



London Meed Primary School Newsletter

9th September 2024

Bravery Curiosity Resilience Community Respect

Welcome back to school everyone. We have had such a lovely start to the term, despite the weather last week. All the children were so happy to see their friends again and when I have been round the classes, they all seem so pleased to be back at school and learning. The classrooms all look so inviting and the staff have worked hard to make them ready for their new classes. The behaviour of the children here is impeccable. The children demonstrate respect to everyone in the school community and we have seen many acts of bravery over the week.

Year 3 were the first year group to go on a trip last week. They visited Camp WoWo as a stunning start to their Stone Age topic. They had spear throwing, fire building, shelter building amongst many lovely activities. Unfortunately, the weather was against them, with torrential rain and thunderstorms, but they didn't let this get in their way and came back with huge smiles.

We had a great start to our celebration assemblies on Friday. The children were so good at showing me the London Meed values through their behaviour and I was so lucky to award all the new 'Super Hero' certificates. I am really looking forward to seeing the first of our child musicians, who will come and play for us as we come in and go out of assembly.

Friday also saw our new Reception children come in for a visit with their parents. They all looked so smart in their uniforms and they were very eager to explore the Early Years classrooms and outside play space. Today is their first day without their parents and the Reception staff are so excited to have them in this week.

This week we have the long-awaited residential for Year 6. They are going to Windmill Hill for three days and will be trying activities such as abseiling, canoeing, climbing, buggy building and going on the giant zip wire. We cannot wait to share all their fun with you in next week's newsletter.

Just a few reminders back for the start of term:

Please remember we are a NUT-FREE school. We have children with very serious allergies to nuts and so ask that there are no nuts or nut products in their packed lunches. This includes Nutella. Please check the labels of what you provide as some food has hazelnuts in. Thank you.

We are a dog free school. Please be aware that we do have one dog that is currently coming onto the school premises on the infant side, which is a service dog.

Please make sure your child brings a coat to school. With our recent weather, we have seen torrential rain followed by blue skies and sunshine.



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New Reception starters September 2025:

We will be offering tours to any parents and their children who are starting school in September 2025. These will be in the morning from 9.00 - 10.15am on the following dates:

- Wednesday 23rd October
- Thursday 24th October
- Tuesday 19th November
- Wednesday 20th November
- Wednesday 4th December
- Thursday 9th January

Online booking forms will be available on our website www.londonmeedprimary.co.uk from Wednesday 11th September.

Clubs

We will be emailing this term's clubs timetable, on Tuesday 17th September at 6pm. Clubs led by our staff will start week commencing the 23rd September and will finish week commencing 2nd December.

There are limited spaces for each of the internal clubs, if you are unable to sign your child up for a club this means the club has reached its limit. If you would like to put your child onto a waiting list please email clubs@londonmeedprimary.co.uk

We have a policy that if a child does not attend a club for more than two weeks (unless there are extenuating circumstances) they will be removed from the club register and the place offered to another child from the waiting list.

Meet the Teacher

Our teachers in Years One through to Year Six are opening up their classrooms to parents/carers for a brief meeting where they will introduce themselves and outline plans for the year ahead. Gates will be open for parents to access the classrooms. Please see the forthcoming diary dates further on in the newsletter.



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Year 3 trip to Camp Wowo.

Year 3 visited Camp Wowo last Thursday. A very informative talk was given by staff at Camp Wowo before we set off for our activities.



We were shown a variety of Stone Age tools and weapons made of flint, wood, bark and straw.

We learned how to spot signs of wild animals and how Stone Age hunters would sneak up on their dinner!



Den building involved some tricky knots but we managed it despite the rain.

Guessing the purpose of Stone Age items was much harder than it looked.

Free School Meals

Is my child eligible?

From 1 April 2018, free school meals in all West Sussex maintained and free schools and academies are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits: **Universal Credit** (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods

- **Income Support**
- **Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance**
- **Income-related Employment and Support Allowance**
- **Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**
- **The guaranteed element of state Pension Credit**
- **Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more £16,190)**
- **Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.**

A number of pupils will also be protected against losing their current free school meals. You can find more information on GOV.UK. If you are not eligible for benefits-related, free school meals, but your child is currently in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, they will automatically be entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals and you need not apply. Contact your school for details.

If you are eligible for benefits-related free school meals in accordance with the above criteria, and your child is also receiving Universal Infant Free School Meals, please continue to register. This will enable your child's school to claim valuable 'pupil premium' funding. To apply for Free School Meals please visit

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/#how-to-apply>



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Many congratulations to our pupils who have been awarded this week's London Meed 'Super' Heroes

<i>Name of child</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Reason</i>
Leighton S.	6B	For a successful start to Year 6 by showing your resilience and remarkable motivation when reading, writing and solving maths questions. Keep it up, Leighton!
Dexter	6H	For a successful start to Year 6. You have shown resilience and determination. Well done, Dexter!
Mason	5D	For having an excellent start to Year 5, where he has tried hard in every aspect of his learning this week, especially Maths. Keep up all your hard work, Mason!
Bethany	5A	For a successful start to Year 5. Bethany has shown incredible resilience & strength across all subjects. We are so proud of you. Well done, Bethany!
Leon	4S	For showing resilience when faced with challenges and asking for support when needed. You have an amazing attitude to learning.
India	4N	For demonstrating great curiosity as an enthusiastic learner and always adding great ideas to class discussions!
Whole class	3T	For staying respectful and polite during a very wet and stormy day. You also showed fantastic curiosity during our activities, well done.
The whole class	3M	For showing great resilience and bravery at our trip to Camp WooWoo! You all represented London Meed fantastically and I am really proud of you all!
Joshua	2S	For a brilliant start to Year 2. Joshua has tried really hard to follow instructions and do as he is asked. Well done Joshua.
Elliot	2O	For a fantastic start to Year 2 showing determination and independence in learning.
Lola	1C	For making an absolute fabulous start to 1C. We are very lucky to have you joining our class.
Leilani	1M	For joining our school with such a positive attitude. She has shown real bravery and walked in each morning with a huge smile! Well done Leilani.



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Forthcoming diary dates

Date	Event
11th-13th Sept	Year 6 Residential
16th Sept	Reception children start school full time.
16th Sept	Meet the teacher for Year 1 from 2.50-3.10pm
16th Sept	Meeting about the Y6 2025 residential in the large hall from 3.20pm for parents of children in current Y5.
17th Sept	Meet the teacher for Year 3 from 2.50-3.10pm
18th Sept	Book school meals for Census Day
18th Sept	'Biscuit & Banter' with Miss Dowley at 2.15pm
18th Sept	Meet the teacher for Year 4 from 2.50-3.10pm
19th Sept	Meet the teacher for Year 2 from 2.50-3.10pm
20th Sept	Meet the teacher for Year 5 from 2.50-3.10pm
24th Sept	Meet the teacher for Year 5 from 2.50-3.10pm
25th Sept	Year 2 visiting Arundel Castle
3rd October	Census Day
4th Oct	Y1 visit to Wakehurst
15th Oct	EYFS visit to the library (details to follow)
16th Oct	EYFS 6 week in meeting for parents 9-10am (details to follow)
16th Oct	'Biscuit & Banter' with Miss Dowley at 2.15pm
17th Oct	EYFS 6 week in meeting for parents 9-10am (details to follow)
18th Oct	Y4 visit to the National History Museum (details to follow)
25th Oct	INSET Day - school closed to pupils
28th Oct - 1st Nov	Half term - school closed to pupils
11th Nov	Parents evening - details to follow



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Term Dates 2024-2025

For WSCC term dates please visit

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/school-term-dates/>

London Meed Academic Year 2024-2025 term dates including INSET Days

Autumn Term 2024

INSET DAY - Monday 2nd September

Starts Tuesday 3rd September

INSET DAY - Friday 25th October

Half term 28th October - 1st November

Children return Monday 4th November

Last day of term Friday 20th December

Spring term 2025

Starts Monday 6th January

INSET DAY - Friday 14th February

Half term 17th February to 21st February

Children return Monday 24th February

Last day of term Friday 4th April

Easter Holidays 7th to 21st April

Summer term 2025

Starts Tuesday 22nd April

Bank Holiday - 5th May

INSET DAY - Friday 23rd May

Half term 26th May to 30th May

INSET DAY Monday 2nd June

Last day of term Tuesday 22nd July

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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Home Learning

Home learning for Years 1-6 will begin on Friday 13th September. The work will be posted on your child's Google Classroom page and they will be given a Home Learning book to complete any written parts of it in. Home learning will be set on a Friday and needs to be completed and the book returned by the following Thursday.

Teachers are currently hard at work assessing the children's reading, and new reading books will be sent home next week. Please make sure that your child always has their reading book and Reading Record with them at school.

Summer Reading Challenge

Just a quick reminder that if your child completed the summer reading challenge and they bring in their certificate they will receive 20 house points!

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

Apples - Mon, Thurs

Cherries - Tues, Fri

Yr1 - Wednesday and Thursday

Yr2 - Tuesday Friday

Yr3 - Wednesday and Friday

Yr4 - Tuesday and Thursday

Yr5 - Tuesday and Wednesday

Yr6 - Monday and Thursday

West Sussex Family Hub

There is a Family Hub in Penn Crescent, Haywards Heath, that is open to all families. Family hubs offer a range of support, information and guidance to parents, carers and young people as part of Early Help. Hubs are open for you to drop in and speak to our staff Monday to Friday during opening times on a whole range of issues affecting you and your family. They also have public access computers to use, free of charge, as well as social spaces available to meet other parents.

We have staff in all our hubs on the front desk who can offer information, advice and guidance. They can help you with: finding childcare, applying for free childcare entitlement, finding local activities and support services, pregnancy and early child development, Parenting and health advice for you and your family, how to access local housing services crisis support, such as emergency access to food and utilities, personal finance and the benefits you may be entitled to. For further information please click on the link below

www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/find-a-family-hub/mid-sussex-family-hub/