



London Meed Primary School Newsletter

19th May 2025

Bravery Curiosity Resilience Community Respect

Last week, our Year 6 children made us so proud when sitting their SATs tests. They showed amazing resilience, bravery and humour despite sitting six different test papers over four days. We think they are all so fabulous for all their hard work, not just last week, but over the last year. A HUGE thanks to our Year 6 team for all their hard work including running a SATs breakfast club over the last term and a half. Thank you to all our other staff who helped with last week. As you can imagine, Friday was party day where the children got to celebrate the end of SATs with lots of lovely exciting activities including spending some of Friday afternoon playing with our Reception children.



Mr Terrill took five girls from Year 5 to a football festival at Ardingly College. The girls got to take part in a number of different drills and activities and then played some short matches against other schools. He reports that they were brilliantly behaved, really enjoyed themselves and had the best celebrations after scoring a goal!



This week sees the start of Year 6 Aspirations fortnight, where they will get to meet a range of people who do a variety of jobs, to help them start thinking about their future careers. Today, a chef came into talk with them and this week they also have somebody who works in TV, someone who is in gaming and a vet (and their dog). We also have Science week this week where the Year 5 children will be taking part in different Science investigations. Mr Terrill is taking some of our Year 5 children to Kings Church for a Science Day on Friday. Some of our Year 5 and Year 6 children are also going to St Andrew's for a cricket tournament this week with Mrs Stalker, and Miss McConnell is taking some of our Year 3 and Year 4 children to a cross country run.



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Please remember we break up for half term on Thursday and school is closed for INSET on Friday 23rd May. School starts again on Tuesday 3rd June (Monday 2nd June is another INSET) and Year 1 are off on a trip to the Sealife Centre that day.

Parking:

We have had a few more emails regarding parking and driving around the school. Please remember we offer parking permits for Queen's Crescent car park down by the station. Residents and parents are complaining that people are double parking which is causing traffic jams. We have also had a couple of near misses, where cars have mounted the curb and almost hit children who are on the pathway. Please please be considerate around parking at our school. We really do not want an accident to happen to any of our school community. If you do have any concerns around parking, please write to the local council. The more letters they get, the more they have to listen. Please can I also ask parents of junior children to talk to them about road safety. A child ran across one of the busy main roads without looking and almost got hit by a car. Please remind them to check carefully before crossing.



A huge congratulations to Vinnie in Year 5 who competed in the Welsh Championships at the weekend and came away with a stunning gold medal. Well done Vinnie!



Fundraising for St Peters and St James Hospice

As part of a group of 20 friends I am going to be doing a 25 mile fundraising walk from Lingfield Racecourse to Plumpton Racecourse on Saturday 31st May to raise money for our local hospice, St Peter and St James <https://stpjhospice.org/> This

incredible place cared for my best friend in her final days and as a group we want to mark her birthday by supporting the hospice that gave her comfort and dignity when she needed it most. I know the hospice has also cared for some of our own school communities, family and friends. If you would like to donate to our fundraising page we would be grateful as the Hospice rely so heavily on donations to continue their vital work ensuring that others receive the same kindness, compassion and support.

Fundraising link <https://www.justgiving.com/page/lisasfamilyandfriends>

Many thanks Katherine Brayne, Pastoral Lead



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Dear School Community,

We're excited to announce that our Summer Fair is just around the corner!



Event Details:



Date: Friday 4th July 2025



Time: 3:30pm – 6:30pm



Theme: Carnival!



What to Expect:



Fun games for all ages



Delicious BBQ



Raffles & tombolas



Inflatables



Face-painting



Business stalls



And much more!

Join us for an afternoon full of fun, food, and festivities! There will be games, BBQ, tombolas, raffles, inflatables, face-painting and lots more for the whole family to enjoy.

There will also be business stalls, so it's a great opportunity to browse, shop, and support local businesses!

We've attached a flyer with all the details – feel free to share it with friends and family. The more, the merrier – so spread the word and bring everyone along for a fantastic afternoon of fun and celebration!

You can already pre-order your LMA Tokens which can be used at any LMA stall or game throughout the Summer Fair. Just follow the link on the QR code in the flyer to get started!

We can't wait to see you there for what promises to be a wonderful day for our school community



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Many congratulations to our pupils who have been awarded this week's London Meed Hero Award

Name of child	Class	Reason
Year 6	6B	For demonstrating resilience and perseverance during SATs this week. We are all extremely proud of you. Well done, Year 6!
Year 6	6H	For demonstrating resilience and perseverance during SATs this week. We are all extremely proud of you. Well done, Year 6!
Tom	5D	For always showing curiosity and asking good questions during class discussions. In addition, Tom has also effectively edited his Native American Tale using a descriptive writing success criteria to guide his improvements. Keep up all your hard work, Tom!
Isale	5A	For always being a happy, caring and respectful member of our class community. You are a thoughtful talk partner to everybody and are simply a delight to teach. Well Done Isla!
Bruce	4S	For his excellent ideas about the story of Odysseus and his brilliant memory of what happened.
Elsie-Rose	4N	For excellent writing in role! Elsie-Rose wrote an excellent action sequence from the perspective of Odysseus fighting the Cyclops. She wrote several paragraphs and included some gruesome detail as well! You demonstrated great resilience and even read your work to the other class! Well done!
Henry	3T	Being curious and resilient with your learning this week, particularly when using 'minutes to' in Maths and writing playscripts using key features in English. Keep up the good work!
Cindy-Lou	3M	For showing resilience when telling the time to the nearest minute. You are always engaged during maths lessons and this is having a positive impact on your progression. Great job, Cindy-Lou!
Vaidehi	2O	For showing resilience and a hard-working attitude to all her learning. You have written some lovely sentences this week using expanded noun phrases.
Faris	2S	For showing resilience in class when you have found things tricky. You are working really hard to manage your distractions. Well done Faris!
Beren	1M	for her dedication to learning. Beren always shows great curiosity and is now becoming so brave in sharing her thoughts and opinions with others. What a pleasure to have in our class! Well done Beren
Caitlin	1C	Showing boundless amounts of imagination when writing to Aunt Lucy about the amazing adventures of Paddington Bear. Very well done, Caitlin!
Kiri	Apples	For using adjectives brilliantly in sentences to describe animals on the farm.
Logan		For excellent effort and perseverance while taking part in PE to practise sports day activities.
Libby	Cherries	For listening carefully in maths and being curious about number bonds to 10.
Harlan		For describing each of the animals in 'What the ladybird heard' with two adjectives and then writing his ideas down.



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If you have any issues or questions in the first instance please email your child's class teacher via their year group email address or alternatively email office@londonmeedprimary.co.uk who will then forward your email onto the relevant member of staff. **Please do not send emails to individual members of staff as, if they are not in school, the email will not be read.**

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year1@londonmeedprimary.co.uk	Year 1
year2@londonmeedprimary.co.uk	Year 2
year3@londonmeedprimary.co.uk	Year 3
year4@londonmeedprimary.co.uk	Year 4
year5@londonmeedprimary.co.uk	Year 5
year6@londonmeedprimary.co.uk	Year 6

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

Apples - Monday and Thursday

Cherries - Tuesday and Friday

Y1 - Wednesday and Thursday

Y2 - Tuesday and Friday

Y3 - Wednesday and Friday

Y4 - Tuesday and Thursday

Y5 - Tuesday and Wednesday

Y6 - Monday and Thursday

Amazon Wish Lists - Thank you so much for your overwhelming support with this.

It is important that when you order, you put a message inside with the delivery saying which year group it is for and who it is from so the children can say thank you to that child. Please also ensure you order through the list as this will then remove the item so it is not purchased again.

EYFS <https://amzn.eu/i9G1rlm>

Year 1 <https://amzn.eu/9mK2jpx>

Year 2 <https://amzn.eu/2kD7gYv>

Year 3 <https://amzn.eu/iGSxtVp>

Year 4 <https://amzn.eu/84lbWMy>

Year 5 <https://amzn.eu/dYucRra>

Year 6 <https://amzn.eu/9JiNJVo>

SEN Support <https://amzn.eu/7Lor7mH>

London Meed New Nurture Room and Sensory room <https://amzn.eu/37ZfDXi>



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Forthcoming diary dates

Date	Event
Monday 19th May to Friday 23 May	Science week
Thursday 22nd May	Non-uniform day for donations of sweets for the summer fair
Tuesday 3rd June to Friday 13th June	Year 4 Multiplication checks taking place
Tuesday 3rd June	Year 1 to Sea Life Centre
Wednesday 4th June	Year 5 to Bedelands
Friday 6th June	Sports Day and Community Picnic
Monday 9th June to Friday 13th June	Phonics Checks for Year 1 and some Year 2
Wednesday 11th June	Steel drum workshops for Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6
Friday 13th June	Back up Sports Day and Community Picnic
Friday 13th June	Mad hair day for donations of chocolates for Summer Fair
Tuesday 17th June	Year 3 to Fishbourne Roman Palace
Friday 27th June	Non-uniform day for donations of bottles for the summer fair
Monday 30th June	Reception to Drusillas
Wednesday 2nd July	Transition day - children meet new teachers
Wednesday 2nd July	Meet the new teacher for parents - 3.15pm to 3.45pm
Friday 4th July	Summer Fair from 3.30pm to 6.30pm
Monday 7th July	Teddy Bears Picnic at St Johns Park
Thursday 10th July	Yr6 Dress Rehearsal
Friday 11th July	Reports go out
Monday 14th July	Year 6 Performance for Parents at 6.00pm
Tuesday 15th July	Year 6 Performance for Parents at 6.00pm
Wednesday 16th July	Year 6 to Out of Bounds
Friday 18th July	Discos - 3.15 to 4.00 - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 4.15 to 5.00 - Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5
Monday 21st July	Year 6 Disco and Fish and Chips



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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

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

2025-2026 INSET Days: 3rd Sept 25, 3rd Nov 25, 5th Jan 26, 23rd Feb 26, 1st June 26

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.

Kids Trail

Borde Hill

Oscar & The Dawn Chorus

24th May to 1st June



Follow the story trail helping Oscar the Owl search for the most talented birds for his singing group The Dawn Chorus. Along the way, sing like the rain, tap out a rhythm, and chirp your way around the Garden!

£4.00 plus admission to include a prize / free to members.

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At The National College, our Westsussex guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formally published by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationsonline.org.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MINECRAFT

still the best-selling game of all time, Minecraft is a bastion of creativity and community, with hundreds of millions of players building and crafting in its almost endless world. The popularity of Minecraft among gamers of all ages means it's important to remain informed about the game, including how to play it safely and whether it's suitable for the children in your care. That's why we've created this guide exploring the risks associated with Minecraft and how to ensure a purely enjoyable gaming experience.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- SCARY ELEMENTS**
While Minecraft is a game of imagination, it does contain some scary elements. These can be a bit too frightening for some children, especially when playing in a multiplayer environment. Parents should be aware of these elements and discuss them with their children before they start playing.
- GRIEFING**
Griefing is a malicious activity where players deliberately destroy or damage other players' creations. This can be frustrating and upsetting for children, especially if they have spent a lot of time building something. Parents should encourage their children to report any griefing to the game's moderators.
- ADDICTIVENESS**
Minecraft is a game that can be very addictive. Children can spend hours playing, which can interfere with their schoolwork and other activities. Parents should set limits on how long their children can play each day.
- PUBLIC SERVERS AND COMMUNICATIONS**
Minecraft has a large online community, and children can communicate with other players through chat. This can be a risk for cyberbullying or contact with strangers. Parents should encourage their children to be cautious when talking to other players and to report any inappropriate behavior.
- ADDITIONAL PURCHASES**
Minecraft is available as a free trial on a number of devices, but the full game requires a one-off purchase. There is also a lot of in-game content that can be purchased, such as skins and tools. Parents should be aware of these costs and discuss them with their children.

Advice for Parents & Educators

- CHOOSE THE RIGHT MODE**
Minecraft has several different game modes, including Creative, Survival, and Hardcore. Creative mode is the safest for children, as it allows them to build anything they want without the risk of dying. Survival mode is more challenging, but it can be a good way to teach children about resource management and problem-solving. Hardcore mode is the most difficult, and it's not recommended for children.
- HOST A PRIVATE SERVER**
If you want to ensure that your child is playing with friends and not strangers, you can host a private server. This allows you to control who can join the game and what they can do. There are several ways to host a private server, and you can find guides online to help you get started.
- TALK ABOUT STRANGERS**
It's important to talk to your child about the risks of talking to strangers online. Encourage them to be cautious when talking to other players and to report any suspicious behavior. Remind them that they should never give out personal information, such as their name, address, or phone number.
- RESEARCH CONTENT CREATORS**
Minecraft has a large community of content creators, including YouTubers and streamers. Encourage your child to be critical of the content they watch and to be aware of the risks of interacting with strangers online. Remind them that they should never give out personal information.
- PLAY MINECRAFT WITH YOUR CHILD**
Playing Minecraft with your child can be a great way to spend time together and to learn about the game. You can help them with any difficulties they have and encourage them to be creative. You can also use the game as a way to teach them about online safety and digital citizenship.

Meet Our Expert

David Coleman is a former teacher and now works for the National College. He has a wealth of experience in helping parents and educators understand the risks of online safety. He is a frequent speaker at conferences and has written several books on the subject.

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GD GYMNASTICS AND DANCE ACADEMY

LONDON MEED AFTER SCHOOL GYMNASTICS CLASSES!

Join us for gymnastics classes at your school for fun, friends, and exciting new skills to learn!

TUE	3:15-4:15pm	After School Club KS2
WED	3:15-4:15pm	After school Club KS1

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Join us for local gymnastics classes for fun, friends, and exciting new skills to learn!

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	6-7pm	High Rollers
	7-8.15pm	Advanced

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 **GD Academy**

HANDSTAND AND CARTWHEEL SEMINAR

In our exciting handstand and cartwheel seminar, we'll explore awesome cartwheel progressions, as well as one-handed cartwheels, while also focusing on handstands and their progressions towards handstand rolls and handstand bridges. This Seminar is available to all members and non members! All of our members can join this session regardless of class level.

Prerequisites
MUST be able to perform a bunny hop.

 **Thursday 29th
May 2025**

 **Time 9am-12pm**

 **London Meed Primary School
Burgess Hill RH15 9YQ**

ONLY £22!

To book contact us:
📧 gdgymnasticsanddanceacademy@gmail.com
☎ 07594 305424
or DM us on Facebook and Instagram!



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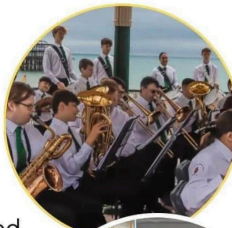
Run by Mrs Stacey, the Burgess Hill Marching Youth has spaces for new members to join their fabulous, friendly team! The band teaches music to children aged 7+ (Year 3 upwards). You can learn to play clarinet, flute, saxophone, cornet, baritone or percussion. If you already play an instrument - even better! Come and see what fun you can have if you join our band.

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LEVEL UP **YOUR ONLINE SECURITY**



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Sussex Dental Helpline



0300 123 1663

Open Monday to Friday, 8am to 4pm



Or email us: kcht.dentalhelpdesk@nhs.net

May Half Term Sports Courses



**Multi Sports
27th and 28th**

**Football
29th and 30th**

**NFL Flag Football
30th May**

9.15 to 3.30 - £25 per day
At Warden Park Secondary
Open to years Reception to Year 9
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🌸 May Half Term Mindfulness Pony Day for Kids! 🌸

Explore Calm, Connection, and Confidence with Our Gentle Ponies!

Date: Friday 30th May 2025

Time: 9.30am- 2.30pm

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

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.

🎨 **Mindful Nature Art:** Unleash your creativity with activities that inspire observation and connection with the natural world.

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

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

Spaces are limited to 12 children! Email now to ensure your spot.

Contact: bookings@yourspacetherapies.org

Cost: £110 plus VAT

Join us for an unforgettable experience that combines mindfulness and pony magic!





Staying safe online

March 2025



Parent and Carer Digital Safety Newsletter

Online influence and dangers to young people

Following the Netflix drama Adolescence, it's clear that young people today are growing up surrounded by toxic online influencers on social media that portray masculinity and the treatment of women and girls in an alarming manner.

Social media algorithms can amplify extreme content, such as misogynistic posts, which normalises harmful ideologies for young people and can leave them feeling confused or anxious and may even lead to harmful behaviour.

What can parents do?

- Firstly, familiarise yourself with what your child is looking at on the internet. It is useful to familiarise yourself with terms and emoji language, CCDH has a useful [glossary of terms](#), (like incel, bluepill, chad, looksmaxxing) which can help understanding of the cultures online.
- Being familiar with the most common platforms and understanding how your children engage with them. For example, do they post regularly, share content, have lots of friends/followers?
- Talk to your child about what they are engaging with online and how it makes them feel.

- Have conversations with your children about the sites and chat forums they visit. Their views may be attached to their identity, and attacking the views may feel personal. This is called 'Identity Fusion' and although you may not change their mind immediately, moving them into uncertainty is a positive start.
- Explain to your children about age appropriateness and help them understand how they can change algorithm 'bubbles' if they feel they are seeing too much of a particular kind of content.
- Teach your child to block, mute, unfollow, and report content that makes them feel uncomfortable.
- If you are concerned your child is being harassed or negatively influenced online, report it to the Police.
- Please watch our [Eventbrite collection page](#) for parents webinars coming soon.

