



# Lodge Farm Primary School

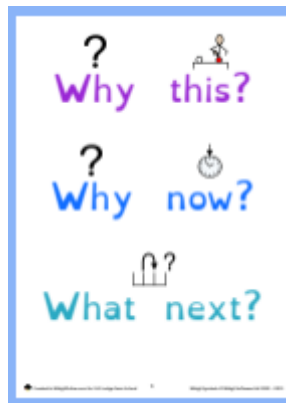
Learning in Mind, Community at Heart

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Dear parents/carers,

We hope you all had a wonderful half term. We have had a lovely first week back, with the children thoroughly enjoying the Boogie Bounce (and being thoroughly exhausted by the end of it!). The Year 3 children also enjoyed their film night yesterday, with blankets and pillows to keep them comfortable!

The teachers have been thinking about the curriculum for this half term and these important questions, which are:



We intend for every child to be able to articulate the answers and will be working on this with them.

### 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

### School Events:

- 1.3.25 – PTFA March Madness begins
- 6.3.25 – World Book Day and The Big Book Swap
- 10.3.25 – British Science Week
- 11.3.25 – Y4 Quiz Night
- 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 May-hem
- 13.6.25 – PTFA Father's Day Secret Room

**Please see the school website for complete term dates.**



M&S competition webpage



YoungMinds parent and carer resources

### Boogie Bounce:

On Wednesday and Thursday, we had Angela from Boogie Bounce come in to deliver bounce sessions for all of our children. There was a lot of bouncing, a lot of dancing, a lot of singing and A LOT of fun! Angela was super impressed with the children's determination, energy and behaviour throughout both days. She was incredibly complimentary of the school and thoroughly enjoyed her time at Lodge Farm. A huge thank you to Miss Orlandi for organising such a wonderful event.



### Year 4 Cricket Tournament:

On Thursday, some of our Year 4 children were invited to attend a cricket tournament along with 9 other local primary schools. The children participated in many rapid-fire cricket matches and managed to finish in 4th place - a fantastic achievement! As well as this, Lodge Farm was awarded **The School Games Value for Honesty**. We are really proud to have been awarded this, especially as we were awarded **The School Games Value for Passion** after an athletics event in the summer of 2024. A big well done to the children involved for being incredible cricketers and great representatives of the school, and thank you to Mr Angove for attending the event with the children.



### NSPCC Number Day

Congratulations to everyone for taking part in NSPCC Number Day before half term. Together, we raised £119.60 for the NSPCC. Thank you to all those who were able to donate towards this worthy charity.

Well done to KS2 for taking part in NSPCC Rocks Competition!

Our top three winning classes:

- 1st place = Oak
- 2nd place = Sycamore
- 3rd place = Holly

Our top three winning pupils:

- 1st place = Lewis (Y6)
- 2nd place = Zach (Y6)
- 3rd place = Archie (Y4)

### 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](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup> 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

### 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](mailto:admin@lodgefarm.herts.sch.uk). Please be aware that the newsletter is also saved on our school website.*

We are very proud to share that Isla was awarded swimmer of the month at Stevenage Swim Centre, only a few weeks after moving up to a new level 4 class. Well done, Isla!

Frankie won parent's player at the weekend for being a superstar defender – what an achievement!

Lily took part in her 1st swimming gala on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February. She came second in her age group for breaststroke and won a silver medal. Lily has been swimming for Stevenage swimming club for less than 6 months and we are super proud of her achievements.

Huge congratulations to Elladie-May, who has just signed a contract with Premier League club Chelsea, to be the Under 10s goal keeper. Next stop, England Ladies!



## Attendance



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.*