

## This week...

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for our **Year 4-6 Curriculum Evening** on Tuesday. We thoroughly enjoyed sharing our curriculum with you, along with many of the approaches and resources we use, while answering your questions. We hope you found it useful.

We look forward to welcoming parents from Reception - Year 3 on Tuesday 2nd June but would like to make a slight time adjustment. We found the vast majority of footfall was straight after school and so will run the evening until 4.30pm instead of the advertised 5pm.



On Wednesday, the LPPS choir went to **The Big Summer Sing** where they performed nine songs with other schools from Oxfordshire, backed by a live band! Their performance was truly outstanding, and it was brilliant to see the progress they have made over the year. They definitely did Ladygrove proud! Special mention to James, Emelia, Evelyn K, Shovik and Ellegra who bravely took on solos, and to Evelyn K, Joel, Reva and Kira who introduced some of the songs.

*"We liked 'Believer' best so I was really pleased this was chosen for the encore - particularly where we split up the parts and because of the rapping. We opened with Blame it on the Boogie which I also liked because of the chorus and actions." Ariyo, Felicity, William and Claudia*

*"We liked everything about 'Never Ending Story', and also because it was gentle and calming." Evie, Sophia, Link*

**Reception Vision Screening** took place in school today. Parents will need to log in to the School Screener in two days time to check their child's results. A copy of the instructions can be found on our website here -

<https://www.ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk/resources/64d66857-f97b-4f96-8d93-8629f293ecae>

**Year 4** will be heading off on their Hill End Residential on the first week back next term (Class 10 on Monday 1st June and Class 11 on Wednesday 3rd June). You will have received an email today with a few last minute reminders. A Kit List can be found on our website here - <https://www.ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk/communications/trip-letters>  
The coach is due to depart at 10.30am if you would like to wave them off!

### Assembly

This week Year 1-3 saw an assembly led by the Year 4 group who have been monitoring our electricity usage. They saw a graph (created by the group) which showed that in the last 5 weeks we have used 8000 units of electricity, with a starting figure of 1,088,000. They talked about how to save energy and also how to waste it. They also explained what sort of things we use electricity for that you may not know about.



Congratulations to the new **House Captains** for the Summer Term:

Lottie/Lily and Wayne for Beech

Niahm/Natalia and Sam for Oak

Evelyn/Charlotte and Jake for Willow

As you can see there was (incredibly, and for the first time in known history) a tie for 3 of the places. Therefore there are 9 House Captains for the Summer Term.

They undertook their first Ladygrove News broadcast today with the help of the previous HCs. Unfortunately, the computer crashed during the final edit so we will have to wait until the start of next half term to see the broadcast.

### Star Awards

Well done to everyone for their end of half term Star Awards:

Star Mathematician	Star Reader	Star Writer
Jax	Paisley	Daisie
Alfie	Oscar A	Oscar V
Leo	Mohamed	Isla
Akhil	Rutvi	Sasha
Ellis	Rosie	Ha Chi
Charlie	Yaa	Sofia
Megan	Darcie	Rory
Immy	Locki	George
Oliver Brooks	William	Nicholas
Seb	Ryan	Arya
Gabriel	Adam	Noah
Casper	Jennifer	Max
Emily	Maddison	Alex
Lennox	David	Amelie



### Get Active Week - Can you help?

Monday 15th - Friday 19th June



Get Active Week is back! Our fun-filled week of sports and activities is always a fun time for pupils, and we'd love parents/carers to get involved by leading or supporting an activity during the week (*but not on Wednesday 17th which is Sports Day*). As before, we are looking for any traditional sports but also any innovative or different physical activities. Last time, we covered Yoga, Korf Ball, Taekwondo, Kung Fu, Rugby, Badminton and a lot more.

If you'd like to help, please complete this Google Form and we will get back to you - <https://forms.gle/gfTvNSyieVaqGdFA8>

No pressure, any contribution is greatly appreciated, the teacher will lead the class with your input!

## Celebrating Success

Felicity from Class 11 did a Barbie duet with her mum at Sandy Maya Matzen's spring showcase at Woodley theatre last week. The audience loved it! Well done Felicity.



Amélie from Class 15 performed in the Yamaha Original Concert last weekend where she played her latest composition, called Outside In, a song about the different emotions people experience. Her song included quiet, introspective moments as well as energetic bursts as it took the listener on a journey through an array of emotions and she played it beautifully. Congratulations Amélie!

Savannah from Class 13, recently graded in taekwondo with the UKTA, and has graduated to a blue belt (4th Kup). This takes lots of hard work and dedication, and Savannah passed with flying colours. Well done Savannah!



Savannah (Year 5) and Lexie (Year 4) recently took part in the *Supreme Dance Competition* with their 2 dances (Mickey's Disco and Name in Lights), and were awarded 1st and 2nd place competing against their own routine. Congratulations girls, this is amazing!



# Curriculum Open Evening



We would like to welcome all parents/carers to a Curriculum Open Evening. The evening will run from 3.15 - 4.30pm in our school hall and will be a drop in evening so please arrive at any suitable time. The teachers and staff will be on hand to share information about our phonics, reading, writing, maths and enquiry curriculums, as well as useful resources. They will be happy to answer any questions or queries you have about our curriculum and there will be resources available to take home. Children are welcome to attend with parents.

**Tuesday 2nd June** - Year 1, 2 and 3 parents (as well as current Reception parents as rising Year 1s)

**Tuesday 19th May** - Year 4, 5 and 6 parents (as well as current Year 3 parents as rising Year 4s)

Please arrive at the front office to attend the evening. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Free School Meals Eligibility Changes

The Department for Education (DfE) is introducing changes to the **national FSM eligibility criteria from September 2026**.

This currently means that children who became eligible for FSM on or after 1st April 2018 will continue to receive FSM until July 2026 even if household circumstances have changed.

From September 2026, transitional protections will end and a new National Eligibility Rules will apply to all pupils. Regular annual checks are needed to confirm eligibility. At the start of each academic year we will ask parents to complete a Google Form (link below) to ensure pupils who meet the updated criteria continue to receive their entitlement.

From September 2026, national FSM entitlement will consist of three types:

- **Targeted FSM**  
For pupils in households with earned income under £7400.  
Only this group will continue to attract Pupil Premium Funding.
- **Expanded FSM**  
For all other pupils in households receiving Universal Credit, regardless of income.
- **Universal Infant Free School Meals**  
Continuing for all pupils in Reception Year 1 and Year 2.

These categories reflect the national expansion of FSM to all families receiving Universal Credit and are intended to help schools distinguish between means tested entitlement and wider universal credit based provision.

**Please complete this form if you are in receipt of Income Support or Universal Credit:**

<https://forms.gle/K4x97Y92Bi51q75UA>

Once checks have been made and eligibility confirmed, we will let you know.

## Dates for Summer Term 6...

*Please keep checking these dates for any additions or amendments!*

Monday 1st June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Start of Term 6</b></li> <li>● Year 4 Class 10 Depart to Hill End</li> </ul>
Tuesday 2nd June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Year 1, 2 and 3 Parent Curriculum Open Evening, 3.15-4.30pm in the school hall</li> </ul>
Wednesday 3rd June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Year 4 Class 11 Depart to Hill End</li> <li>● Year 4 Class 10 Return from Hill End</li> </ul>
Friday 5th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Year 4 Class 11 Return from Hill End</li> <li>● Year 5 Cycle Training (selected children) - remember bikes and helmets!</li> </ul>
Tuesday 9th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Year 5 Cycle Training (selected children) - remember bikes and helmets!</li> </ul>
Wednesday 10th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Year 6 visit Didcot Baptist Church, more details to follow</li> <li>● PALS Committee Meeting, 7.30pm (see below)</li> </ul>
Friday 12th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PALS Non-Uniform Day (see below)</li> </ul>
Monday 15th - Friday 19th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Get Active Week - activities in school</li> </ul>
Wednesday 17th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Thank a Teacher Day! <a href="https://thankateacher.co.uk/thankateacherday/">https://thankateacher.co.uk/thankateacherday/</a></li> <li>● <b>Sports Day</b> 9am: Nursery, Foundation Stage &amp; Year 1 (lasting no more than 1 hour) 10.45 - 11.45am: Years 2 &amp; 3 1.30 - 3pm: Years 4, 5 &amp; 6</li> </ul>
Tuesday 23rd June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Year 5 Cycle Training (selected children) - remember bikes and helmets!</li> <li>● TVP Cyber Security Talk to Parents and Carers, 5pm - more details to follow</li> </ul>
Wednesday 24th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sports Day Backup (in case of bad weather!)</li> </ul>
Saturday 27th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PALS Summer Fete, 2-5pm</li> </ul>
Tuesday 30th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Year 4 STEM Workshop (in school)</li> <li>● Year 5 Cycle Training (selected children) - remember bikes and helmets!</li> </ul>


Tuesday 7th & Wednesday 8th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 6: Aureus, DGS &amp; SBS Induction Days</li> </ul>
Tuesday 7th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 5 Cycle Training Test Day (selected children) - remember bikes and helmets!</li> </ul>
Tuesday 14th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 6 Production, 9.15am and 1.30pm - more details to follow</li> </ul>
Thursday 16th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 6 Leavers Assembly, 9.15am</li> <li><b>Last day of term - normal finish time</b></li> </ul>

## Club Dates next term (selected pupils)

Year 3 & 4 Drama Club (Mr Mackriell), Monday, 3.10 - 4pm	8th, 22nd and 29th June
Year 4 TTRS Club (Mrs Wiles), Wednesday, 3.10 - 4pm	10th June
Year 5 & 6 Netball Club (Mrs Clarkson), Wednesday, 3.10 - 4pm	10th, 17th, 24th June and 1st July

## Notices

<p><b>Attendance</b></p> <p><b>Please email the school office. Do not email the year group.</b></p>	<p>If your child is not in school, you must notify us by leaving a message on our answer phone or by <a href="mailto:office.2609@ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk">emailing office.2609@ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk</a> before 9am on each day of their absence. <b>Email is preferable as we are finding it increasingly hard to understand due to unclear messages and poor telephone signal.</b></p> <p>Please state clearly and concisely your <b>child's full name, class and their reason for absence</b> - <u>being specific about the illness or medical needs</u>. You must inform the school in advance by email above, if you need to take your child for an educational setting visit, religious observance or similar. These absences will need to be pre agreed by us. No birthdays, cheaper holidays, altered holiday arrangements or similar will be agreed. In line with strict government legislation, they will be recorded as unauthorised on your child's attendance record.</p>
<p><b>Sports Day - Wednesday 17th June (backup in case of bad weather is Wednesday 24th June)</b></p>	<p>We would like to confirm our timings for Sports Day this year. <b>Please note that our Nursery children will be taking part too!</b> Please enter school <b>promptly</b> at the start time via the Main Reception.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ 9am: Nursery, Foundation Stage &amp; Year 1 (lasting no more than 1 hour)</li> <li>★ 10.45 - 11.45am: Years 2 &amp; 3</li> <li>★ 1.30 - 3pm: Years 4, 5 &amp; 6</li> </ul> <p>Remember, parents can earn House Points too! Wear your house colours proudly, bring your banners, and get ready to cheer as loudly as you can!</p>
<p><b>ParentPay Balances - Extended Schools</b></p>	<p>Please ensure to logon to ParentPay to make any outstanding payments for Extended Schools for Term 5 before we return to Term 6. Next term's billing will take place during the first week of Term 6.</p>
<p><b>School Meals/Trips</b></p>	<p>We still have a number of outstanding payments for lunches and trips. Please make your payments as soon as possible through ParentPay. Many thanks.</p>
<p><b>Donation Requests!</b></p>	<p>We are looking for donations of the following items. Please let the school office know if you are able to help! Many thanks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Brio - Wooden trainset</li> <li>❖ Dressing up clothes</li> <li>❖ Baby dolls - no small bits</li> <li>❖ Trolley - one with the compartments</li> </ul>
<p><b>Cycling on pavements</b></p>	<p>If you are cycling to or from school with your children, please remember that although some of the pavements are shared spaces, the pedestrians always have priority. We kindly</p>

	<p>ask all cyclists to be mindful of others, particularly younger children and families walking to school, and to show courtesy and respect at all times. Thank you for helping to keep everyone safe.</p>
<p><b>Celebrating Birthday's - ditch the sweets!</b></p>	<p>Birthdays are a wonderful time to celebrate! For families that would like to bring in something to share with the class, we ask parents to skip sweets and instead bring a 'Birthday Book' for the class to enjoy and to donate to the school library. <b>Please note that there is no expectation for this, but only for families that would like to!</b></p>
<p><b>Meningitis</b></p>	<p>You may have seen recent news reports about cases of meningitis across the country. We wanted to share the graphic at the end of this newsletter, along with some helpful information about the signs and symptoms: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/meningitis-signs-and-symptoms-poster/meningitis-dont-ignore-the-signs-and-symptoms">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/meningitis-signs-and-symptoms-poster/meningitis-dont-ignore-the-signs-and-symptoms</a> As always, if you have any concerns about your child's health, please contact your GP or seek medical advice.</p>
<p><b>Oral Health Care Support in Oxfordshire</b></p>	<p>Dear Parents and Carers of Oxfordshire, We hope this email finds you well. We are inviting parents and carers to take part in a short survey about the oral health of children aged 2–4 years in Oxfordshire. Your feedback will help shape future oral health services and help ensure we continue to provide the best possible support for children and families across Oxfordshire. As you may know, we work closely with your child's early years setting to support oral health through staff training, accreditation programmes, resources, and ongoing support. If you are a parent or carer of a child aged 2–4 years living in Oxfordshire, we would really appreciate you taking approximately 5 minutes to complete this survey. All responses are anonymous. The survey will close on 20 July, so please complete it before this date. <a href="#">Oral Health Survey – Fill out form</a> If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at: <a href="mailto:Oral.Health@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk">Oral.Health@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk</a> Thank you for your time and support — your feedback will help us continue to improve oral health support for local families. Kind regards, Smile 360 Team Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust</p>
<p><b>The Big Future Survey</b></p> 	<p>As Children's Commissioner, I am writing to ask you to ensure all of your children complete my new survey, The Big Future. Under the Children Act 2004, it is my role to promote the views and interests of children in England, and I have done this so far by conducting the two largest ever children's surveys: The Big Ask and The Big Ambition. Now, for the first time, hundreds of thousands of children will be eligible to vote in the next general election, the biggest change to the franchise in half a century. Yet just one in five children say politicians listen to them. That's why I'm launching my final survey, The Big Future. Your students should complete the survey here: <a href="http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture">http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture</a> I want to make sure that I hear from as many children as possible, aged 0-18, from all backgrounds, in all schools and colleges, and in every part of the country. To do that, I need your help. I am asking children about the changes they want to see in their communities, their biggest concerns, and their hopes for the future. More than anything, I want to know what they think a good childhood should look like today. I will be publishing my findings next year, and they will be used to advocate at the highest level for solutions that children want to see, to the problems that they tell me are most important to them. Thank you for your support. Yours sincerely, <b>Dame Rachel de Souza, Children's Commissioner</b></p>

<p><b>PALS - Upcoming Events</b></p>	<p><b>Superhero Half Term Trail - 23rd - 31st May</b>  PALS are running a superhero trail during May Half Term. Find the Superheroes hiding in people’s windows on the Ladygrove! Find all 17 to crack the codes. Trail Map, Pencil and Sweets can be purchased for £2 at the school gates on 15th and 21st May from 8.40 - 8.50am.</p> <p><b>PALS Committee Meeting, Wednesday 10th June, 7.30pm</b>  Please join us for our next Committee Meeting, where you can meet the team, find out how fundraising is spent, and our plans for the rest of the year. The meeting will be held on Zoom (link to follow).</p> <p><b>Non-school uniform day on 12th June</b>  On the 12th June, we welcome children to come to school wearing non-school uniform. Always a fun day in the diary for the children. PALS would love donations in the way of sweets/chocolate/biscuits for the treat tombola, wine for the water/wine stall or please do leave a money donation and we will buy these on your behalf. All the donations and proceeds go into the running of the school fete which is happening on 27th June.</p> <p><b>Summer Fete, Saturday 27th June, 2-5pm</b>  We’re excited to announce that our Summer Fete is coming soon! This is one of the highlights of the school year and a wonderful opportunity for families, friends, and the wider school community to come together for an afternoon of fun. There will be games, activities, refreshments, stalls, prizes, and plenty of entertainment for all ages. The fete also plays an important role in raising funds to support school resources and enrichment opportunities for our children. We’d love your help to make the event a success — whether by volunteering some time, donating raffle prizes or cakes, or simply coming along and joining in the fun. More details will be shared soon, and we hope to see you there!</p>
<p><b>External Clubs and Activities</b></p>	<p>If you are looking for external clubs and activities taking place in the local area, or for any upcoming holiday camps, please visit this page on our website - <a href="https://www.ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk/parents/external-clubs-activities">https://www.ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk/parents/external-clubs-activities</a></p> <p>New additions this week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Creation Theatre, Oxford - Summer Holiday Workshops</li> <li>★ Active Adventures Holiday Club at Youlbury</li> <li>★ Didcot Festival of Cultures - Saturday 11th July</li> <li>★ Paint Abingdon Pink - 4th July 2026</li> </ul>



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# Meningitis and septicaemia

 **Severe headache**

**Dislike of bright light** 

 **Stiff neck**

**Confusion and/or irritability** 


 **Rapid breathing**

**Vomiting/diarrhoea** 

 **Seizures/fits**

**Stomach cramps** 

 **High temperature**

**Rash/bruising rash** 

 **Drowsy or difficult to wake**

**Pale blotchy skin** 

 **Cold hands and feet**

**Joint or muscle pain** 

 **Meningitis can kill in hours**

These are just some of the warning signs. If you are worried for yourself or someone else get medical help immediately. Call NHS 111.

## Find out more:

**Find out about the MenACWY vaccine**

[www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/men-acwy-vaccine/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/men-acwy-vaccine/)




























**Signs and symptoms of meningitis and septicaemia**

[www.nhs.uk/conditions/meningitis/symptoms/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/meningitis/symptoms/)



# SPRING SUMMER MENU 2026

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	MENU KEY:
<b>WEEK ONE</b> 13.04.26 04.05.26 01.06.26 22.06.26 13.07.26	<b>Option One</b>	Macaroni Cheese	 Phat Pasty Pork Sausage Roll with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	 Spaghetti Beef Bolognaise	Fishfingers with Chips	 Whole grain  Plant based  Added plant protein  Chef's Special
	<b>Option Two</b>	Tomato Pasta	Mexican Bean Roll with Potato Wedges	 Roasted Quorn, Roast Potatoes, & Gravy	Vegan Bolognaise	Cheese & Bean Pasty with Chips	
	<b>Sides</b>	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	
	<b>Dessert</b>	<b>NEW</b> Banana Mousse	Orange Drizzle Cake	 Fruit Platter	 Apple Flapjack 	 Cookie	
	<b>WEEK TWO</b> 20.04.26 11.05.26 08.06.26 29.06.26	<b>Option One</b>	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Summer Mixed Salad 	 Beef Chilli with Rice & Sweetcorn & Cucumber Salsa 	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Greek Chicken Pitta with Herby Rice & Salad	
<b>Option Two</b>	Rainbow Pizza With Summer Mixed Salad 	Mild Mexican Quorn Chilli with Rice & Sweetcorn & Cucumber Salsa	 Quorn Roast Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Greek Spinach & Cheese Whirl with Herby Rice & Salad	<b>NEW</b> Cheesy Broccoli Frittata with Chips		
<b>Sides</b>	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day		
<b>Dessert</b>	Vanilla Sponge	Ice Cream	 Freshly Chopped Fruit Salad	Jam & Coconut Sponge with Custard	 Oaty Cookie 		
<b>WEEK THREE</b> 27.04.26 18.05.26 15.06.26 06.07.26	<b>Option One</b>	Sweet Potato Curry with Rice	 Beef Burger with Potato Wedges & Rainbow Slaw	Roast of the Day, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	 Beef Pasta in Tomato Sauce 	Fishfingers with Chips	
	<b>Option Two</b>	Chickpea Curry with Rice	Vegetable Burger with Potato Wedges & Rainbow Slaw	Quorn Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Vegetable Pasta in Tomato Sauce	Cheese & Spinach Whirl	
	<b>Sides</b>	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	
	<b>Dessert</b>	Peach Cake	Cheese & Crackers	 Fruit Medley	Apple Cake 	 Vanilla Shortbread	
<b>AVAILABLE DAILY:</b>		Jacket Potatoes with a choice of fillings, Salad Bar					

If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods, please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of allergen cross contact.



# Do you support a child who has additional needs, a disability or a long-term health condition?

**Many parents don't think of themselves as carers — but they often are. If this sounds like you, we're here to help.**

We offer free practical advice, help you understand what support you could access, and find opportunities to connect.

**Find out how we can support you online by scanning the QR code or visiting:**  
[www.carersoxfordshire.org.uk](http://www.carersoxfordshire.org.uk)



**You can also get in touch with us by calling 01235 424 715 or emailing [carersinfo@carersoxfordshire.org.uk](mailto:carersinfo@carersoxfordshire.org.uk).**

