



Newsletter
Date 14.03.25

Together

Life at Lutley

Parents in EYFS joined us for learning drop-ins this week. The children worked alongside their parents to create portraits using fruit, vegetables and flowers. The children worked hard to safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function. They also shared their creations, explaining the process they used.

This week, parent lunches continued in Year 4. This event is a wonderful opportunity for you to experience part of your child's school day and to share a meal together in our school community.

Upcoming lunch dates – 11:30 – 12:10:

- Tuesday 1st April – 5SM
- Wednesday 2nd April – 5LO
- Thursday 3rd April – 5ZB

Thank you to all parents for the ongoing support and engagement with our school.

Important Dates Coming Up

March 2025

Tuesday 18th March – Parents' Evening and Book Fair – 4:00pm – 7:00pm

Wednesday 19th March – Parents' Evening and Book Fair – 4:00pm – 7:00pm

Thursday 27th March – Green Focus Day – more details to follow

Friday 28th March – Year 2 Mother's Day Assembly – 9:15am

April 2025

Tuesday 1st April – 5SM Parent Lunch – 11:30 – 12:10

Wednesday 2nd April – 5LO Parent Lunch – 11:30 – 12:10

Thursday 3rd April – 5ZB Parent Lunch – 11:30 – 12:10

Monday 7th April – Year 2, 3 and 4 PTFA Disco

Tuesday 8th April – EYFS and Year 1 PTFA Disco

Wednesday 9th April – ABC afternoon at Forest School and Year 5 and 6 PTFA Disco

Friday 11th April – EYFS Easter Bonnet Parade for parents on the KS1 playground – 3:00pm

Easter Holidays - Monday 14th April – Friday 25th April


Learning

Attendance

10th – 14th March 2025

Class	%	Class	%	Class	%
RJG	94.91	RLS	94.87		
1KH	96.15	1NF	94.51	1SB	94.47
2TR	97.25	2LO	96.68	2HM	96.74
3EG	96.14	3AC	95.55	3ES	95.44
4GO	94.06	4KM	98.04	4LH	97.67
5LO	96.09	5ZB	96.48	5SM	97.36
6BR	95.75	6EG	96.54	6AO	95.81

Worker of the Week
14th March 2025

Class	Name	Class	Name	Class	Name
RJG	Isla W Megan P	RLS	Julian P Hayden P		
1KH	Harriet R	1NF	Roy T	1SB	James T
2TR	Finley McG	2HM	Arabella S	2LO	Emilia T
3EG	Henry B	3AC	Hannah B	3ES	Tayvien M
4GO	Harry T	4KM	Mohammed M	4LH	James H
5LO	Thomas S	5ZB	Elodie – Rose K	5SM	Cammie A-S
6BR	Jaxon L	6EG	Benjy M	6AO	Katie C



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Team Lutley

We are proud to share with you that our Year 5 and 6 girls achieved 3rd place in the league table, which resulted in them playing in the final tournament on Friday 7th March.

They upheld our Lutley values of togetherness and aiming high, which resulted in achieving 4th place. We are immensely proud of them all. Go team, Lutley!

Maths Competition Team News

Congratulations to the Year 4 maths competition team who represented Lutley at the grand final of the King Edward VI's interschool Maths Borchard's Shield competition.

They did brilliantly to reach their final and represented Lutley with excellent teamwork, maths knowledge and behaviour.

Well done – we are so proud of you!

Learning

Anti-bullying Ambassadors

The Anti-bullying Ambassadors have spent this week's meeting updating their notice board with information about bullying that they think will help other children understand what bullying is.

They have also included some information about themselves on the display board as they thought this would help children get to know them be able to identify them easily if they need support.

Trips and Visits

We are excited about the upcoming trips and visits linked to our school curriculum:

EYFS – Butterfly hatching

Year 1 – Dentist visitor

Year 2 – Visit to the Nail Maker's Cottage

Year 3 – Buddhism visitor

Year 4 – St Margaret's Church

Year 5 – Field Study: Leasowes Park

Year 6 – Pioneer Residential

Well done to 4GO, 4KM and 4LH for being consistently over 90% usage. Congratulations to our star classes 3AC and 3ES for 83% and 82% usage this week!



Well done for everyone in KS1 who has engaged with Numbots this week. Congratulations to 2TR for 67% usage – well done! You are our star class in KS1 this week!



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Thomas and James Earn Worcestershire County Cricket Call-Up!

We are thrilled to announce that Thomas and James, both in 5SM, have been selected for the Worcestershire CCC U10's County Pathway team! This is an incredible achievement, and they have been recognised as two of the best young cricket players in the whole of Worcestershire!

Thomas and James both play club cricket for Coombs Wood Cricket Club, and we couldn't be prouder of their success.

If you have a child in Years 3 to 6 who is interested in trying cricket, Coombs Wood Cricket Club is currently recruiting players at all levels and age groups. The club offers a welcoming, family-friendly environment, and they are looking forward to welcoming new players for the 2025 season. Winter training is taking place indoors at St Michael's CE High School in Rowley Regis on Monday evenings until Easter. After Easter, training will move outdoors on Friday evenings at their home ground on Stewarts Road in Halesowen. If your child is interested in getting involved, or if you just want to learn more, please reach out to the club at youthcricket@coombswood.co.uk.

Let's support Thomas and James and celebrate their fantastic achievement!



Alzheimer's
Society



Help us reach our £500 target!

Make a donation with **JustGiving**

Use this QR code if you can't make the event but still want to donate

COMIC BOOK AND CAKE SALE

15th March 2025 12-2pm
Huntingtree Park Hub, B63 4HY

Leo is an amazing 6yr old and has been busy writing comic books and would like to sell them to raise money for **Alzheimer's Society**. Please come along and support this fundraiser. Grab a hot drink and a piece of cake and get the latest copy of one of Leo's comics.



Phoebe is a Brownie and has been working on her 'Charity' badge. She looked at various charities but decided she wanted to raise money for a charity called 'When you wish upon a star' as she wanted to help other children. This charity grants wishes of seriously and terminally ill children.

Phoebe chose to run 10 laps of Saunders park in Bromsgrove, which she completed on 2nd March. Through a Just Giving page, she raised £260 for them. She then wrote to the charity to tell them what she had done. They have been in touch to say thank you to her. We are extremely proud of her achievement.



Each week, we will share a useful parent guide on a range of online safety topics. These are also available free to you if you sign up to National Online Safety. Keep your children safe by staying up to date! Also, take a look at <https://parentzone.org.uk/> for more.



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about



WHATSAPP



WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls. Its end-to-end encryption means messages can only be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp can read them. Updates to its privacy policy in 2021 (involving sharing data with parent company Facebook) caused millions to leave the app, but the new policy was widely misinterpreted – it only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SCAMS

Fraudsters occasionally send WhatsApp messages pretending to offer prizes – encouraging the user to click on a link to win. Other common scams involve warning someone that their WhatsApp subscription has run out (aiming to dupe them into disclosing payment details) or impersonating a friend or relative and asking for money to be transferred to help with an emergency.

DISAPPEARING MESSAGES

Users can set WhatsApp messages to disappear in 24 hours, 7 days or 90 days by default. Photos and videos can also be instructed to disappear after the recipient has viewed them. These files can't be saved or forwarded – so if your child was sent an inappropriate message, it would be difficult to prove any wrongdoing. However, the receiver can take a screenshot and save that as evidence.

ENABLING FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp has unfortunately been linked to accelerating the spread of dangerous rumours. In India in 2018, some outbreaks of mob violence appear to have been sparked by false allegations being shared on the app. WhatsApp itself took steps to prevent its users circulating hazardous theories and speculation in the early weeks of the Covid-19 pandemic.

POTENTIAL CYBERBULLYING

Group chat and video calls are great for connecting with multiple people in WhatsApp, but there is always the potential for someone's feelings to be hurt by an unkind comment or joke. The 'only admins' feature gives the admin(s) of a group control over who can send messages. They can, for example, block people from posting in a chat, which could make a child feel excluded and upset.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a WhatsApp chat, you only need the mobile number of the person you want to message (the other person also needs to have the app). WhatsApp can access the address book on someone's device and recognise which of their contacts also use the app. So if your child has ever given their phone number to someone they don't know, that person could use it to contact them via WhatsApp.

LOCATION SHARING

The 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, allowing friends to see their movements. WhatsApp describes it as a "simple and secure way to let people know where you are." It is a useful method for a young person to let loved ones know they're safe – but if they used it in a chat with people they don't know, they would be exposing their location to them, too.

Advice for Parents & Carers



CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Even though someone would need a child's phone number to add them as a contact, it's also worth altering a young person's profile settings to restrict who can see their photo and status. The options are 'everyone', 'my contacts' and 'nobody' – choosing one of the latter two ensures that your child's profile is better protected.



EXPLAIN ABOUT BLOCKING

If your child receives spam or offensive messages, calls or files from a contact, they should block them using 'settings' in the chat. Communication from a blocked contact won't show up on their device and stays undelivered. Blocking someone does not remove them from your child's contact list – so they also need to be deleted from the address book.



REPORT POTENTIAL SCAMS

Young people shouldn't engage with any message that looks suspicious or too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they'll be given the option to report it as spam. If the sender claims to be a friend or relative, call that person on their usual number to verify it really is them, or if it's someone trying to trick your child.



LEAVE A GROUP

If your child is in a group chat that is making them feel uncomfortable or has been added to a group that they don't want to be part of, they can use WhatsApp's group settings to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once; if they leave a second time, it is permanent.



THINK ABOUT LOCATION

If your child needs to use the 'live location' function to show you or one of their friends where they are, advise them to share their location only for as long as they need to. WhatsApp gives a range of 'live location' options, and your child should manually stop sharing their position as soon as it is no longer needed.



DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES

If your child posts a message they want to delete, WhatsApp allows the user seven minutes to erase a message. Tap and hold on the message, choose 'delete' and then 'delete for everyone.' However, it's important to remember that recipients may have seen (and taken a screenshot of) a message before it was deleted.



CHECK THE FACTS

You can now fact-check WhatsApp messages that have been forwarded at least five times, by double-tapping the magnifying glass icon to the right of the message. From there, your child can launch a Google search and decide for themselves whether the message was true or not.



Meet Our Expert

Parveen Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Clicks, a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.

