

A message from PALS

A massive thank you to everyone for helping make the disco on Friday a big success. We hope that children had fun! After expenses, we raised a brilliant **£871.58!** Thank you to all the children, the LPPS staff, our volunteers and all of you for your patience while we got everyone signed up, signed in and signed out on the day. As you can imagine, there are a lot of moving parts in running these events, and always new learnings to take away and help us improve for future events. We really appreciate all your help and support.

A very big thank you to PALS for organising another great event!

This week...

Our **Year 4** children did a fantastic job performing Peter Pan this week and we are all incredibly proud of them. The show was amazing, and they impressed everyone with their confidence, enthusiasm and hard work. It was wonderful to see the children bring the story to life on stage and enjoy every moment of their performance.



Reception have loved learning about '*What moves?*' this term. We have been learning about lots of different vehicles and how they transport people and goods from one place to another. We conducted a survey to see what the most popular type of vehicle that travelled past our school grounds was. A motorbike rider and a train driver visited us to give us an opportunity to look at their vehicles and ask questions about their journeys. We have also looked at how tractors have changed over the years by comparing photos of the vehicles over time. We were engineers and have designed and made our own models of a vehicle and exhibited them. Today, the children were invited to bring in their own vehicles from home and we mapped out 'roads and junctions' on the school playground to travel along. It has been so much fun!



Thanks to Mr Addison who planned and organised the **Curiosity Fair today**. The Year 6's pictured helped him to implement the day. The hall was set aside for each year group to display their curriculum work from this last term. Through the day classes came to tour the displays. This allowed all the children to see the work going on in all the other year groups. It highlighted the great changes created by the new Enquiry Led Approach in the school. Well done to Emilia, Autumn and their group of Year 6 organisers.

Congratulations to our **Year 6 Cyclists** today for completing their Level 2 Cycle Training course. Well done to Lola, Reva, Evelyn, Lennox, Louie, Emily, Neave and Jacob. In Term 5, Cycle Training will begin for Year 5 for those that have signed up. A letter was sent home this week for those invited to the next course.



A Reminder about Catering after the Easter holidays

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

Celebrating Success

On the 16th March Erik from Class 13, passed grade level 9 of piano achieving a "B" at the Yamaha Music school at Matrix Art Centre. He was especially complemented on his performance for expression and basic technique. Erik was practicing with perseverance on his pieces and preparing for this exam with many weeks in advance. Well done Erik, we are all very proud of you!



Dates for Summer Term 5 and 6..

Please keep checking these dates for any additions or amendments!

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| Monday 13th April | ● Start of Term 5 |
| Tuesday 14th April | ● Year 5 Cycle Training - remember bikes and helmets! |
| Friday 17th April | ● Class 11 Swimming - remember towels and costumes! |
| Monday 20th April | ● Years 1 & 2 PERFORM Drama Workshop, in school |
| Tuesday 21st April | ● Year 5 Cycle Training - remember bikes and helmets! |
| Friday 24th April | ● Class 11 Swimming - remember towels and costumes! |
| Tuesday 28th April | ● Year 5 Cycle Training - remember bikes and helmets! |
| Friday 1st May | ● Class 11 Swimming - remember towels and costumes! - LAST ONE! |
| Monday 4th May | ● BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED |
| Tuesday 5th May | ● Year 1 Sutton Courtenay Nature Reserve Trip - Refer to letter here ● Year 5 Cycle Training - remember bikes and helmets! |
| Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May | ● Year 6 SATS - letter regarding SATs Breakfast will be sent next week |

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| Tuesday 12th May | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 Cycle Training - remember bikes and helmets! |
| Friday 15th May | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 Cycle Training - remember bikes and helmets! |
| 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 |

Notices

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| <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>Class Photos</p> | <p>Class Photo order forms have gone home with your child this week - please look out for these in bags. Please follow the instructions on the form to place your order.</p> <p>The deadline for free delivery back to school is Wednesday 15th April. Any orders after this date will incur a delivery charge.</p> |
| <p>Can you help Year 4 with their next enquiry question?</p> | <p>After Easter, Year 4 are embarking on their next enquiry '<i>How can we switch off?</i>'. If you work in the world of electricity/energy company/renewable energy and would like to volunteer some of your time, Year 4 would love to hear about your work. I am sure they will have lots of questions for you and perhaps you could share some practical tips on what</p> |

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| | we could do to save energy. Please get in touch with the office if you are able to support us in any way. |
| ParentPay Balances | A reminder to login to your ParentPay account to make any outstanding payments for school meals, trips or extended schools. Thank you! |
| Residential Trips | Don't forget to keep up regular payments for Kilvrough (current Year 5) and Hill End (current Year 4). |
| Extended Schools Billing | This is a reminder that extended school fees are due at the beginning of the term. We kindly ask that you make your payment as soon as possible. Many thanks. |
| Donation Request - Dolls House | Year 3 are looking for a donation of a dolls house or dolls house furniture. If you are able to help, please contact the school office. Many thanks! |
|  <p>The image shows a promotional graphic for the 'Footsteps' road safety programme. It features a road sign, a traffic light, and a child walking. Text includes 'Road safety', 'It's never too early to teach your child road safety.', 'Footsteps CHILD PEDAGOGICAL QUALITY A PRACTICAL GUIDE', and logos for Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service and Oxfordshire County Council.</p> | <p>Teach children road safety with Footsteps</p> <p>Teaching road safety skills to children should start early and the Footsteps guide and videos for parents/carers has some great ways to help you get started!</p> <p>They're packed with practical tips, questions and engaging activities to do when you're out and about together, helping you teach your little ones the skills they need to use the road safely.</p> <p>Help your child become a safer and more confident pedestrian with Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue's Footsteps programme.</p> <p>Click here for more information - Footsteps Oxfordshire County Council</p> |
| Free Trial Tennis Session with the National Tennis Association | <p>We are pleased to share that following our recent tennis sessions delivered in school by the National Tennis Association, all children and adults have been invited to continue playing locally.</p> <p>Families can access a FREE trial session plus 50% off the first month of coaching at the following local venues, all sessions are suitable for total beginners and all equipment is provided (including rackets):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boundary Park Tennis – BOOK HERE • Blewbury Tennis Club – BOOK HERE • Portcullis Tennis Club – BOOK HERE <p>Sessions are suitable for all abilities, and all equipment is provided.</p> <p>To claim the offer, please register via the links above (these are limited).</p> <p>If you had any questions or needed support - hello@nationaltennis.org.uk</p> |
| External Clubs and Activities | <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"> ★ South and Vale Holiday Activities ★ South and Vale Term Time Activities ★ Activities at Sutton Courtenay Nature Reserve - March to May |

Hello Easter Holidays!



Longer days, lighter mornings and a fresh little window to reset as a family. This Easter break, let's move more, eat well, and feel good together with no pressure, just progress. Here's a few tips to get you started;

Activity 1:

Get active as a family

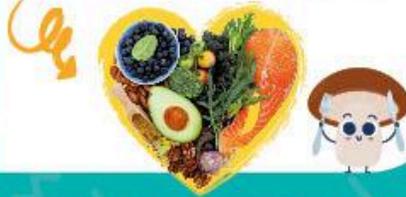
Park trip, bike ride, or follow along movement video



Activity 2:

Try a mini "mission"

A nature walk, screen free hour, new fruit/veg, or learn some new dance moves



Activity 2:

Keep it simple with food

Why not bake something wholesome together like Easter carrot cupcakes or wholemeal hot cross buns



Our free Beezee Families programme is here to help you feel healthier and happier as a family. Hop into a healthier you this Easter holidays and see the difference all year round!



Want more healthy lifestyle support?

Check out our website to find out how we can help your family.*

Scan here
or
Click the link



*Our courses are designed for families with children aged 5 and up.

SPRING SUMMER MENU 2026

| | | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | MENU KEY: |
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| 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 | Fishfingers with Chips | |
| | 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.



Free Family Learning Online Course - Supporting your child to manage their feelings and behaviour

Workshops are held online using Teams

Want to support your child to manage their feelings and behaviour and create a happier home?

Then this is the course for you!

This course has been developed for parents and carers of Primary aged children. It is a 4 week course, which builds on previous learning so we do ask that you commit to all 4 sessions unless something unexpected comes up.

Throughout we will share experiences and develop practical strategies which always come back to supporting your child and improving relationships and home life.

SESSIONS ON MONDAY EVENINGS

| Session Focus (You will be sent the link the Friday before) | DATE | TIME |
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| 1. Emotional Regulation (Includes course introduction) | 20th April 2026 | 7:00 - 8:30 |
| 2. Positive Discipline - Boundaries and Expectations | 27th April 2026 | 7:00 - 8:30 |
| Bank Holiday 4th May - No Session | | |
| 3. Positive Discipline - Routines and Consequences | 11th May 2026 | 7:00 - 8:30 |
| 4. Managing Meltdowns effectively | 18 th May 2026 | 7:00 - 8.30 |

To book your place on the course, please follow the link or QR Code to our Family Learning Page and select the course to enrol on:
abingdon-witney.ac.uk/part-time/family-learning

For more information contact the course leader:
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