



London Meed Primary School Newsletter

15th Sept 2025

Bravery Curiosity Resilience Community Respect

We have had such a great start to this school year. Our new Reception children started school for some small sessions last week and today is their first day full time. They look so amazing in their school uniform and they are settling in so well to their new classes and school, picking up on all the routines. We are so excited they have finally started.

The children are loving all the new play equipment and we have seen some really creative uses for tyres, pallets and planks. They are absolutely loving being able to use the MUGA at lunchtimes for football! A few new items have appeared over the weekend - some tyres for KS1 and two tightropes for KS2. The children are introduced to any new equipment in assemblies and safety rules apply. Remember, we are still looking for donations of items to support our outside play especially dressing up clothes.



Last week, Year 5 started swimming lessons. They came back buzzing after having such fantastic swimming lessons, although they were absolutely starving!

Year 3 went to Camp WoWo and despite the weather, they had an amazing time. They got to make their own fires, build shelters, and learnt how to track and stalk play.



Year 1 had the Hedgehog man on Friday who brought in some of his hedgehogs and taught the children all about them and how to look after them. The children thoroughly enjoyed meeting the hedgehogs.

This week, clubs start. Please check that your child is signed up to the clubs they would like to take part in. We also have 'Meet the Teachers' for each year group. Year 1 is today at 2.45pm, Year 3 is Tuesday, Year 4 is Wednesday and Year 5 is Friday - all at 2.45pm.



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Year 3 this week, were learning about instructions, based on the text 'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth'. As a starting point, we did some real washing up and recorded lots of adjectives for our own instruction writing later in the week.

Luke shared with the class a book about trains that his Nan had made when she was in school. The book was handwritten and illustrated with drawings, photographs, postcards, train tickets and maps. It was lovely for all of us to look through the book. What a unique experience!



We have received some fabulous news this week and wanted to share it with our school community. . You may have seen some of the publicity celebrating the amazing improvement of GCSE results at TBHA a few weeks ago? In the various press releases 8 students are named as having significant success. Of these 8, 3 are ex London Meed pupils who left in 2020. Verity C achieved 8 Grade 9's and Aneela N and Beth D, were named as achieving all their GCSEs at grade 7, 8 and 9. What wonderful news to hear!

Reminders

Earrings 	<p>If your child has had their ears pierced, please ensure for PE and/or sporting clubs these are removed for safety reasons. If your child is unable to take them out, please bring surgical tape in with them to use and apply.</p>
Coats	<p>The weather is totally unpredictable at the moment, sun one minute and torrential rain the next. Please can we ask that you send your child in with a waterproof coat each day so they can still play outside.</p>
Parking	<p>We had a neighbour contact us to say a parent had parked on their drive and refused to move. We are also seeing some parents and carers trying to park outside the school in front of the staff cars and the disabled bays. Again, this space is not for parking and you will be asked to move. Please can we remind you to be respectful to our residents and the school when parking.</p>



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We are very excited to confirm our open days for children starting school in September 2026. If you have siblings due to start or know of any friends and families, we would love to welcome them.



LONDON MEED OPEN DAYS

We would like to welcome you and your child to our school to come and experience one of our open days ready for starting school in September 2026. Meet our dedicated team and explore our Orchard, getting a glimpse into the exciting curriculum we offer. Please book one of the mornings below.



Dates

Wednesday 8th Oct
Wednesday 5th Nov
Wednesday 19th Nov
Wednesday 26th Nov
Wednesday 3rd Dec
Wednesday 7th Jan



Time : at 9AM – 10.15AM



Location

: Chanctonury Road, Burgess Hill
RH15 9YQ

**To sign up to one of our sessions,
please visit our website
www.londonmeedprimary.co.uk or
contact our office:**

**office@londonmeedprimary.co.uk
01444 232336**






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25/26 | Term Dates


AUTUMN | **Wed 3rd Sept**
–
Fri 19th Dec
Half Term 27th Oct – 31st Oct
INSET DAYS: 3rd Sept & 3rd Nov



SPRING | **Mon 5th Jan**
–
Fri 27th Mar
Half Term 16th Feb – 20th Feb
INSET DAYS: 5th Jan & 23rd Feb




SUMMER | **Mon 13th Apr**
–
Wed 22 July
Half Term 25th May – 29th May
INSET DAYS: 1st June



PE Days

Please remember to send your child in their PE kits on their allocated PE day below:

- Apples - Monday and Friday
- Cherries - Monday and Friday
- Yr1 - Tuesday and Thursday
- Yr2 - Monday and Wednesday
- Yr3 - Tuesday and Thursday
- Yr4 - Thursday and Tuesday
- Yr5 - Tuesday and Thursday
- Yr6 - Wednesday and Friday



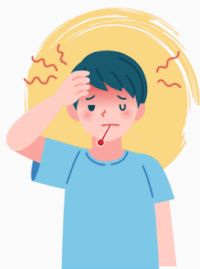
KINDNESS CUP



Confidential and discreet help
towards LMA events costs

Speak to a member of the School Leadership Team

Donated from our community, supported by LMA



IS MY CHILD TOO ILL FOR SCHOOL?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK. These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't. For more guidance please visit

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to notify the school on the first day before 9.20am to let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason. You can leave a message on the absence line 01444 232336 or report their absence on the Study Bugs App

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, please let their teacher know via their year group email address.



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🧡 LMA Colour Run 🧡

Get ready for a splash of colour and a whole lot of fun at the LMA Colour Run!

This exciting family-friendly event combines a vibrant colour powder run with fun obstacles along the way. Whether you run, jog, walk, or skip your way around the course, you'll be showered in bright colours at our colour stations. It's all about fun, laughter, and getting gloriously messy!

📅 When: After school, Thursday 25th September

🎫 Tickets: <https://pta.events/colour25>

Grab your trainers (and maybe an old T-shirt!) and join us for an unforgettable afternoon full of colour and smiles.

🌟 Introducing the Kindness Cup 🌟

We're excited to launch a new LMA initiative called the Kindness Cup – a simple but powerful way for our school community to support one another. When purchasing tickets for LMA events and activities, families will now have the option to add a small, voluntary donation to the Kindness Cup. All contributions go into a dedicated fund that helps ensure every child can take part in school events, regardless of financial circumstances.

The Kindness Cup will remain at school and will be managed directly by the school. The LMA's role is simply to collect and donate the funds raised through your generosity. This way, the school can ensure support reaches the families and children who need it most.

🌟 How it Works 🌟

- If, for any LMA-related activity, you need extra help to cover the cost of tickets or participation, please speak directly with the school's leadership team.
- The school will provide the required support from the Kindness Cup.
- No records or "tabs" will be kept, and the PTA will have no visibility of which families or activities the funds are used for.

This ensures the Kindness Cup remains discreet, respectful, and focused entirely on making sure every child can join in.

Your kindness will make a real difference – whether it's covering the cost of an event ticket, game tokens or other opportunities that children might otherwise miss. Together, we can create a more inclusive, caring community where no child is left out. ❤️



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London Meed Hero Awards

<u>Class</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Award</u>
1M	Arlo	For coming into Year 1 with such a positive attitude. All of the Year 1 team have noticed how you have been showing good sitting, good listening and how you have tried your best in everything you have been doing. What a SUPER start to the year! Well done :)
1C	Whole Class	For brilliant listening when our hedgehog visitor came last week
2O	Ben	always being ready to learn. You set a fantastic example to others by showing good, listening, thinking, sitting and looking. You are always respectful.
2S	Jas	For always being ready to learn and respectful in class. You have settled into Year 2 brilliantly. Well done Jas, keep up the great work!
3T	All of 3T	Being brave, curious, resilient and respectful during our first Year 3 trip. You were all safe using the firelighters and listened carefully to adults. Well done!
3N	Elora	What a fantastic start to Year 3! Elora wrote some great adjectives in English and found features of instructions in texts. She had a wonderful time alongside her friends at Camp Wowo, she is a great team player, and she always helps others! Well done, Elora!
4SB	Charlie	For being an absolute superstar and overcoming the challenge of having his leg in a cast to show what a resilient, determined and positive person he is. Well done Charlie, you are brilliant!
4A	Freddy W	For showing resilience, confidence and independence in his work this week and especially for showing super focus in maths when working with place value.
5B	Guntaj R.	For carefully completing his Science and Maths tasks and for showing resilience and determination to succeed. What a brilliant start to Year 5, Guntaj! Keep it up.
5M	Josh	For using a range of coordinating conjunctions to create compound sentences about the Vikings. Your handwriting and presentation are always to a high standard and it has been lovely to see you settle well into Year 5. Keep up the great work, Josh
6H	Faith	For demonstrating an impressive attitude to learning this week. Faith has contributed to lessons with thoughtful questions and has shown that she is ready to learn and respectful. Fantastic effort Faith!
6D	Aria	For having an excellent start to Year 6 and showing bravery and resilience with areas of school and her learning that she finds challenging. Keep up all your hard work, Aria!



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Forthcoming diary dates

Date	Event
15th September	EYFS - start full time
15th September	'Meet the Teacher' meeting for Year 1 Parents and Carers from 2.45pm
16th September	'Meet the Teacher' meeting for Year 3 Parents and Carers from 2.45pm
17th September	'Meet the Teacher' meeting for Year 4 Parents and Carers from 2.45pm
19th September	'Meet the Teacher' meeting for Year 5 Parents and Carers from 2.45pm
22nd September	'Meet the Teacher' meeting for Year 2 Parents and Carers from 2.45pm
23rd September	'Meet the Teacher' meeting for Year 6 Parents and Carers from 2.45pm
25th September	Year 2 - Arundel Castle trip
25th September	LMA Colour Run
29th September	Schools photos - Individual
1st-3rd October	Year 6 - Residential Stay
8th October	Open morning for new Reception starters September 2026
10th October	Year 1 - Wakehurst trip
10th October	Science afternoon at Burgess Hill Girls School - Year 5 girls
17th October	Year 4 - London Trip
22nd October	6 Weeks in meeting for current Reception Parents and Carers
22nd October	Harvest festival - donation for harvest in today please
23rd October	6 Weeks in meeting for current Reception Parents and Carers
23rd October	LMA - Discos (Year 1 - 6)
24th October	Reading Raffle and extra play time for House Point winners
24th October	LMA - 'Tiger Who Came To Tea' Tea Party (EYFS)
27th October - 3rd November	Half Term
3rd November	INSET Day - School Closed
5th November	Open morning for new Reception starters September 2026
11th November	Parent's Evening



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13th November	Parent's Evening
14th November	Children in Need
19th November	Open morning for new Reception starters September 2026
21st November	LMA - Movie Night
26th November	LMA - Wreath Making
26th November	Open morning for new Reception starters September 2026
3rd December	Open morning for new Reception starters September 2026
3rd December	Elf Run
5th December	Christmas Fayre
12th December	Christmas Jumper Day
12th December	Junior Governors trip to London
16th December	Carol concert rehearsal KS2
17th December	Children's Christmas Party Day including Christmas lunch
18th December	Carol Concert KS2
19th December	School finishes at 1.30pm for the Christmas holidays
22nd December - 5th January	Christmas Holidays
6th January	INSET Day - School Closed



London Meed are proud to support The Pantry again this year by collecting much needed donations for members of our local community. They are looking for:

Small boxes of tea (normal, herbal or decaf), Coffee (normal or decaf), Ketchup / Mayonnaise / Salad Cream
Cereal, Washing up liquid, Biscuits, Laundry detergent, Shower gel, Shampoo & Conditioner
Feminine hygiene products, Fruit juice (UHT), Milk (UHT), Sugar, Hot chocolate, Pasta sauces
Please bring any donations to the office.
Thank you!



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LITTLE STARTERS GROUP BURGESS HILL

PARENT CARERS AND CHILDREN 0 – 3 YEARS



Do you have a child or children under 3 years? Would you like to meet other parents in a small, friendly and nurturing environment? Then bring your baby and/or toddler(s) along to our Little Starters group where you can play together, make friends and find parenting advice and support.

When: Tuesday 10:00 – 11:30 – term time only

Where: Kings Church, 33-35 Victoria Road, Burgess Hill RH15 9LR.

Free entry – but £1 donation welcome. Light snack and drink provided for the children.

If you're thinking of coming along, or want to find out more, please call/message Emma on 07851 107005 or email EmmaS@homestartchams.org.uk

** We aim to respond within 3 working days during term time **

WWW.HOMESTARTCHAMS.ORG.UK



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October Half Term Mindfulness Pony Day for Kids!

Date: Wednesday 29th October 2025

Time: 9am- 2pm

Location: Ponies 'n' Kids, Eaton Thorne Stables, Woodmancote, Nr Henfield, W.Sussex, BN5 9AG

Join us for a magical day designed especially for children ages 5-11! Dive into a world of peace, friendship, and mindfulness, all while experiencing the calming presence of our adorable ponies.

What to Expect:

♥ **Mindfulness Time with Ponies:** Learn calming techniques and emotional regulation skills while spending quality time with our gentle ponies.

🐾 **Pony Care:** Discover the joys of caring for ponies through grooming, feeding, and building a bond.

🐾 **Riding and Mounted Games:** Experience the joy of pony rides and engage in fun, team-based games that promote confidence and cooperation.

🌿 **Connect with Nature:** Immerse yourself in the tranquillity of our beautiful, quiet stables and serene surroundings.

🐾 **Make New Friends:** Build connections and friendships with other children in a supportive, nurturing environment.

Scan the QR code or click this link to book: [Mindfulness Pony Day 29th October 2025](#)



Cost: £140 per child

Spaces limited to 15 children

We are an inclusive team and warmly welcome children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). We celebrate diversity and are committed to providing a supportive environment where every child can thrive.

Who's in Charge?

Who's in Charge? is a 9 week child to parent violence (CPV) programme aimed at parents whose children (age 8-18) are being abusive or violent toward them or who appear out of parental control. The structure of the programme consists of eight sessions with a two-month follow up. The programme is both educational and therapeutic, we will discuss the causes of CPV, give strategies to help you gain back control and support you throughout the process of change.

We are currently gauging interest and are planning to run this course commencing in October. Days and times to be confirmed dependent on interest.



Please email eharvey@woodlandsmeed.co.uk to express interest or find out more