



Wishing all our families celebrating today a very happy Eid!

Last Friday, some of our **Year 5** pupils visited Cholsey Primary for a Ballroom and Latin Dance Workshop. They had a fantastic time learning two very different styles: the fast-paced *Cha Cha Cha* and the classic *Waltz*. Our children showed great teamwork and impressive new skills on the dance floor. It was a truly inspiring session!

This week...

Starlight Images were in school taking class photos on Monday. Proofs will be sent home over the next week, so keep an eye out for these in your child's bag.

It was **Year 6's** turn to visit the Didcot Railway Centre on Tuesday to support our curriculum on engineering. We learnt a lot about engineers from the Victorian era, and how they often had to work together to make and design items that are useful for society - including our sewer system! We also learnt about a few engineering failures! The sessions allowed us to learn more towards our DT focus on how to build strong structures. We all had a brilliant day, helped by the lovely weather, and would especially like to thank the centre for adapting their educational session to help us explore this term's topic even more fully.



On Wednesday, we were delighted to welcome Chris and Falco from the National Tennis Association for the National Tennis Roadshow. Children in **Reception, Year 1 and 2** practised throwing, catching and dribbling with a tennis racquet and a ball. It was great fun in the sun, and we were excited to practice our skills!



As we come to the Easter Holidays we have some **Staffing Announcements**:

We will be saying goodbye to our Sports Coach/HLTA Seth Humphries and our TA Caoimhe Boden-Selvidge. Both are moving on to further their careers. This is a big move for them since they were both children here at the school also. Caoimhe is off to pursue a different career path and Seth is taking a role which may lead to teaching PE at secondary school. Caoimhe has been a wonderful and confident TA during her time here with Year 2. Her calm presence will be missed. Seth has been with us for over 10 years, originally helping our previous sports coach and then stepping up to the role. He has expanded the role and helped develop many aspects of sport provision for the school, as well as creating his own company which runs holiday clubs at the school. He will be sorely missed by the children and staff alike.

We undertook a process to recruit a new HLTA this week. We are pleased to announce that James Froud will take this position after the Easter Holidays. He is currently the sports coach at another local primary school with many years of experience and also the co-manager of SJ Multisports alongside Seth. For this reason, a number of the children already know him and we look forward to him starting.

We welcome back Amber Parsons-Boler to the teaching team after her parental leave. She will work across the school in a number of classes as part of PPA cover and other teaching duties. She has already undertaken some visit days to reacclimatise and we very much look forward to her reintegrating to the team.

Catering



Caterlink is our current school meal provider and after the Easter break, they will be changing the way food is served in school, due to national enhancements in protocols. As part of this change, they will no longer be able to accommodate individual food preferences. Allergies are always dealt with as a priority- this will not change. However, specific taste requests such as only eating certain foods when they are prepared in a particular way (e.g. cheese only when cooked) cannot be catered for, due to the large and ever increasing number of variations being requested. If your child has a very specific lifestyle or religious dietary requirement (eg. vegetarian but can eat fish/chicken), Caterlink will ensure compliance by applying straight forward rules- in this case only being able to provide a vegetarian option, and not a mix of options. Caterlink's meat is not halal. To further support this change, from Easter, jacket potatoes and a selection of toppings, including a salad bar, will always be a third choice. We ask for your understanding with this change which will not affect the vast majority of the children. Please contact the office if you'd like to talk about this or clarify any choices.

Going forward, how to support your child: It is a good idea to reinforce this at home by talking through the menu at the weekend to see what choices are on offer for the upcoming week. Children will need to be aware of their food preferences when making their choices at registration.

The menu can always be found on our website - <https://www.ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk/parents/school-lunches>.

If your child has a food allergy, intolerance, or food-related medical condition, please be assured that these needs will continue to be catered for. To support this, you must complete again the dietary needs form and return it to the school office (even if you have completed one previously):

<https://www.ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk/resources/1269c531-e18d-457c-b603-bb8462de24e8>

Parent Governor Elections

We had one applicant for a Parent Governor. Imran Lokhon, our current Chair, has reapplied and will continue in the role for another 4 years. We are grateful to Imran committing to continue supporting our school and governing body. If you are interested in becoming a community governor, please email the school office and we will forward your details on to our current governors.



Dates for Spring Term 4...

Please keep checking these dates for any additions or amendments!

Tuesday 24th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 6 Cycle Training - remember bikes and helmets!
Wednesday 25th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 4 Production, 1.20pm

Thursday 26th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 4 Production, 9.15am
Friday 27th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception Wheels Day - refer to notice on Google Classroom • Class 11 Swimming, remember towels and costumes! • Year 6 Cycle Training Test Day - remember bikes and helmets! • Last Day of Term 4 - normal finish time

Dates for Summer Term 5 and 6...

Please keep checking these dates for any additions or amendments!

Monday 13th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start of Term 5
Friday 17th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class 11 Swimming - remember towels and costumes!
Monday 20th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Years 1 & 2 PERFORM Drama Workshop, in school
Friday 24th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class 11 Swimming - remember towels and costumes!
Friday 1st May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class 11 Swimming - remember towels and costumes! - LAST ONE!
Monday 4th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 5th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 1 Sutton Courtenay Nature Reserve Trip - Refer to letter here
Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 SATS - letter regarding SATs Breakfast will be sent next week
Tuesday 19th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DGS & SBS Transition Visit at LPPS, 9am. Parents invited - letter to follow
Wednesday 20th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big Summer Sing - Choir Pupils. Refer to letter here.
Thursday 21st May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aureus Transition Visit at LPPS, 9am
Friday 22nd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception Vision Screening - more details to follow • Last Day of Term 5 - normal finish time
Monday 1st June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start of Term 6 • Year 4 Class 10 Depart to Hill End
Wednesday 3rd June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 4 Class 11 Depart to Hill End • Year 4 Class 10 Return from Hill End
Friday 5th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 4 Class 11 Return from Hill End
Monday 15th - Friday 19th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get Active Week - activities in school
Wednesday 17th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports Day
Thursday 24th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports Day Backup (in case of bad weather!)
Saturday 27th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PALS Summer Fete, 2-5pm
Tuesday 7th & Wednesday 8th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6: Aureus, DGS & SBS Induction Days
Thursday 16th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last day of term - normal finish time

<p>Attendance</p> <p>Please email the school office. Do not email the year group.</p>	<p>If your child is not in school, you must notify us by leaving a message on our answer phone or by emailing office.2609@ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk before 9am on each day of their absence. Email is preferable as we are finding it increasingly hard to understand due to unclear messages and poor telephone signal.</p> <p>Please state clearly and concisely your child's full name, class and their reason for absence - <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>Year 4 Production - Peter Pan</p> 	<p>Our Year 4 Production this year is <i>"Peter Pan"</i></p> <p>Parents and carers are invited to come and watch on the following days: Wednesday 25th March, 1.20pm Thursday 26th March, 9.15am</p> <p>Tickets are now on sale from the school office. Tickets cost £2 and there is a maximum of 2 tickets per child, per performance. Any additional tickets can be purchased from Monday 23rd March.</p>
<p>SJ Multisports - Easter Holidays</p> 	<p>SJ Multisports is running a multi-sports holiday camp in the Easter holidays for Ladygrove Park Primary School children in Years 1 - 6. This will take place at school on various dates throughout the Easter holidays. To book a place, scan the QR code in the poster at the end of this newsletter or visit https://sj-multisports.classforkids.io If you have queries, please email sjmultisportscamp@gmail.com</p>
<p>External Clubs and Activities</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 - https://www.ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk/parents/external-clubs-activities</p> <p>New additions this week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Didcot Rugby Club - Girls Play free until the end of May ★ Oxford and Cambridge Singing School ★ Angels APA - Easter Holiday Workshop ★ Discover Bucks Museum Easter Flyer - The Saxons ★ Wild Oxfordshire - Earth Hour Wildlife Wander at Didcot Railway Centre ★ Junior Adventures Easter Holiday Club at Didcot Railway Centre ★ Spring and Easter Holiday Club at Willowcroft Primary School ★ Full Circle Sports Hockey Camp ★ Full Circle Sports Easter Activity Camp ★ The North Wall Arts Centre - Easter Holidays Events

Autumn Winter
2025 2026

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

WEEK ONE

03/11/25
24/11/25
15/12/25
19/01/26
09/02/26
09/03/26

Option One

Creamy Coconut & Chickpea Curry Served with Rice

Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread 

Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes and Gravy

BBQ Chicken Pasta

Fishfingers with Chips

Option Two

Vegetable Curry served with Rice

Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Bread

Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy

BBQ Quorn Pasta

Cheese and Bean Pasty with Chips

Vegetables

Vegetables of the Day

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Fruit Medley

Vegetables of the Day

Baked Beans

Dessert

Cheese and Crackers

NEW Apple Crumb Cake

Fruit Medley

Jelly with Mandarins

Cookie

WEEK TWO

10/11/25
01/12/25
05/01/26
26/01/26
23/02/26
16/03/26

Option One

Classic Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Wedges 

Spaghetti Bolognaise

 **CHICKEN SHACK**

Roast Chicken or Quorn Roast Potatoes and Gravy

Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice 

Fishfingers with Chips

Option Two

Vegetable Pizza with wedges 

Vegan Spaghetti Bolognaise

Vegetables of the Day

Plant Balls in a Tomato Sauce with Rice 

Cheese Whirl with Chips

Vegetables

Vegetables of the Day 

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Peas

Dessert

NEW Gingerbread Cookie 

Chocolate and Beetroot Brownie with Chocolate Sauce

Fruit Salad 

Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble 

Vanilla Shortbread 

WEEK THREE

17/11/25
08/12/25
12/01/26
02/02/26
02/03/26
23/03/26

Option One

Jacket Potato served with Cheese

Beef Pasta Bolognaise

Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy

Mild Caribbean Chicken with Rice 

Fishfingers with Chips

Option Two

Jacket Potato served with Baked Beans

Tomato Pasta

Quorn Roast and Roast Potatoes and Gravy 

Caribbean Stew with Rice 

Cheese Omelette with Chips

Vegetables

Vegetables of the Day 

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Baked Beans

Dessert

Oaty Cookie 

Pear Crumble 

Fruit Salad 

NEW Jamaican Ginger Cake 

Cookie

MENU KEY



Added Plant Protein



Wholemeal



Vegan



Chef's Special

ALLERGY INFORMATION:

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.



Scan to book



MULTISPORTS CAMP

TIME SLOTS & PRICING

8:30-15:30 (£25)

8:30- 16:30 (£27)

FOR ALL GENDERS
YEAR 1-6 ONLY
LPPS PUPILS ONLY
SIBLING DISCOUNT 10%

DBS CERTIFIED
FIRST AID TRAINED
SAFEGUARDING TRAINED

What to bring:

- Packed lunch (No nuts)
- Water bottle
- Sports wear

**MAX 30 SPACES
PER DAY!**



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Entrance & exit via hall doors

Easter dates:

WK1

Thursday 2nd April

WK2

Tuesday 7th April

Wednesday 8th April

Thursday 9th April