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The Easter holiday is upon us and even though this was a very short half term, we still packed a huge number of activities and learning into those five weeks. We hope that everyone has a fantastic break and enjoys too much chocolate. Over the holiday, please continue to encourage your children to read every day and complete any homework they have been set.

We hope that everyone who celebrated Eid last weekend had a great time with family and friends!

Mother's Day Crafts

Last week, we invited mums into the classroom to sit down and do some Mother's Day crafts. It was lovely to see children proudly showing off the most important women in their lives. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend, we hope you were spoilt rotten on Mothering Sunday and enjoyed the hand crafted creations made especially for you.



Year 1 Castle Day

Hear ye! Hear ye! Last week, Year one held a Castle Day to immerse themselves in a world of banquets, heraldry, and fortresses. A history expert visited the lower site to run a workshop with the children, where they went hands on with different activities.

Many of Year 1 came into school wearing medieval costumes, which we were really impressed with, so thank you to parents for your time and creativity.



Horse Chestnut Class Assembly

On Wednesday morning, Horse Chestnut performed their class assembly themed around Ancient Egypt. They took us through all the amazing facts they have been learning about in class and presented some fantastic model pyramids that they created at home.

The children looked incredible in their Egyptian costumes and we really felt like they had transported us back in time.

Great Athlete Visit

On Tuesday 24th March, we had a very special visit from Fredrick Afrifa, a 2-time international gold medallist sprinter! He led an amazing morning, running fitness sessions with each year group, followed by an inspiring assembly and a Q&A session. This was all part of our Great Athletes fundraiser event.

If your child is participating in the individual fundraiser, please note that we have extended the deadline. You now have until the first week back of term (13th April 2026) to hand in any donations. This allows those who wish to continue fundraising over the holidays plenty of time to do so.

Thank you to everyone who has supported this event so far!



Glow in the Dark Dodgeball

What's more fun than throwing balls at each other we hear you ask? Well, it turns out the answer is to turn the lights out for some glow in the dark dodgeball! KS2 recently got introduced to this curious combination when some people from Active Luton came into school to run some taster sessions.



Boys Football

On Thursday 12th March, our Year 3 and 4 boys football team took part in a tournament against other Luton schools. Playing 7 games, they were victorious in 6, with an incredible performance. Well done boys, we can't wait to see you continue to grow as a team!



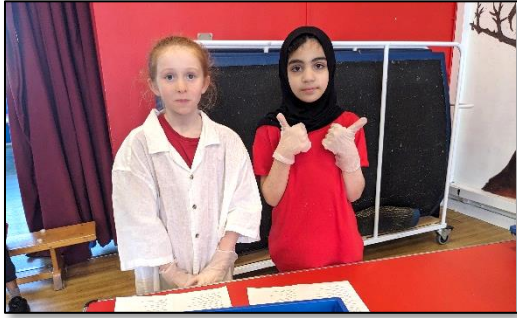
Rocksteady Concert

Our Rocksteady musicians have been hard at work practicing their best Guns and Roses moves and wowed children and parents this week when they performed to the school. We loved their energy and confidence.

Year 3 Egyptian Day



Unfortunately, we had to reschedule our original Egyptian Day. However, on Friday we made up for it when an expert on Ancient Egypt came into school to run a whole day workshop for all of Year 3. They got to dress up and roleplay as Pharos and get hands on with replica props to fully immerse themselves in the experience.



Holly Class Assembly

Holly's class assembly was all about the wonder of science. They conducted experiments in front of an amazed audience of children and parents. We were really impressed by their demonstration skills. We might have some TV presenters in our midst.

Sports

On Thursday, a group of 8 children took part in swimming gala where our school came away with too many medals to list. It turns out we have some very talented swimmers at Parklea and are excited to use their skills in more competitions

The first half of a Luton schools girl's netball season is now complete and we are in a great position thanks to how well they have worked as a team. We can't wait to see how they do in the second half of the season.

Dates for the Diary

Friday 27th March	Last Day of Term
Monday 13th April	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 14 th April	Children Back to School
Wednesday 29 th April	Elder Class Assembly
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday
Wednesday 6 th May	Beech Class Assembly
Monday 11 th to Thursday 14 th May	SATs Week
Wednesday 13 th May	Hawthorn Class Assembly