



Buswells Lodge Newsletter June 2026

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Message from Mr Durrant



Welcome to the penultimate newsletter of the year. During assembly this week, I spoke with the children about how this point of year is a perfect opportunity to both reflect on what we have achieved so far and look forward to finishing the year in a really positive way. So many amazing things have been achieved and experienced by the children and adults in school since August, not least the Colour Dash at the end of last half term, which was an afternoon that we will never forget. It was such a joy to see the whole school come together in such a fun way and raise lots of money for a very worthy cause, and apologies to any parents who got caught in the crossfire! Thanks to Miss Whatley for organising.

We now have the chance to look forward to lots of exciting events before the end of term, such as our 50th Anniversary celebrations, Sports Day, Year 6 leavers events and lots of trips and visits. You will all be receiving your child's End of Year Report this half-term and, in the next few weeks, children will be told who their teacher will be next year and be given the chance to meet with them in their new classrooms.

As always, thank you for being part of our school community.

Dates for your diary

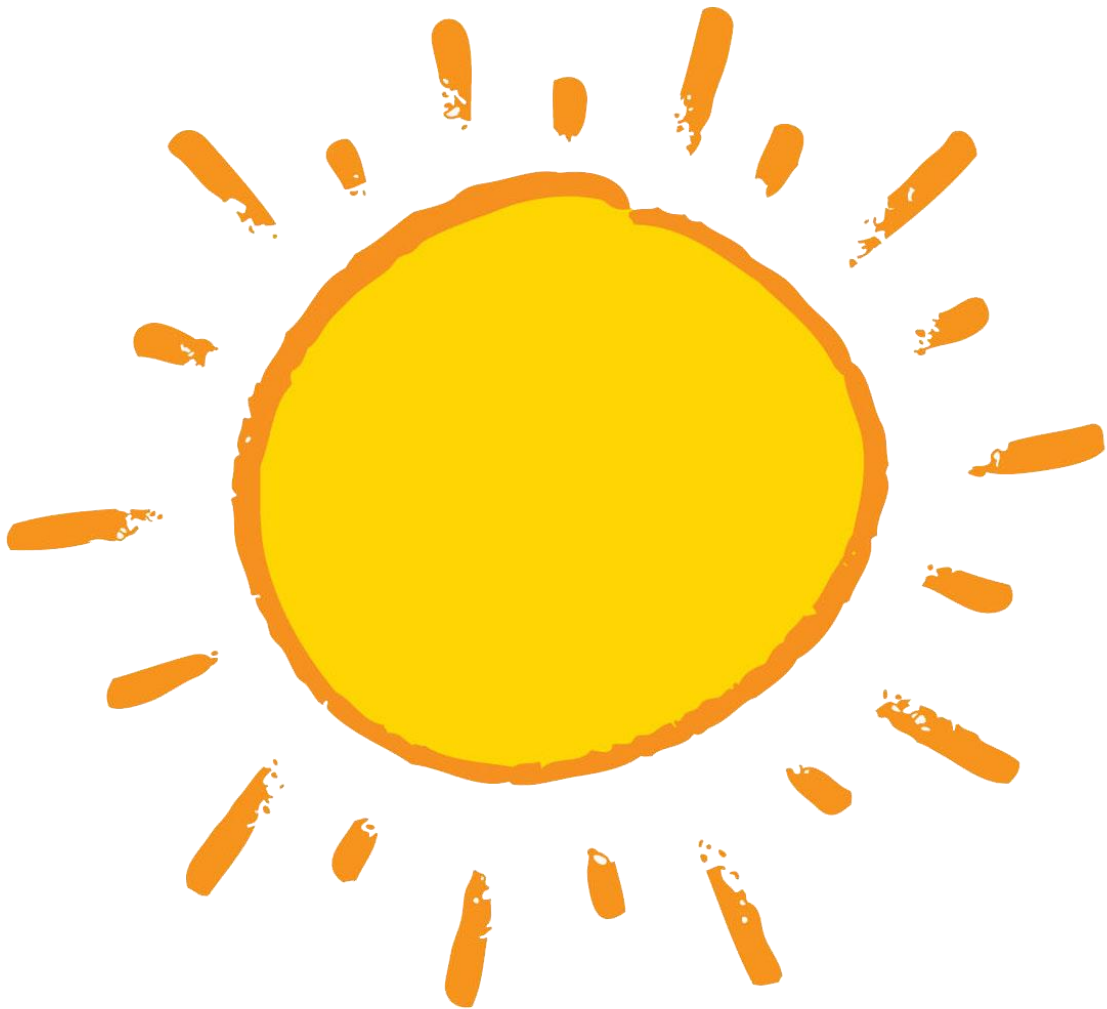


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- **Wednesday 3rd June** - Starlings Class Farm Trip
 - **Monday 8th June** - Parrots Class Assembly
 - **Wednesday 10th June** - FS2 New Starters Meeting 9:30am
 - **Monday 15th June** - FS2 - Year 2 Sports Day

- ***Tuesday 16th June*** - Year 3 - Year 6 Sports Day
- ***Wednesday 17th June*** - FS2 Parents Meeting 9:30am
- ***Thursday 18th June*** - Year 6 trip to Warning Zone
- ***Friday 19th June*** - Year 1 trip to Twycross Zoo
- ***Wednesday 24th June*** - FS2 Graduation 14:30 - 15:30
- ***Thursday 25th June*** - Year 2 trip to Tamworth Castle
- ***Friday 26th June*** - Buswells Turns 50!! Picnic on the field
- ***Monday 29th June*** - Barn Owls Class Assembly
- ***Monday 29th June*** - Year 2 trip to Leicester Cathedral
- ***Wednesday 1st July*** - Whole school transition day

More details will be sent regarding some of these dates.

Warm weather



*After a **very** hot May half term, the temperatures have returned to seasonal averages. However typically we will see some hot days between now and the end of term. On these days ensure your children come to school with covered shoulders, a large drink, sun cream applied before school and maybe a hat.*

Our UV levels and temperatures are on the rise here in the UK, and we need to protect our children's delicate skin and well being. Thank you



PTFA Updates



We would like to thank the PTFA for their hard work that is going on in the background and their help with selling ice poles at the ColourDash, which raised £80+!! They are currently working, together with school, on preparations for Buswells is 50! Picnic on the Field - more details to follow.

PLEASE JOIN US TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE
BUSWELLS PTFA.



FOR 2026 SCHOOL YEAR!



By simply joining the ptfa you are advocating on
behalf of the children (and your own) no additional
commitment is required.



Alone we can do a little,
together we can do so much

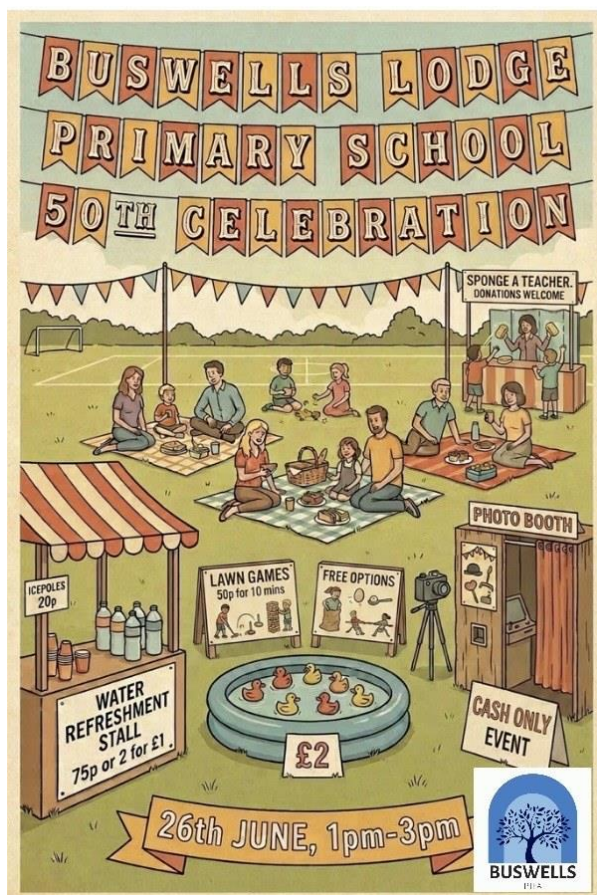


Volunteering as little as one hour at
events and attending meetings goes a
long way



Together we can build a friends and family
relationship with school. Help them with providing
the children with the best education whilst having
lots of fun at the same time

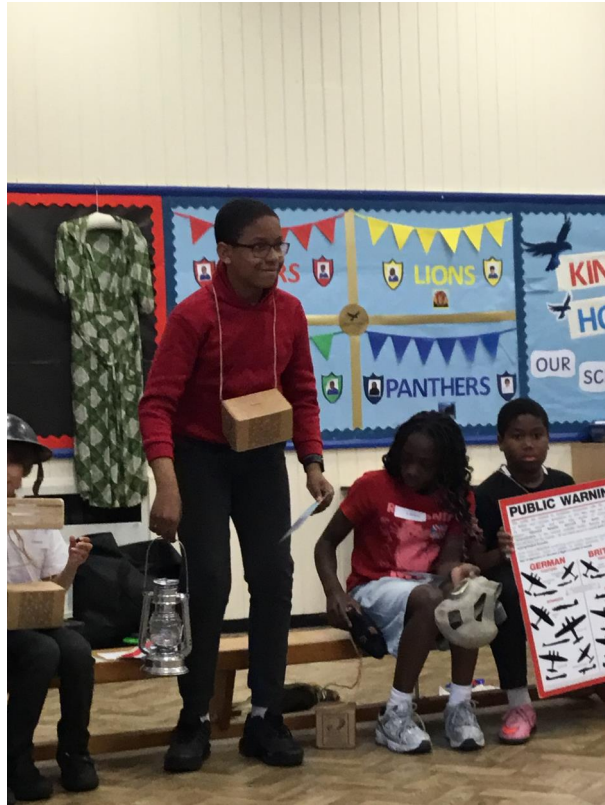
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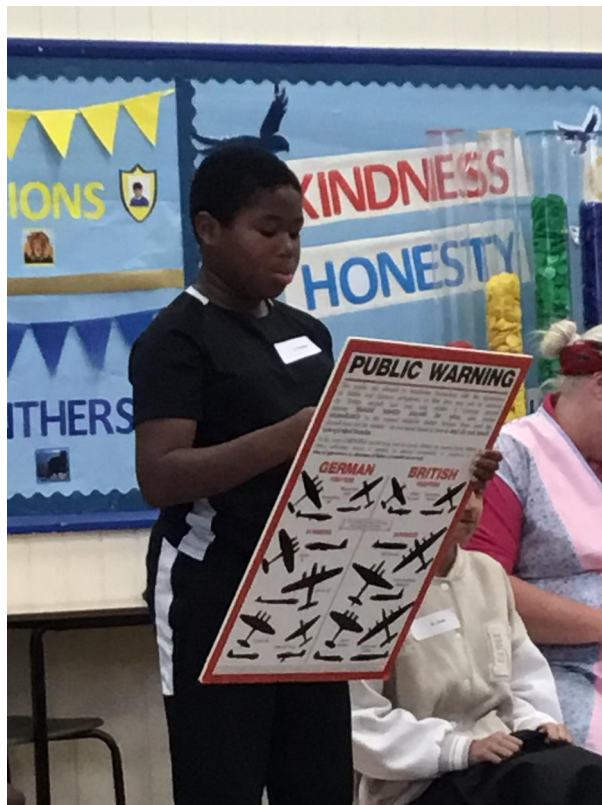
VE Day Assembly



The children were invited to our VE Day Assembly. We had special visitors come along to talk about VE Day, have a look at some of the pictures taken.

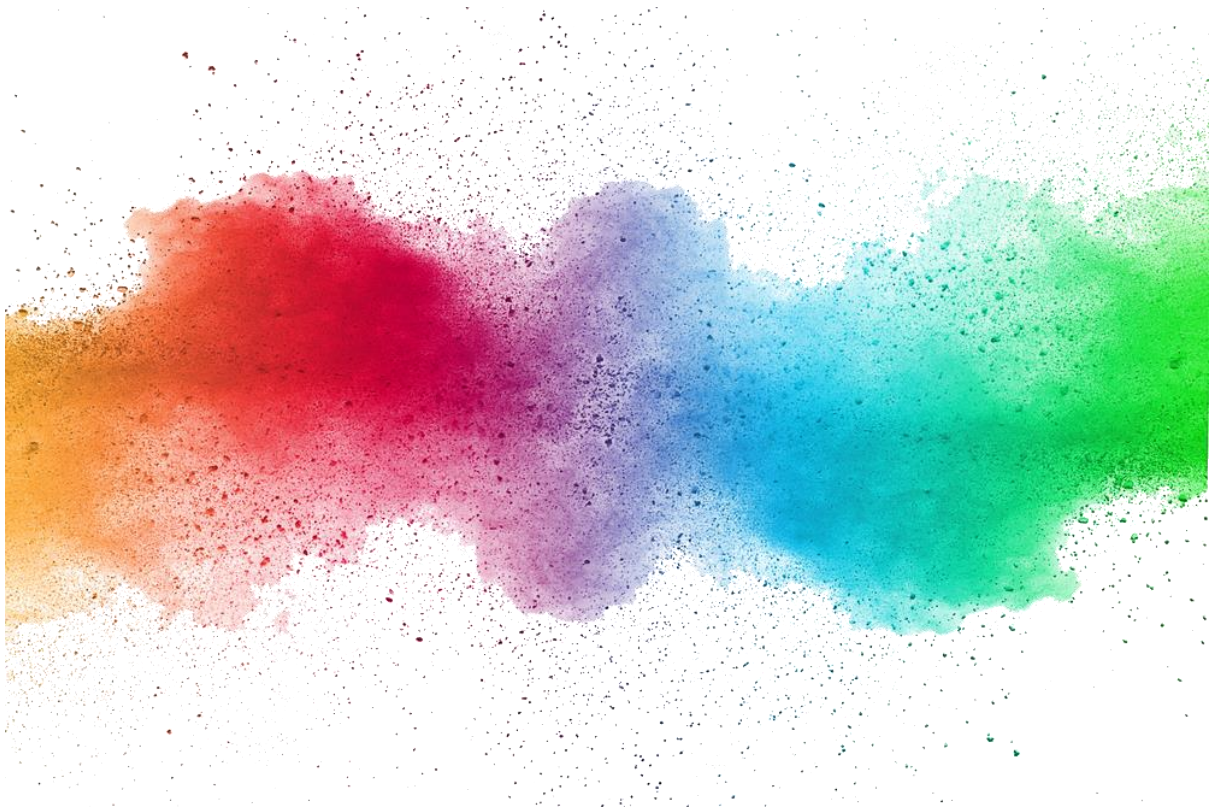








Colourdash!!



A huge thank you for all your hard work fundraising for this amazing charity. The children, and staff, had an amazing time! The sun shone and the faces smiled. It was lovely to see so many family and friends coming along to watch the fun too. Have a look at some of the pics below.

As soon as we have a total of the amount raised, we will share with you.































Pre-loved School Uniform

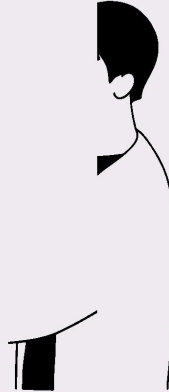


Open Monday 22nd June to Friday 3rd July 2026 - 10am - 3pm, Highcross Shopping Centre, Leicester. Please register below.



LCH Charity
Lifting Children's Hopes

DROP IN FREE PRE- LOVED SCHOOL UNIFORM STORE



Will you be struggling with the cost of school uniform this summer? LCH Charity are opening their Highcross school uniform store for families to select school uniform and PE Kit their children need for free!

Whilst Stock Lasts.

All families must register their interest [Please Click Here](#)

COMING
22ND
JUNE-3RD
JULY



Highcross Shopping Centre opposite Costa.

Open Monday to Friday 10am till 3pm.

*All families must register an interest by clicking link below - this is not only **primary** school uniform, its for **secondary** school uniform too!!*

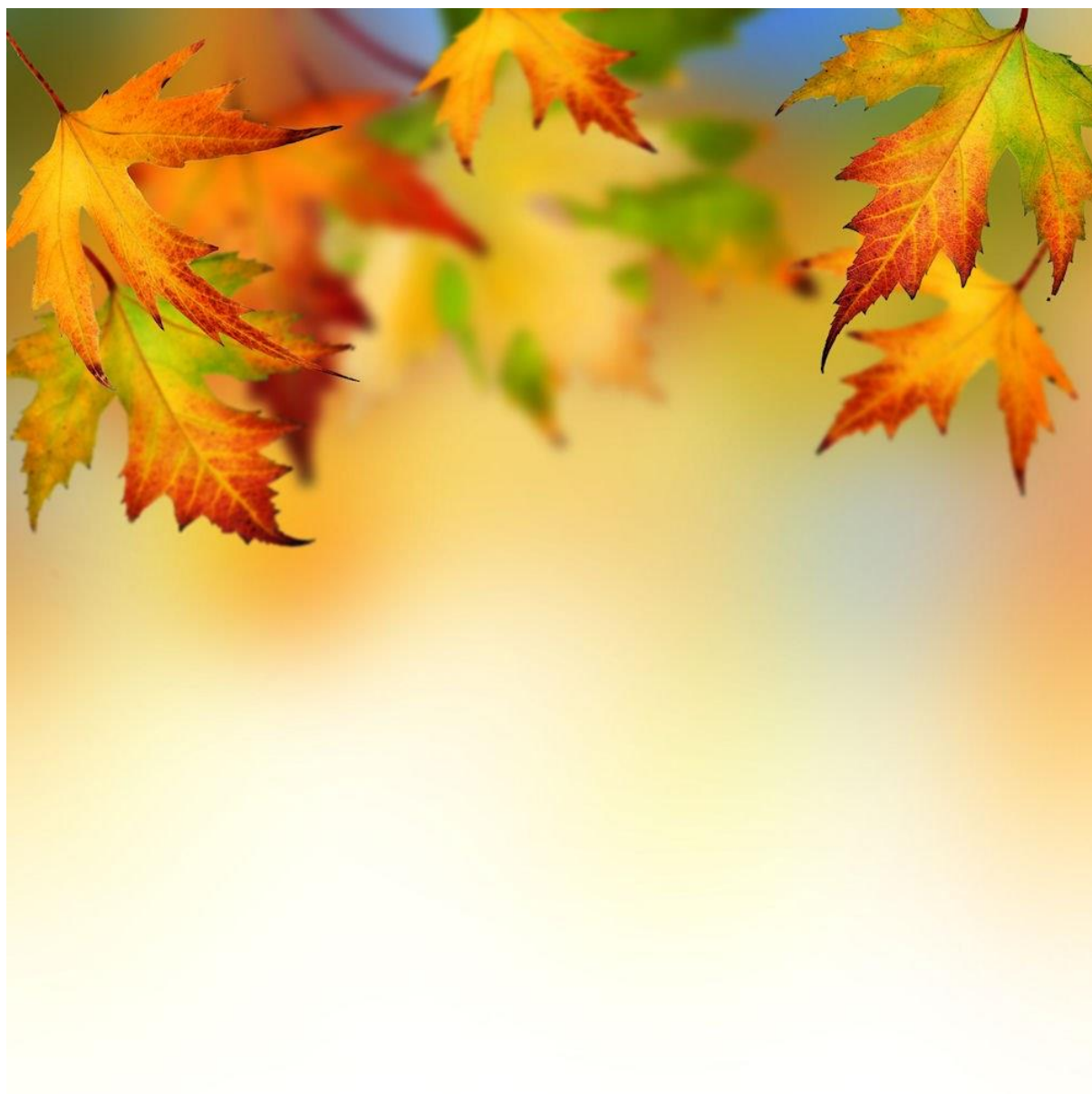
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Term dates for the next academic year



The term dates have been set for the next academic year, 2026/27. Please see below so that you can either plan next years holidays (2026/2027) or simply advance notice of any inset days etc.

Autumn Term 2026



INSET Days: Thursday 20 and Friday 21 August 2026

School Opens: Monday 24 August 2026

Bank Holiday: Monday 31 August 2026

School Closes: Friday 16 October 2026

Half Term: Monday 19 October 2026 to Friday 23 October 2026

Trust INSET: Monday 26 October 2026

School Opens: Tuesday 27 October 2026

School Closes: Friday 18 December 2026

Christmas Holiday: Monday 21 December 2026 to Friday 1 January 2027

Spring Term 2027



INSET Day: Monday 4 January 2027

School Opens: Tuesday 5 January 2027

School Closes: Friday 12 February 2027

Half Term: Monday 15 February 2027 to Friday 19 February 2027

School Opens: Monday 22 February 2027

School Closes: Friday 19 March 2027

Easter Holidays: Monday 22 March 2027 to Friday 2 April 2027

Summer Term 2027

School Opens: Monday 5 April 2027

Disaggregated INSET Day: Friday 30th April 2027 (School closed)

Bank Holiday: Monday 3 May 2027

School Closes: Friday 28 May 2027

Half Term: Monday 31 May 2027 to Friday 4 June 2027

School Opens: Monday 7 June 2027

School Closes: Friday 9 July 2027

Our Office Team



Our hardworking office staff are often your first point of contact, whether in person or via telephone. They are there to assist you with any enquiries/problems you may have, or signpost you to a member of staff in school that can.

They are not employed to be shouted out, swore at or disrespected by anyone. Please be respectful of these hardworking ladies that want to help you. They are often unaware of issues that have occurred during the school day with your children. Just have a polite chat with them and they will do their absolute best to help.

There is zero tolerance of any disrespectful behaviour towards them, or any other member of staff. Thank you

Nurture





Children in Nurture have been busy planting and making use of the outdoor classroom and mini forest.



Our Sanctuary

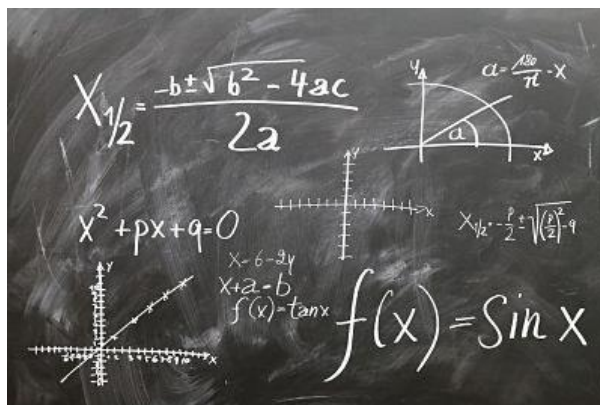


Mrs Gibson, one of HLTA's, has been busy being creative, once again! Mrs Gibson has started making Our Sanctuary Room even more welcoming for our children. We'd like to personally thank Mrs Gibson for going the extra mile, in her own time, to create this lovely space.





Class Life



Starlings Class

Rosy Starling



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***Building Connections and confidence.** This month has been busy and productive within our IAP provision. We have focused on evidence-based interventions that foster communication, social interaction, and emotional well-being.*

***Collaborative LEGO Based Therapy** Our LEGO therapy sessions continue to be a highlight for our students. To promote an inclusive environment, we have welcomed several **year 1 students** to join our groups. Through structured play, the children are.*

Developing communication skills by using specific language to describe pieces and instructions..

Building social confidence through turn-taking and collaborative problem-solving. .

Working as a team to achieve a shared creative goal.

Attention and Autism " Bucket Time" Success We have also been facilitating " Attention and Autism " Sessions, Often affectionately known as "Bucket Time". These sessions are designed to capture the children's interest and naturally extend their attention spans. .

Engagement: We begin each session with a welcoming song accompanied by **Makaton Signing**; this signals the start of our focused time together..

Anticipation: Using high-interest objects pulled one by one from the bucket, we build anticipation and joint attention..

Sensory Exploration: We recently moved into stage 2 " messy stage" of our sessions with a Bubble Tower. The children were absolutely captivated as they watched the bubbles rise, fill the tower, and eventually overflow. It is a joy to see our students so engaged and to witness the progress they are making in their individual communication journeys.





FSO - Penguins



This month the penguins have enjoyed watch our lady birds grow, from eggs, to Lava, to a pupa and finally ladybirds.





The children really enjoyed watching them grow and were very excited when we had five tiny ladybirds.



After keeping them for a few weeks to watch them explore their new environment, we ladybirds released them into our garden area.

FS1 - Toucans



This Month the children have been thinking about how we take care of living things.

To support the children's understanding they have been growing cress in class.

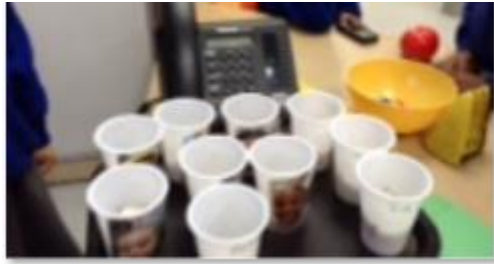
First the children planted the seeds on top of cotton wool before giving them water.

The children have then had to opportunity to watch the cress change and grow.

During this time, we have class discussions on how the children looked after their cress to help it to grow.

Your child should have brought home their very own cup of cress this week, for you to care for or enjoy eating in a lovely egg and cress sandwich.





FS2



Year 1



Year 1 have had a fun-filled May! In our English lessons, each child had their very own mini meerkat, who joined them for a whole day and even went home with them. We will be using these exciting adventures to help us write postcards from the perspective of the meerkat. In Maths, we have been exploring mass and volume. We really enjoyed our practical lessons, using balance scales to compare the mass of different objects. We then moved on to learning about volume and capacity, where we compared different volumes using our mathematical vocabulary. In Design and Technology, we learnt how to join fabrics using glue, staples and safety pins. We then designed and created our very own monster hand puppets, which we thoroughly enjoyed making and decorating. It was no surprise that many of us chose to use glue rather than safety pins! Just before half term, we enjoyed listening to stories and

learning about important festivals from Christianity, Judaism and Islam, including the Easter story, Passover and Sukkot. On the last day of term, we had great fun taking part in a colour dash!







Year 2



*In Year 2, we have been developing our sewing skills. We learned how to **thread a needle** and practised a **running stitch**, using binca and coloured wools to create our own fabric book. The children showed fantastic focus and creativity throughout this project.*

In maths, we have been learning about fractions and time. These are two very tricky topics, but the perseverance and determination shown by the class were incredible. Everyone worked hard and made brilliant progress.

*We have also been working on our singing skills with support from Leicester Cathedral, preparing for the **Big Sing** which will take place there in just a few weeks. The excitement is definitely building.*

Year 3



Wow, another term draws to a close in a flash. The Year 3's are moving towards Year 4, without delay. Time flies when you are having fun.

In Maths, our focus has been how to tell the time (including analogue and digital clocks), understanding duration and sequences of time. In addition, (see what I did there) they have learnt about money, including recognising coins and notes, adding amounts, and calculating change.

In May, pupils also travelled back in time to explore the fascinating world of the Ancient Egyptians. They have learnt about; the importance of the River Nile, roles of pharaohs,

Egyptian gods and beliefs, mummification and burial practices. A brilliant assembly delivered by the Year 3 Doves showcased all the knowledge they had gained.





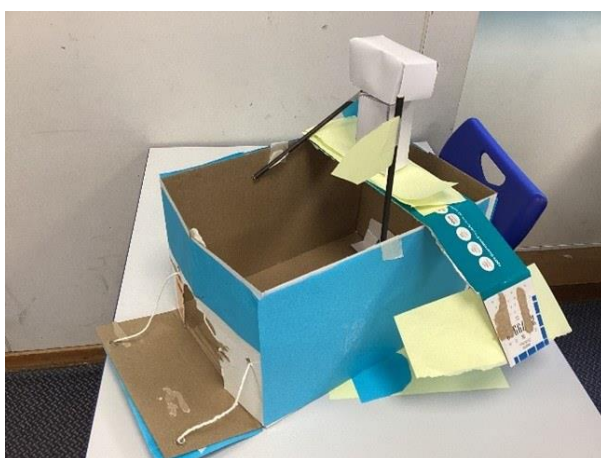
In Design Technology, we designed a 2-d shape that was developed into a 3-d model castles!

In Science, we have been investigating light and shadows. Pupils have explored how shadows are formed Identified light sources, observed how shadows change size depending on distance, carried out simple investigations. The children particularly enjoyed practical experiments using torches to create and measure shadows.

In English, we have been focusing on letter writing, learning how to structure both formal and informal letters and using descriptive language and correct punctuation. In Reading, we have been enjoying The Iron Man by Ted Hughes. Pupils have discussed key events and characters, made predictions and developed their comprehension skills.

We also had the opportunity to appear on T.V. to celebrate David Attenborough's 100th Birthday with teachers and pupils showcasing their presenting skills to the national audience. What a packed May we have had!

Mr Sellers and Mr Wright









At the end of April, Kestrels presented their Roman themed class assembly. There were Roman judges, soldiers, road builders, mosaic designers and of course, representing the Celts- Boudicca! The children were nervous but they all did incredibly well.





In other areas of the curriculum, we have continued reading 'Alice in Wonderland' and being amazed by all the weird and wonderful things that happen to her, learned about money and time in maths and learned about where our food comes from and the impact on the environment.

Finally, year four are approaching their times tables check at the beginning of June and all the children have been working incredibly hard learning all their times tables. Keep it up, the benefit of knowing your them will become evident in year five.

Year 5



To enhance our RE curriculum, Year 5 visited the local mosque at Home Farm. Irshad and Omar greeted us and explained what happens in a mosque, including how a mosque is involved with birth and death. Irshad and Omar answered lots of our extremely thoughtful questions and showed us the space where Wudu (the Islamic ritual of cleansing and purification is performed before formal prayers) takes place.







Year 6

First of all, a huge well-done to all the Year 6 pupils who sat their SATs tests this term. We have been so proud of how hard they have worked and with their mature, calm approach to the tests. You have done your school proud, Eagles and Albatrosses! Having got those out of the way, we are looking forward to our trip to Warning Zone in Leicester on the 18th of June. We will be fine-tuning our final pieces of writing for the year and starting to prepare for the other exciting events taking place: a science day all about the wonders of DNA, transition meetings, the Buswells 50th Anniversary Event, the Year 6 Prom and the obligatory Y6 water fight! There is a lot to cram in before the end of the year. There will be a separate letter to Y6 parents with all the important dates to follow.

Staff are looking forward to spending the next few weeks enjoying these activities and making the most of the wonderful children we have been so lucky to have taught before they move up to their new schools.

Below are some pictures of some of the amazing RE work the children have completed this week.

The new summer menu will commence 13th April 2026. Please take a look below for the choices that will be on offer.

FOOD FESTIVAL

WEEK 1
Spring/Summer 2026
LUNCH, MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY

LUNCHTIME

LEICESTER PRIMARY FISH FREE WORLD

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN EVENT	Macaroni Cheese	Sticky Lemon Chicken Noodles	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Skin on Roasties and Gravy	Cottage Pie	Chicken Nuggets and Chips
HELP-THU MAGIC	Mixed Bean Fajitas with Wedges	Hoisin Sticky Vegetable Noodles	Cauliflower & Broccoli, Cheese Bake, Skin on Roasties and Gravy	Veggie Keema Curry with Rice	BBQ Veggie Wrap with Chips
RAINBOW ALLEY	Vegetable Sticks	Broccoli and Sweetcorn	Carrots and Peas	Mixed Greens	Baked Beans and Peas
BIG TOPPINGS	Beans & Cheese	Beans & Cheese	Beans & Cheese	Beans & Cheese	Beans & Cheese
DESSERT TROLLEY	Orange Squash Cupcakes	Strawberry Jelly	Peach Upside Down Cake and Custard	Shortbread	Marble Cookie

What impact has your meal had on planet Earth today?

PLEASE ALSO DRINK, TISSUE, BAKED BEANS, YOGURT AND LEFT FOOD

PASTA TOPPED PASTA HAS BEEN TOPPED WITH TOMATOES, TUNA, SAUCE & CHEESE

FOOD FESTIVAL

WEEK 2
Spring/Summer 2026
LUNCH, MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY

LUNCHTIME

LEICESTER PRIMARY FISH FREE WORLD

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN EVENT	Cheese and Tomato, Pizza Slice with Wedges	Beef Whole Grain Pasta Bolognese	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Skin on Roasties and Gravy	Chicken Fajitas with Paprika Rice	Chicken Nuggets and Chips
HELP-THU MAGIC	Mixed Dhal with Spinach and Rice	Stuffed Potato & Chickpea Balls with Rice	Leicester Cheese Flan Skin on Roasties and Gravy	Veggie Quesadillas with Paprika Rice	Cheese & Tomato Puff Pastry Tart with Chips
RAINBOW ALLEY	Vegetable Sticks	Green Beans and Sweetcorn	Carrots and Cabbage	Mixed Salad	Baked Beans and Peas
BIG TOPPINGS	Beans & Cheese	Beans & Cheese	Beans & Cheese	Beans & Cheese	Beans & Cheese
DESSERT TROLLEY	Lemon Shortbread Fingers	Orange Jelly	Apple Sponge and Custard	Flagjack	Chocolate Krispie Squares

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FOOD FESTIVAL

WEEK 3
Spring/Summer 2026
LUNCH, MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY

LUNCHTIME

LEICESTER PRIMARY FISH FREE WORLD

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN EVENT	Cheese and Tomato, Pizza Slice with Wedges	Butter Chicken Curry with Rice	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Skin on Roasties and Gravy	Sweet Chilli Chicken Wrap with Rice	Chicken Nuggets and Chips
HELP-THU MAGIC	Mung Bean Curry with Rice	Macaroni Cheese	Red Kidney Bean & Sweetcorn Curry with Rice	Mixed Dhal Tadka with Rice	Vegetable Fingers with Chips
RAINBOW ALLEY	Vegetable Sticks	Sweetcorn and Cabbage	Carrots and Green Beans	Mixed Greens	Baked Beans and Peas
BIG TOPPINGS	Beans & Cheese	Beans & Cheese	Beans & Cheese	Beans & Cheese	Beans & Cheese
DESSERT TROLLEY	Chocolate Brownie	Raspberry Jelly	Treacle, Pear & Ginger Cake with Custard	Muesli Bars	Vanilla Cookies

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School Trips & Dinner payments



School trips, charity donations/events and payments for your child's dinners are made through ParentPay. If you have not yet activated your account, please come to the school office where the members of the office team will be happy to help.

We kindly ask that you pay for school dinners a week in advance.

Attendance



During May we have celebrated excellent attendance in Friday's celebration assemblies for the following classes:

Parrots - 94.7%

Woodpeckers - 91.8%

Snowy Owls - 99.2%

Flamingos - 93.7%

Woodpeckers - 96.4%

Albatrosses - 98.7%

Barn Owls - 99.2%

Snowy Owls - 99.2%

Woodpeckers - 95.5%

Flamingos - 92.6%

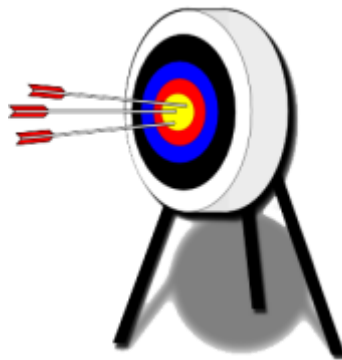
These are really amazing results, so thank you for sending your children in daily and on time!

Our school has been above National Average throughout this academic year, and we would really like to keep it that way with your commitment to sending your children to school to be the best that they can be in the future!!

Year 5 enjoyed milkshake, cookies and extra Golden Time for getting the furthest round the Classopoly board - well done Year 5!!!

Breakfast Club





*Our Breakfast Club is available to all children from FS2 - Year 6. It is completely **FREE**. Just turn up, no need to book.*

Children have the choice of a hot or cold breakfast.

Opening times 7:45am - 8:30am, but please arrive at the latest 8:25 am to ensure a breakfast. Alongside breakfast there are also activities such as arts, dodgeball, archery and scooter skills.

Please make sure your child is safely in the building if you bring them to breakfast club.

ParentPay



ParentPay is our schools communication and payment system. We communicate important information and emergency updates, via ParentPay, by text or email. Please ensure you activate your account and if you having difficulties doing so, please speak to a member of our office team.

Payment of school meals and schools trips is also via ParentPay as we are a CASH FREE school. If you have a new mobile number please log onto ParentPay and update this - we as a school cannot do this for you. We make announcements about school closures by text and give us a follow on Facebook too!

Thank you

Term dates 2025 - 2026

AUTUMN TERM 2025

SCHOOL OPENS	TUESDAY 26 th August 2025
SCHOOL CLOSES	Friday 17 th October 2025
HALF TERM	<i>Monday 20th October to Friday 24th October 2025</i>
SCHOOL OPENS	TUESDAY 28 th October 2025
SCHOOL CLOSES	Friday 19 th December 2025

SPRING TERM 2026

SCHOOL OPENS	TUESDAY 6 th January 2026
SCHOOL CLOSES	Friday 13 th February 2026
HALF TERM	<i>Monday 16th to Friday 20th February 2026</i>
SCHOOL OPENS	Monday 23 rd February 2026
SCHOOL CLOSES	Friday 27 th March 2026

SUMMER TERM 2026

SCHOOL OPENS	Monday 13 th April 2026
MAY BANK HOLIDAY	<i>Monday 4th May 2026</i>
SCHOOL CLOSES	<i>Friday 22nd May 2026</i>
HALF TERM	<i>Monday 25th to Friday 29th May 2026</i>
SCHOOL OPENS	Monday 1 st June 2026
SCHOOL CLOSES	THURSDAY 9 th July 2026

TRAINING DAYS 2025 – 2026: SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

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| ▪ Thursday 21 st August 2025 | ▪ Monday 5 th January 2026 |
| ▪ Friday 22 nd August 2025 | ▪ <i>Thursday 10th July 2026 - disaggregated</i> |
| ▪ Monday 27 th October 2025 | |

Please see our Term Dates for our academic year 2025 -2026. If you are planning on taking a family holiday within these dates it is very important to collect a form from reception and

provide booking details and or flight tickets. Your holiday will be unauthorised by the school and a fine maybe imposed by the Local Authority.

How to contact us

We can be contacted in a number of ways, for a number of reasons, see below:

- *General enquiries - 0116 2352129 (Option 4) or office@buswellslodge.leicester.sch.uk*
 - *Attendance - 0116 2352129 (Option 1) or attendance@buswellslodge.leicester.sch.uk*
 - *Family Support - 0116 2352129 (Option 2) or jwhatley@buswellslodge.leicester.sch.uk*
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OUR OFFICE IS OPEN 8am - 4pm Monday - Friday
