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Together

Eco Schools Green Flag Award

Important Dates Coming Up

We are looking forward to continuing the very best- send off for our wonderful Year 6 children over the next week with the below experiences and celebrations.

July 2025

- Monday 14th July – Year 6 Picnic Lunch
- Tuesday 15th July – Year 6 – Mary Steven's Hospice Ice Cream Trike Experience
- Wednesday 16th July – ABC afternoon at Forest School
- Wednesday 16th July – Year 6 Peter Pan Leaver's Production – 7:00pm
- Thursday 17th July – Year 6 Peter Pan Leaver's Production – 2:00pm
- Friday 18th July – Year 6 shirt and autograph book signing
- Friday 18th July – Year 6 send-off – parents to join on the school field at 1:15pm
- Friday 18th July – End of term - school closes at 2pm
- Monday 21st July - Inset day - school closed for children

We are pleased and proud to have been awarded Green Flag with Distinction from Eco Schools. This is Lutley's 10th Green Flag Award. It is now an annual application, but we have held this award since 2010. So, for over fifteen years our Eco Councillors have worked hard together - achieving the seven steps, addressing the ten topics and taking actions to improve sustainability at Lutley, as well as recycling and litter-picking every week. Here are a few comments from Eco Schools about our 2025 application:

"Your dedication to embedding Eco-values into school life is inspiring and has a profound impact on shaping environmentally conscious pupils equipped to make a difference."

"We enjoyed finding out about the creative ways pupils integrated Eco-themes into their learning, such as using solar data for maths exercises and developing persuasive texts inspired by Greta Thunberg. These interdisciplinary projects enrich their academic experience while deepening understanding of pressing environmental issues."



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Learning

Attendance

7th July – 11th July 2025

Class	%	Class	%	Class	%
RJG	100	RLS	94.48		
1KH	95.24	1NF	97.27	1SB	95.45
2TR	93.67	2LO	98.00	2HM	97.59
3EG	92.31	3AC	93.57	3ES	94.64
4GO	94.84	4KM	99.00	4LH	98.28
5LO	95.81	5ZB	94.48	5SM	96.00
6BR	96.25	6EG	95.17	6AO	98.71

Worker of the Week 11th July 2025

Class	Name	Class	Name	Class	Name
RJG	Oliver P Callie M	RLS	Jude C Joshua J		
1KH	Frankie B	1NF	Catherine D	1SB	Joseph D
2TR	Lilly N	2HM	Tom K	2LO	Albie F
3EG	Thomas L	3AC	Edith S	3ES	Zac D
4GO	Georgia K	4KM	Eden D	4LH	Felix B
5LO	Ethan B	5ZB	Finley O	5SM	Laela A
6BR	Emma W	6EG	Isabella P	6AO	Max D Ben G



Learning

Farm School

3ES had an afternoon in the allotment this week for some more harvesting. Collecting the potatoes that they have grown in sacks is always great fun - rummaging around in the soil for our 'spuddy treasure'! Washed, boiled and garnished with Lutley-grown parsley - they tasted delicious, too.

We talked about the different parts of plants that we eat. For example, did you know that broccoli florets are flower buds and runner beans are seed pods?

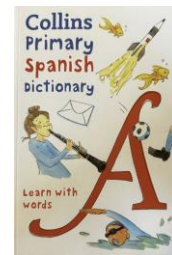


Spanish Spelling Bee

A group of our talented Year 4 and 5 children have had the exciting opportunity to take part in a Spanish Spelling Bee.

In front of an audience, they confidently demonstrated their knowledge of Spanish colours and numbers, using their Spanish phonics skills to carefully sound out each word.

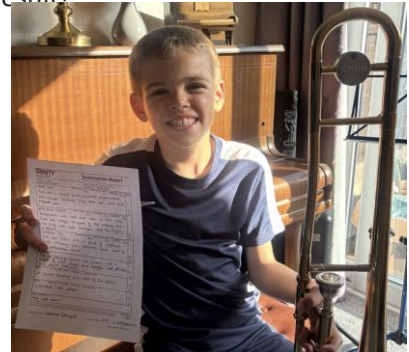
Taking part in the competition and achieving 2nd place was a fantastic way to refine pronunciation and celebrate their growing love for languages. ¡Muy bien hecho!



Congratulations

William in Year 5 has passed his Trombone Grade 3 with distinction.

This is the first exam he has taken on Trombone, so we are all incredibly proud of this result!



Well done to everyone who has worked hard on TTRS this week! Well done to 4GO and 4KM for 97% - our star classes this week – congratulations!



Well done KS1 to those children who have worked so hard on NumBots this week. Congratulations to 2TR for being our star class of the week.

10 top tips for safely using SMARTWATCHES

Kids love gadgets, and smartwatches – available to buy from as little as £20 online – make a tempting gift. As with any type of mobile technology, though, smartwatches can pose risks to children unless they're used safely. Receiving unwanted calls, cyber-stalking and distracting a young person when they're crossing the road are all known risks associated with smartwatches. However, these devices can bring plenty of benefits for children and parents alike – so let's examine the pros and cons of smartwatches.

AVOID CHEAP OPTIONS

A quick search online yields a torrent of cheap smartwatches for kids, costing as little as £20. It's wise to avoid this bargain basement tech; it tends to deliver a poor experience with inferior battery life, and it's hard to have faith in the software's safety. There have been cases of smartwatches being hacked to track or contact children; stick to known brands who have a reputation to protect.

CONTROL CALLING

Many smartwatches have the facility to make or take calls. As with a phone, you may want to restrict who your child can call – or be called by. On Apple Watches, you can select trusted contacts who are allowed to ring your child, while other watches' controls vary hugely. Some need to connect to a linked phone for calls, so you may be able to block unknown contacts via that device instead.

BEWARE HIDDEN COSTS

For a smartwatch to allow calls independently (that is, without being connected to a phone via Bluetooth), it will need its own mobile data plan. This might take the form of a tiny SIM card that you slot into the watch – or an eSIM, where the physical card is replaced by software settings. Either way, this will incur an additional monthly cost that you'll need to factor into any buying decision.

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Apple Watches aren't cheap, but they do offer superb safety features – allowing parents to control calls, messages and emails on the device, as well as a location tracking system that can send alerts if kids wander beyond pre-set boundaries. Their SOS function enables children to contact emergency services instantly if they're in trouble, which simultaneously also alerts parents and carers.

MAKE THEM COOL FOR SCHOOL

Some schools have banned smartwatches, as pupils have been using them as substitute phones. If your child's school does permit them, some devices can be set to prevent distractions in class. For example, Apple's Schooltime feature turns their watches into ordinary time-keeping devices during school hours. The display changes in this mode, showing teachers that it isn't being used for other purposes.

TRACK ITS LOCATION

Both Apple and Android devices have apps which allow you to track a smartwatch's location. They can also initiate an audio alert – avoiding those cushion-hurling panics when a treasured device can't be found at home. If you're planning to track your child's location via their watch, make them aware of that in advance. You could even make it a condition of them getting the watch in the first place.

THINK 'SAFETY FIRST'

Smartwatches are often worth hundreds of pounds, which can make young people wearing one a target for thieves. Advise your child to keep the watch hidden in public (when possible) and not to resist if muggers demand their watch. If you manage to track a stolen device, pass that information to the police: location data isn't always accurate, so you could end up wrongly accusing someone.

STORE MEDICAL INFO

Devices including the Samsung Galaxy Watch and Apple Watch can store the owner's medical details (such as their blood group and any pre-existing medical conditions), potentially giving emergency services access to vital information in a crisis. These devices also have 'hard fall' detection, which sends a text message to selected contacts along with a map showing the wearer's location.

USE THEM AS MOTIVATION

If you're worried your child's spending too much time slumped on the sofa staring at screens, smartwatches are great fitness trackers and can be a powerful incentive to get moving. Some devices will alert the wearer if they've been inactive for a long time and encourage them to do some exercise. Many watches record the user's daily step count and measure other health metrics.

BE MINDFUL OF BEDTIME

Many smartwatches offer sleep tracking, which some (usually older) children use to justify wearing them to bed. However, that also presents a temptation to message friends or check social media late at night, even if their phone is downstairs. Unless there's a valid reason not to, you could encourage your child to remove the watch in the evenings and ensure the charger stays in a different room.