



Lodge Farm Primary School

Learning in Mind, Community at Heart

Friday 14th February 2025

Dear parents/carers,

This week we carried out Safer Internet Day, with various activities and discussions carried out throughout the school. The older children carried out activities such as 'signs of a scam' and a quiz on 'phishing', while the younger children made posters and had some very interesting conversations around their understanding of what the internet is.

In line with Safer Internet Day, attached to this newsletter you will find Herts for Learning Wellbeing Team's spring term online safety newsletter for parents and carers. This features a range of guidance, news, links and updates about online safety for all phases, with particular reference to the current situation, recent developments and concerns. Please do have a read through and we hope it will prove helpful and informative.

We would also like to remind everyone that the equipment in the playgrounds should not be used before or after school. We have had some children using the apparatus at these times and unfortunately, some of the new Early Years equipment has also gone missing. Please be mindful of this during drop-off and collection times and remind your children. Thank you!

Finally, we hope you all have a wonderful half term break. We are all ready for a rest and look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 24th February. See you then!

Our School Values



Hopefully, you will have noticed our lovely new values displays on the playgrounds this week. We were very excited to see these go up and to hear the children talking about the values as they play. We have more lovely decals on the walls within the school which feature quotes linked to our values. The final values decals will be put up just after half term following additional treatment to the walls over half term. We hope you enjoy spotting these on your next visit to the school and seeing the beautiful new entrance next to the office. We absolutely love the parrots

School Events:

- 10.2.25 – Class Photo Day
- 11.2.25 – Safer Internet Day
- 11.2.25 – NSPCC Online Safety Information Evening for KS2 parents (6-7pm)
- 12.2.25 – Y6 Valentine Dinner for Parents
- 17.2.25-21.2.25 - Half term
- 26.2.25 and 27.2.25 – Boogie Bounce
- 27.2.25 – Y3 Film Night
- 1.3.25 – PTFA March Madness begins
- 4.3.25 – Pancake Races
- 6.3.25 – World Book Day and The Big Book Swap
- 10.3.25 – British Science Week
- 11.3.25 – Y4 Quiz Night – [Please note the change of date due to staff training. We apologise for any inconvenience.](#)
- 14.3.25 – Red Nose Day
- 17.3.25 – Parent's Evening and Summer Uniform Bonanza
- 19.3.25 - Parent's Evening and Summer Uniform Bonanza
- 25.3.25 and 26.3.25 – Drumba
- 27.3.25 and 28.3.25 – Y5 Easter Journey
- 28.3.25 – PTFA Mother's Day Secret Room
- 28.3.25 -
- 3.4.25 – PTFA Easter Disco
- 23.5.25 – PTFA Day of Mav-hem

created for this by our Early Years – thank you for these wonderful creations!

Young Minds Hello Yellow Competition

YoungMinds and M&S are working together to support young people's mental health. They are asking young people aged 5 - 16 across the UK to get creative and take part in the M&S x YoungMinds Young Designer competition – to design a new hoodie or sweatshirt on a Young Minds template (this has been sent to your parents/guardians by email today).

What would you say to a friend who needs you, how would you brighten their day? Whether it's words, drawings, or doodles, we're looking for something that stands out and reminds everyone that one chat can change everything.

To enter this competition, ask your parent or guardian to scan the QR code and upload your entry by 31 March 2025.

Thank you,

Mrs Kaur
Mental Health Lead



M&S competition webpage



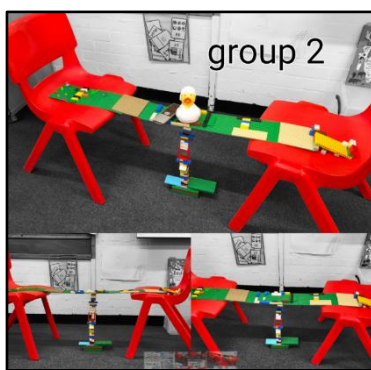
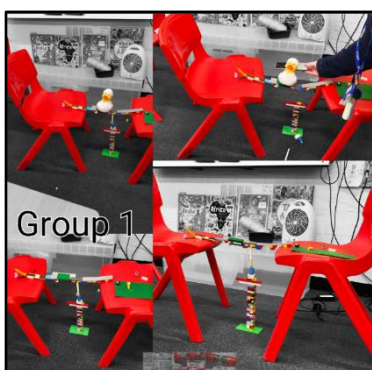
YoungMinds parent and carer resources

Lego Club and Lunchtime Craft Club

Have a look below to see a few examples of what children have been busy making each week through the half term in our craft clubs. On a Friday the children also enjoy a group tidy up of the library, followed by a scavenger hunt or game, all book related of course!

To end Lego club this half term we split into two groups and had a race against the clock to build the longest and strongest bridge. We had one of Miss Lansdown's famous rubber ducks in on the action, with the challenge to see whose bridge could hold Miss Quack the longest while she made a call.

Group 1 showed good team work but that call was too much unfortunately, so Group 2 were the ones whose bridge was staying firm, Well done to Mattas, Joey, Lucas, Olek and Freddie. Both teams earned themselves house points for their hard work.



Year 6 Valentine Meal for Parents

Y6 worked incredibly hard on their DT project, which was to cook mezze dishes. These included tabbouleh, tzatziki, beef kofta and baba ganoush. Some of the Y6 children then took this even further and cooked a further two courses to serve to their parents at a Valentine meal. They made a spanakopita (spinach and feta pie) with rice and Greek salad for the main course, followed by a delicious banana split. The children had a wonderful time in their 'restaurant' and looked very smart in their waiter outfits. Thank you to all the Y6 staff who made this event possible. We would also like to say thank you to the parents for their willingness to participate as our customers and for their lovely comments afterwards.



"We just wanted to say thank you to all the children & adults for a lovely Valentine's meal. The food was delicious, there was a lovely atmosphere & all the children looked & behaved very professional. We would like the recipe for the spanakopita please. We hope you got lots of tips, it's well deserved."

Please take a look at the Lodge Farm Facebook page for more photos from this event.

World Book Day and the Big Book Swap

World Book Day takes place this year on Thursday 6th March. We hope you'll join us as we come together to promote and encourage reading for pleasure amongst our children and families. To celebrate World Book Day, we will have plenty of fun activities taking place including:

- Inviting the children to come to school in **non-school uniform** for the day. You are more than welcome to dress up as your favourite book character if you wish to do so but this is not essential.
- **Extreme Reading Competition**: What's the weirdest or most wonderful place that you can read a book? We'd love to see! You could win a prize for your entry and we'll display them in the school library. Entries should be sent, along with the entrants' names and child's class, to admin@lodgefarm.herts.sch.uk by midday on Thursday 6th of March. Please note that by entering the competition you are giving permission for the photographs to be displayed in school.
- **Exploring illustrators**: When we think of our favourite books, illustrators are often overlooked. This year, we will be inviting the children to draw/paint/create something in the style of their favourite illustrator.
- **World Book Day Charades**: The children will act out their favourite book titles to their classmates. How many can they guess correctly?
- **Outdoor Reading Bonanza**: All pupils will have the opportunity to listen to a story from a teacher of their choice. This will take place outside so please make sure the children have something warm to wear.



And finally, due to its success last year, we will once again be carrying out the **Big Book Swap**. Everyone will be invited to the KS2 dining hall after school on Thursday 6th March to peruse the book collection and take home any and all books that catch their eye! In order for this to happen, please bring any book donations into school. We welcome all types of children's books! They can be handed in to any staff on the gates or handed in to the office. Thank you for your help.

Miss Watson
Reading Lead

[A message from Mrs Bull \(Family Support Worker\)](#)

Hi everyone,

I thought it was about time I gave you an update to let you know what has been happening...

- Mondays are Kaotic Angels food delivery day. The delivery arrives at around 9am and is set out on tables ready for you to take by 9.15am. It's great to see you and it's fabulous that the food is taken and eaten. If you haven't been to look yet, pop in and bring a carrier bag, just in case.
- Thursday is Walk and Talk day. We meet at the front gate at 9am and have been walking to the lakes and back. It takes about 45minutes. You would be amazed how much chatting can go on in 45 minutes. Please come and join us.
- In my room we have a lending library of games and puzzles. These are for you to borrow, use and then return. The best mornings for you to come in are Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday. Ask at the office and I will come to the office to meet you.
- Our food pantry is full. If you are in need of some help, please come in and see me. Again Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday are the easiest days but I am happy to see you any day.
- We have lots of stock of nearly new uniform. Come in and have a look.

Phew, I think that's about it. I am in school every day ready to talk and help wherever I can.
Enjoy your half term.

Mary Bull

[Children's Achievements](#)

If you would like to share your child's achievement (this can be anything!) please send an email to admin@lodgefarm.herts.sch.uk. Please be aware that the newsletter is also saved on our school website.

Henry was Man of the match at his football game this weekend. We are very proud of him. Well done, Henry!

Lucas achieved the player of the match award at his football match on Sunday for Bedwell Rangers against Stotfold Juniors. They won 6-5. Lucas scored one goal and played amazingly throughout! We are all so proud of him!



[Attendance](#)

We always hit the ground running following any holiday at Lodge Farm so please make sure your child is ready for their return on Monday 24th February! The learning begins straight away at 8:40am so please make sure your child is at school for this time and we can't wait to see them!

Please do speak to us if you are concerned about your child's attendance and we are very happy to help.

If you would like any help or support with regards to your child's attendance, please speak to Mrs Simpson, Mrs Bull or Mrs Gowlett in the Office and we would be happy to help you.

Community News

Shephall Dental are now taking bookings for the February half-term (subject to availability) onwards.

We understand that some local children are not registered with an NHS dentist or are not attending regular check-ups. We wanted to let you know that Shephall Dental is currently accepting new NHS patients aged 16 and under. Dental care for children is FREE and vital for maintaining good oral health.

For more information on caring for children's teeth, please visit:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-teeth-and-gums/taking-care-of-childrens-teeth/>

To book an appointment, please call Shephall Dental on **01438 351556**.

