



Newsletter #38

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This week...

Assembly

This week's assembly was all about change and transition, to prepare the children for the upcoming move to new classes. The strapline was: 'Accept change as a rule, but not as your ruler!' We looked at how things inevitably change through history and sometimes it is only with hindsight that we see the benefit. This included cars, fashion, the world cup ball design, lego, spiderman, Didcot town centre and the faces of the Year 6 from when they were in Reception! So, we asked the children to embrace the change, accept the challenge and enjoy the new opportunities.

Pupil Responsibility Groups

Our fantastic **Year 4 Diversity and Inclusion Ambassadors** are excited to be taking part in the **Festival of Cultures** this Saturday, 11th July, at Cornerstone Arts Centre (see poster below).

At the event, the children will warmly welcome visitors by greeting them in a variety of different languages before sharing what *diversity* and *inclusion* mean to them. They will also perform a selection of inspiring poems, some they have written themselves and others chosen from their favourite published works, celebrating the importance of embracing diversity and inclusion. To finish their presentation, they will proudly share a powerful motto they have created to celebrate our differences.

The children have also been working incredibly hard to design eye-catching diversity and inclusion posters, which will be on display throughout the event. We are so proud of their enthusiasm, creativity and commitment, and we wish them the very best as they represent our school at this wonderful community celebration!

Year 4 girls finished their Electricity assembly this week. They talked in person to KS1 but have done the KS2 assembly as a video for the classes. They explained electricity, the main people who helped discover and harness it, how to save and how to waste it. They continue to monitor our usage also. Well done to Lyra, Sophie, Lexie and Shreeya in Year 4.

Teachers for next year...

When you've looked at the table below, ensure to come back to this paragraph. As ever, we put all our efforts into selecting the best teaching structure every year. We take account of all variables and circumstances including the profile of the class and history of previous teacher contact. It is a complicated procedure which started months ago and leads to the best possible outcome for the children. During the last part of this term the staff meetings have been dedicated to each teacher handing over all relevant information to the next teacher. This is a process in which your child's teacher tells the new teacher all the pertinent information-academic and otherwise.

Current Class	Current Teacher	Moving to...	New Class	New Teacher
Class 2	Kelly Blake	⇒	Class 4, Y1	Tom Mackriell
Class 3	Jo Hicks	⇒	Class 5, Y1	Keely Cook & Amber Parsons-Boler
Class 4	Lucy Stott & Cress Lai	⇒	Class 6, Y2	Jade Irving-Gordon & Cathryn Fernandez
Class 5	Keely Cook & Amber Parsons-Boler	⇒	Class 7, Y2	Lucy Stott & Cress Lai
Class 6	Jade Irving-Gordon & Cathryn Fernandez	⇒	Class 8, Y3	Emily Newman
Class 7	Catherine Wales	⇒	Class 9, Y3	Ashley Francis
Class 8	Emily Newman	⇒	Class 10, Y4	Alice Langley & Catherine Wales
Class 9	Tom Mackriell	⇒	Class 11, Y4	Ali Wiles

Class 10	Matthew Addison	⇨	Class 13, Y5	Naomi Byrne
Class 11	Ali Wiles	⇨	Class 12, Y5	Matthew Addison
Class 12	Ashley Francis	⇨	Class 14, Y6	Gemma Fowkes
Class 13	Naomi Byrne	⇨	Class 15, Y6	Veerle Duran

Teachers in Foundation Stage will be: Kelly Blake (Class 2), Jo Hicks (Class 3) with Mary Darley in Nursery (Class 1).

Goodbyes

At the end of this academic year, we have a few farewells other than Year 6. Mrs. Stratton joined us in September 2019 and has been a much-valued member of our KS1 support team. We have been lucky to have her serving as one of our Forest School Leaders for a number of our children over the years. Mrs. Davies, a beloved TA and longstanding LPPS parent, has also been an exceptional member of our support staff, working closely with our youngest children in our Nursery since 2022. Although Ms. Siczka only joined us at TA this year, she has supported the children in KS2 well, and we wish her luck in her further career endeavours. Mrs. Derjean, is leaving her brilliantly implemented TA role with school but will continue to be part of the Ladygrove Team, as we will be welcoming her back in September as an Associate Teacher in training.

Throughout their time with us, these TAs have all made an outstanding contribution to our school community through their dedication, care, and commitment. They will be greatly missed by staff, children, and families alike. We thank them for everything they have done and wish them every success and happiness in the future.

Moving On afternoon will take place on **Monday 13th July**. This is when the children spend the afternoon in their new class for next year, getting to know their new classteacher and support staff, as well as the new classroom. This will not affect your drop off or pick up arrangements, the children will go back to the normal classes before the end of school.

Celebrating Success

Huge congratulations to James from Class 15 for winning Player of the Year at his football club! James had a fantastic season and also finished as his team's top goal scorer. His coach praised his excellent team spirit and consistently strong performances in every match. James loves the sport and has built fantastic friendships with all his teammates. Well done James!



Amélie, also from Class 15, has passed her Grade 3 trumpet exam with distinction, the highest grade available. Having only started learning the trumpet in September, her trumpet teacher commented that this is an incredible achievement in just nine months. Congratulations Amélie!



Dates for Summer Term 6

Please keep checking these dates for any additions or amendments!

Monday 13th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moving On Afternoon - children will go to their new class and teacher for next year
Tuesday 14th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Production, 9.15am and 1.30pm (tickets required - see below) Year 5 Cycle Training Test Day (selected children) - remember bikes and helmets!
Thursday 16th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Leavers Assembly, 9.15am Year 6 SATs results sent to parents via email Last day of term - normal finish time 3.10pm Y1-6 and 3.00pm for FS

Dates for Autumn Term



Please keep checking these dates for any additions or amendments!

Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> INSET DAYS - School Closed to children; Staff Training
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Thursday 3rd September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Start of Autumn Term 1 - All children start school: 8.40am FS-Y6
Friday 4th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Year 1 Farm2Ewe Visit, in school (rescheduled from last academic year)
Monday 14th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reception-Year 6 Flu Nasal Spray Vaccinations
Wednesday 23rd September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● TVP Cyber Security Talk to Parents and Carers, 5pm - more details to follow
Monday 5th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Individual Pupil Photos
Wednesday 7th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Year 1 & 3 PC Ben Talk, in school
Thursday 15th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Year 1 & 2 PERFORM Drama Workshop, in school
Thursday 22nd October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Last day of term - normal finish time
Monday 2nd November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Start of Autumn Term 2 - All children start school: 8.40am FS-Y6
Thursday 19th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Roving Bookshop in school
Friday 18th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Last day of term - normal finish time

Notices

<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>Extended Schools Price Increase</p>	<p>From September, the pricing for our Extended Schools services will be:</p> <p>Breakfast Club - £6.25 After School Club - £14.50 Nursery wraparound sessions - £3.00</p>
<p>School Meals Price Increase</p>	<p>Please note that from September, the price of our school meals will increase to £3.50. Our current menu will continue into the start of next academic year and this can be found on our website here - https://www.ladygrove-park.oxon.sch.uk/parents/school-lunches</p>
<p>SEND - One Page Profiles</p>	<p>A One Page Profile was emailed home through ParentPay on 16th June. Thank you to those that have completed and returned it already. If you have not returned your form, please do this before the end of term. If you would like a paper copy, please speak to the school office.</p>
<p>Lost property - last chance to collect!</p>	<p>Please remember to have a look in the lost property box for any missing items (located outside the Year 5 classrooms) before the end of the school year as anything remaining will be disposed of. Many thanks.</p>
<p>Year 6 Production - Gigglebox</p>	<p>Our Year 6 Production this year is Gigglebox, taking place on Tuesday 14th July at 9.15am and 1.30pm. Additional tickets can now be purchased from the school office - until sold out! Tickets cost £2 each (<i>cash only please!</i>)</p>
<p>Outstanding ParentPay Balances</p>	<p>As this academic year is coming to an end, please remember to login to ParentPay and make any outstanding payments for trips, lunches and extended schools. Many thanks!</p>

<p>ParentPay Auto Top-Up</p> 	<p>Keeping your child's account topped up has never been easier.</p> <p>With ParentPay's Auto Top-Up feature, you can set up automatic payments on a weekly or monthly schedule (or when their meal balance gets low) that works for your household budget. Once set up, your chosen amount will be added automatically, helping to ensure your child always has funds available for school meals. That means no last-minute top-ups, no unexpected low-balance surprises, and confidence that your child can access school meals daily.</p> <p>Why use Auto Top-Up?</p> <p>Peace of mind for you: Auto Top-Up helps reduce the risk of low balances and last-minute payments, giving you one less thing to think about during busy weeks.</p> <p>Confidence for your child: By keeping meal funds available, Auto Top-Up helps ensure your child can access meals without interruption throughout the school term.</p> <p>Set up Auto Top-Up in 3 simple steps</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Choose when to top up - Select a weekly or monthly schedule or choose to top up when your balance falls below a set amount. 2. Choose your top-up amount - Decide how much you'd like ParentPay to add to your child's account each time. 3. Relax – we'll do the rest - Your account will be topped up automatically, helping to ensure funds are available for meals when they're needed. <p>To get started, log in to ParentPay and set up an Auto Top-Up schedule today.</p>
<p>SJ Multisports - Summer Holidays</p> 	<p>SJ Multisports is running a multi-sports holiday camp in the Summer holidays for Ladygrove Park Primary School children in Years 1 - 6. This will take place at school on various dates throughout the Summer holidays (see dates in poster below). To book a place, scan the QR code in the poster or visit https://sj-multisports.classforkids.io</p> <p>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 Fire Station Open Day - POSTPONED ★ Tequila Circus, Ladygrove - 15th to 19th July (Discount included!) ★ PERFORM Drama, dance & singing classes ★ Earth Trust - Summer of Fun



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SPRING SUMMER MENU 2026

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	MENU KEY:
WEEK ONE 13.04.26 04.05.26 01.06.26 22.06.26 13.07.26	Option One	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
	Option Two	Tomato Pasta	Mexican Bean Roll with Potato Wedges	 Roasted Quorn, Roast Potatoes, & Gravy	Vegan Bolognaise	Cheese & Bean Pasty with Chips	
	Sides	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	
	Dessert	NEW Banana Mousse	Orange Drizzle Cake	 Fruit Platter	 Apple Flapjack 	 Cookie	
	WEEK TWO 20.04.26 11.05.26 08.06.26 29.06.26	Option One	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	
Option Two	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	NEW Cheesy Broccoli Frittata with Chips		
Sides	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day		
Dessert	Vanilla Sponge	Ice Cream	 Freshly Chopped Fruit Salad	Jam & Coconut Sponge with Custard	 Oaty Cookie 		
WEEK THREE 27.04.26 18.05.26 15.06.26 06.07.26	Option One	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	
	Option Two	Chickpea Curry with Rice	Vegetable Burger with Potato Wedges & Rainbow Slaw	Quorn Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Vegetable Pasta in Tomato Sauce	Cheese & Spinach Whirl	
	Sides	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	
	Dessert	Peach Cake	Cheese & Crackers	 Fruit Medley	Apple Cake 	 Vanilla Shortbread	
AVAILABLE DAILY:		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.



**Menstrual Health and
Period Education Advocates**

July 2026

FREE PERIOD PANTS AVAILABLE TO ORDER ONLINE

Period pants are now available on our website on a first come, first served basis. We will email everyone to confirm their orders, so no-one is left wondering. Please make sure you give us a valid email address.

You are welcome to request pants for each member of your household but please complete a form for each person so everyone gets the correct size period pants. We expect this service to be very popular so please allow 28 days for us to pick, pack and post your pants. You can order at www.allyoursbox.co.uk/request

DADS DO PADS – AUTUMN DATES

Our next Dads Do Pads Sessions will be back in the Autumn. These free online workshops give dads, carers, and other men a relaxed, confidential space to learn about periods so they can better support the young people in their lives.

On **Thursday 24th September at 7.30pm, Dads Do Pads** offers a comprehensive guide to everything from pads and tampons to menstrual cups and period underwear, including how to use and care for them safely.

Then on **Thursday 1st October at 7.30pm, the Menstrual Cycle Edition** walks through the four stages of the cycle and how each can affect energy, mood, and confidence, helping dads offer meaningful, well-informed support.

Both sessions are held online, in a men-only space to encourage open conversation, with plenty of opportunity to ask questions. To sign up, visit www.allyoursbox.co.uk/events

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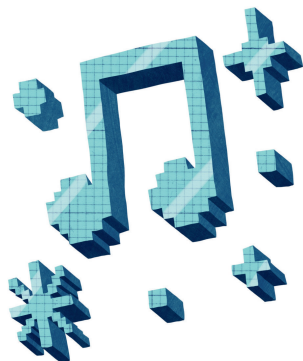
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