

This week...

Reception and **Year 1** children had an amazing drama session with Jacob, the Perform Leader. We were acting out different toys and helped the shopkeeper from having his shop sold. The children were very enthusiastic and loved every moment! Please see the information in your child's bag about Perform.



Our **Year 5** scientists saved the day in "*The Survival Challenge*" this week! Using magnets, filters and heat, they separated mixed-up supplies to help a village hit by a disaster. They learned how science and engineering can provide clean water, food, and repairs to help the vulnerable and people in need.



Today, the children were full of excitement as they celebrated **PALS Break the Rules Day**! Many even described it as their favourite day of the year. Thank you to everyone for supporting this super-fun fundraising event. We will share the total amount raised with you next week. To capture the spirit of the day, Cora from Class 12 has written a wonderful poem, which we're delighted to share below.

Break the Rules Day. The day to play.

It is the best day at school.

So let's play it cool.

Paint your nails, wear a hat.

Change your name. How about that!

Your favourite cuddly, a cool tattoo.

You decided it is up to you.

50p to break a rule.

Break just 1 or maybe them all.

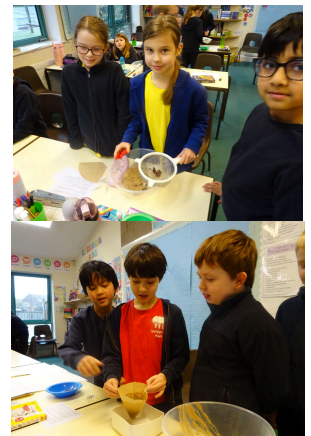
This day is great,

So don't be late.

Shout hip hip hooray.

For break the rules day! 🎉

by Cora, Class 12



Assembly

This week we talked to the children about being prepared. This is the Ladygrove Standard rule with no colour. The reason it has no colour is because you need help from others at home to be able to achieve some parts of it- such as being punctual. We started with an in depth look at the challenge of climbing Mount Everest. We discussed how people have to prepare for such a large challenge. We then led from this to a discussion about how to prepare for going on holiday, for going to the Orchard Centre shops and for going to the dentist. We wrapped this up by examining what you needed when preparing for a day at school. This didn't just include resources, it included checking in on yourself for your current mindset.

Pupil Responsibility Groups

Last week the children voted for the new set of House Captains in Year 6. We are pleased to announce that these are the spring term [House Captains](#). Well done to them and to all the children who have persevered by putting themselves up for election (in some cases for the second time).

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| Beech Leah, Class 15 Louis, Class 15 | Oak Lola, Class 14 James, Class 14 / Miles, Class 15 | Willow Ellie, Class 14 Ethan, Class 15 |
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Parent Meetings

A letter has been emailed this afternoon via ParentPay regarding the new online Parent Meetings, taking place during the last week of this term. [Click here for a copy of the letter.](#)

Dates for Spring Term 1...

Please keep checking these dates for any additions or amendments!

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| Tuesday 27th January | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Cycle Training - remember bikes and helmets! Reception Drawing Club (selected pupils), 3-4pm Year 4 Hill End Parent Meeting, 3.15pm, details to follow - Moved to 28/01 |
| Wednesday 28th January | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 1 Sing & Sign Club (selected pupils), 3.10-4pm Year 5 & 6 Crochet Club (selected pupils), 3.10-4.15pm Year 4 Hill End Parent Meeting, 3.15pm, in the school hall |
| Thursday 29th January | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 1 & 2 Poet visit (Simon Murray), in school |
| Friday 30th January | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class 10 Swimming, remember towels and costumes! PALS Quiz Night - see Notices section below |
| Tuesday 3rd February | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Cycle Training - remember bikes and helmets! Reception Drawing Club (selected pupils), 3-4pm |
| Wednesday 4th February | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 1 Sing & Sign Club (selected pupils), 3.10-4pm Year 5 & 6 Crochet Club (selected pupils), 3.10-4.15pm |
| Friday 6th February | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class 10 Swimming, remember towels and costumes! |
| Tuesday 10th February | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Cycle Training - remember bikes and helmets! |
| Friday 13th February | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PALS Dress Up Day, details to follow Class 10 Swimming, remember towels and costumes! Last Day of Term 3 - normal finish time |

Notices

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| Attendance Please email the school office. <u>Do not email the year group.</u> | <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. <u>Email is preferable as we are finding it increasingly hard to understand due to unclear messages and poor telephone signal.</u></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</p> |
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| | with strict government legislation, they will be recorded as unauthorised on your child's attendance record. |
| Year 6 - Leavers Hoodies | A reminder that the deadline for ordering your Year 6 Hoodies is next Thursday 29th January. Click here for a copy of the letter. |
| School Nursing Team - Term 3 Newsletter | Click on the link below to read the Primary School Health Newsletter for this term: https://sway.cloud.microsoft/JDvIcPqCqjFi3XJy?ref=email&loc=play |
| World Book Day Thursday 5th March  | <p>World Book Day is on Thursday 5th March and we will be celebrating books in all their glory. The children (and staff) are welcome to dress up as an interesting adjective from their favourite book (e.g. sparkly, stripey, graceful, dazzling). We strongly encourage you to use what you already have at home to create these costumes. The children are welcome to bring in their book to share with their class. If they do not wish to dress up they can come in school uniform. Each class will be spending the whole day off timetable, exploring, reading and celebrating books. Teachers will be sharing some of their favourite books with the children and as always, children will be given World Book Day tokens on the day to purchase this year's World Book Day books, or towards another book of their choice at most book shops.</p> <p><u>Sponsored Read</u> Alongside all the activities we will be completing in school on World Book Day, we are also encouraging the children to participate in a 'Sponsored Read' in the week running up to it. The children can read or be read to 'anything with words' - for example this could be a recipe book, an instruction manual or magazine/comic! We are asking that all sponsor forms and money (cash only please) are handed in on World Book Day. If your child completes this they will earn 5 Gold Stars! The sponsorship form was sent home today, please look out for these in your child's bag (a copy can be found at the end of this newsletter too). The money we raise from the sponsored read will be used by the school to purchase new reading material for the children. Thank you!</p> |
| School Uniform Reminder | We have noted very occasionally that on days when uniform should be worn some children are choosing to wear items which don't conform to the school uniform policy such as hoodies, tops with messages or fashion branded sweaters. Please ensure that your child comes to school in the correct uniform. Click here to read our Uniform Policy. |
| After School Club on Wednesday 28th January | A reminder that next Wednesday 28th January, children will need to be collected from ASC from the Nursery door (to the right of Reception Main Entrance) due to a Year 4 Hill End Parent Meeting taking place in the hall. Many thanks. |
| Caterlink Pupil Survey | Caterlink are carrying out an annual pupil survey to assist in improving their catering service and they would like to hear from our pupils. If your child would like to help, please click on the link below to complete the survey. Survey closes on 27th March 2026 Primary Pupil Survey Link - https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/R3RTFTV |
| PALS Quiz Night  | <p>The Ladygrove PALS Quiz night is taking place on Friday 30th January. Arrival from 7.30pm, Quiz starts 8pm £5 per person Bring your own snacks and alcoholic/non-alcoholic drinks (and glasses!)</p> <p>Please complete and return the quiz entry form along with your cash payment for the whole team, in a sealed envelope to the school office post box. Please mark your envelope as "PALS Quiz Night"</p> <p>Teams can be a maximum of 8 people, 18s and overs only please. Smaller teams may be asked to combine. £5 per person. Cash prize for the winning team!</p> <p>You will find the team entry form at the end of this newsletter and a paper copy will come home next week.</p> |
| SJ Multisports February Half Term Camp | SJ Multisports will be running their Holiday Camp on 16th, 17th and 18th February. See the flyer at the end of this newsletter for further information. If you would like to book a place, please visit https://sj-multisports.classforkids.io . |

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| | For any queries, please contact sjmultisportscamp@gmail.com |
| External Clubs and Activities | 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 |

School Vacancies

School Cleaner

We are looking to appoint a Cleaner for the remainder of this academic year 2025-26 to start as soon as possible, ending 31st August 2026 .

[Click here for vacancy details](#)

[Click here for Cleaner Job Description](#)

[Click here for an Application Form](#)

Deadline Date for Applications: Monday 26th January - by 9am

Interview Date: Thursday 29th January

Start Date: As soon as possible

Teaching Assistant

We are looking to appoint a Teaching Assistant for the remainder of this academic year 2025-26 to start as soon as possible, ending 31st August 2026.

[Click here for vacancy details](#)

[Click here for Person Specification for Teaching Assistant](#)

[Click here for an Application Form](#)

Deadline Date for Applications: Monday 2nd February - by 9am

Interview Date: Thursday 5th February

Start Date: As soon as possible

Ladygrove Park Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children. All staff are expected to share this commitment and take on this responsibility. The successful candidate will be required to undertake all necessary safer recruitment checks, including an enhanced DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check. We reserve the right to carry out an online search as part of our due diligence on shortlisted candidates. All school based jobs are exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act, as the work brings employees into contact with children. Applicants for the job must, therefore, disclose all spent and unspent convictions. The possession of a criminal record will not necessarily prevent an applicant from obtaining this post, as all cases are judged individually according to the information provided. It is an offence to apply for the role, if an applicant is barred from engaging in regulated activity relevant to children. Ref. Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy on the school website. Ladygrove Park Primary School is an equal opportunities employer and we welcome applications from a range of backgrounds to represent diversity in line with our schools' community. Satisfactory DBS checks and references satisfactory to the school are conditional to appointment.

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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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**

Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice 


Fishfingers with Chips

Option Two

Vegetable Pizza with wedges 


Vegan Spaghetti Bolognaise

Roast Chicken or Quorn Roast Potatoes and Gravy

Plant Balls in a Tomato Sauce with Rice 

Cheese Whirl with Chips

Vegetables

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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



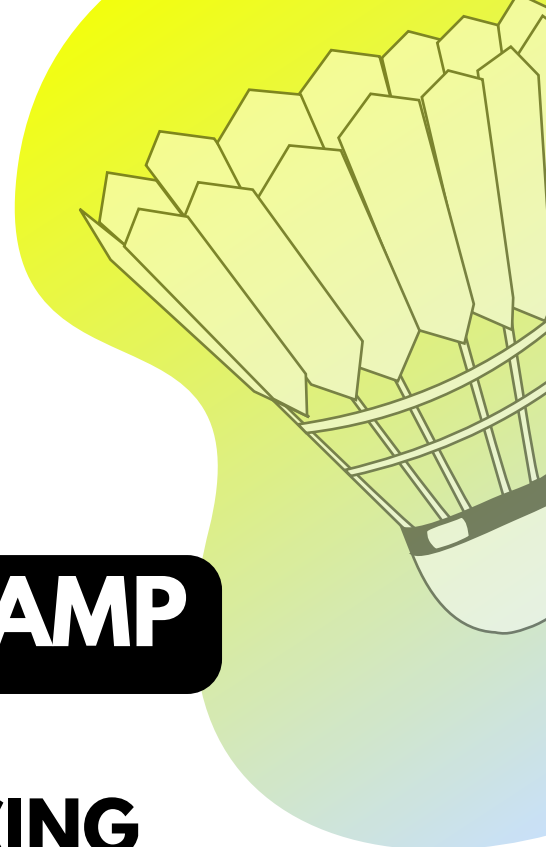
Chef's Special

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
KS1 & KS2**

**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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**Ladygrove Park Primary School
Entrance & exit via hall doors**

February dates:
Monday 16th
Tuesday 17th
Wednesday 18th