the Beat'

It was so nice to see the amount of children who took part in the Summer Reading Challenge - Read to the Beat.



The challenge is all about reading for fun, aiming to improve children's reading skills and confidence.

The Challenge runs every year throughout the summer holidays, and all children aged 4-11 are welcome to take part. Closing date for this year's challenge is 30th September 2026



Class Show Assemblies

Parents and Carers are invited into school, on the following dates, to hear from the children what they have been learning in class. Assemblies will start at 9am in the school hall

Year 5 - 3rd March 2027

Year 2 - 24th March 2027

Year 4 - 21st April 2027

Year 1 - 19th May 2027

Year 3 - 16th June 2027

Year R - 7th July 2027

Classopoly

As you may be aware each week Years 1 - 6, get a chance to roll the Classopoly dice (if the joint class attendance is 96.5% or above) to win treats. Well done to the following classes have won

Week ending 4th September

Year 6 won having chairs in assembly

Year 2 and 3 won an art activity

Week ending 11th September

Y1 - Art activity

Y2 - PE activity

Y3 - Gift box

Y4 - Golden Time

Y5 - Golden Time

Y6 - Drink and biscuit



Lunsford Primary School



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Open Days

For children starting in school in Sept 2027
10th, 17th, 18th & 25th November 2026



Parents and carers are warmly invited to our open days to find out more about our welcoming, supportive and caring school.

To book a place please scan the QR code

Or call the School Office on 01732 843352



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DEVELOP TEAMWORK & COMMUNICATION

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BE ACTIVE, ENGAGED & HAVE FUN

FUN GAMES EVERY WEEK!

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Through weekly band lessons, children can learn drums, electric guitar, keyboard or vocals, play songs they know and love, build confidence and enjoy making music with their bandmates. All instruments are provided and no previous experience is needed. If your child would like to join, you can enrol them here:

[Click Here to Enrol Your Child](#)

(If you're not sure whether iRock is right for your child, all new starters are covered by a first lesson money-back guarantee.)



To find out more, iRock has created a short year-group guide showing what children can learn and achieve through the iRock curriculum at each stage of primary school:

[Learn more about iRock by year](#)

If you have any questions, the iRock team will be happy to help. Please contact them on 0330 174 2655 or info@irockschool.com.