



London Meed Primary School Newsletter

5th October 2026

Bravery Curiosity Resilience Community Respect

Last week, Year 5 had a very exciting Viking Day. They got to search about food (and poo!) to try and find out about a Viking diet. They also played Tug of War, Viking Chess and made marbles out of wool and water, alongside other exciting activities. The children all agreed they had a brilliant day.



Year 6 went on their residential to Windmill Hill. What an amazing time they had. They were fantastic ambassadors, showing their lovely listening, legendary lining up and marvellous manners at all times - we had so many comments about their fantastic behaviour - well done Year 6. A huge thank you to our staff who went on the trip and supported the children - this meant giving up time with their own families. I would also like to say a huge thank you to Miss Terry, one of our parents, who was able to provide lifts to those children who needed to go home and come back, sometimes at the last minute!

On Friday morning, Milo, the drumming man, came in to do a drumming demonstration and it was brilliant. If your child wants to sign up for drumming, please contact Milo directly via the office.



I then had Hot Chocolate Friday and the children below came and joined me. We had such a lovely time chatting about school.





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This week, we started with Individual School photos. We have an Open Morning on Wednesday for new Reception children starting school in September 2027. On Friday, Year 1 is off to Wakehurst on a school trip. We are also taking part in Hello Yellow day as part of Children's Mental Health Awareness week and children can come in an item of yellow clothing for £1 donation. On Friday, we also have staff from Specsavers coming to work with the children in Key Stage Two, teaching them about eye health and what an optician does.

Reminders:

Top Soil:

As part of our OPAL, we are looking for donations of top soil for our mud kitchens in Key Stage 2 and EYFS.

Playground Equipment:

Please can we ask that you do not let your children play on the playground equipment before and after school. A reminder that children should not ride bikes or scooters on the playgrounds before, or after, school. Thank you.

Coats and Wet Weather Gear:

The weather last week was unpredictable, so please can we ask that all children bring a coat into school. It will soon be that time when the children will need wellies and wet weather trousers to access the field and grassy areas, so please can you send your child in with these ready. Many children love being on the field when it gets muddy but they are not allowed on it unless they have the right gear.

Parking:

We have parents that are parking in the staff parking bays or on the grass verges. Please can we ask that you do not use the staff bays, as this then stops our staff from being able to park. The only cars allowed to park in the bay outside the school and in the parking bays next to the staff parking bays are those people with current blue badges. Anybody else will be asked to move. Please remember you are given parking permits for Queen's Crescent car park that you can use for both pick ups and drop offs.

Tesco Award - Very Exciting - keep collecting the blue tokens to help our school win:

Please keep collecting tokens when you go to Tesco and remind all of your families, friends, neighbours and colleagues to help collect for us too. The project with the highest number of votes across our region will receive £1,500 (or the amount that was requested up to this value), the second placed project £1,000 (or the amount that was requested up to this value), and the third placed project £500.

Please see below a list of stores taking part in the voting on our project.

2163 Burgess Hill Superstore RH15 9QT

4616 Haywards Heath Walnut Park Express RH16 3TG

5047 Burgess Hill Gatehouse Express Express RH15 9XB

5242 Haywards Heath Express Express RH16 3PH



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To check the location of any of the above stores, please go to the Tesco website here:

<http://www.tesco.com/store-locator/uk>

To vote, you will need to make a purchase within store of any value. You will receive one token per transaction and it's not necessary to purchase a carrier bag in order to receive a token.

Miss Dowley

Hot School Dinners:

We have received a number of concerns and complaints from parents regarding the school meals provided.

We fully understand and appreciate parents' concerns and want to reassure you that we are taking these matters seriously. The school meals service is outsourced by the Council, which means that the school has limited direct control over the provision. However, we are actively raising the concerns we receive with the relevant service and are doing everything we can within our remit to minimise the issues and seek improvements.

We will continue to monitor the situation closely, communicate concerns to the Council and catering provider, and advocate for improvements on behalf of our pupils and families.

Thank you for your patience and understanding while we work to address these concerns

Parental Complaints and Concerns:

Sadly, we would also like to address a growing concern regarding the way some members of our school community are communicating with staff both in person and via email, which we did address last term.

We fully understand that parents and carers may feel frustrated or concerned, particularly when issues affect their children. We welcome feedback and encourage parents to raise concerns with us so that we can listen, respond and, where possible, take appropriate action.

Our staff work incredibly hard every day to provide the best possible experience for our children. They do so within the frameworks, requirements and constraints set by West Sussex County Council and the Department For Education, and we are often working hard to find solutions to issues that are not entirely within the school's direct control.

We value the support and partnership of our families and ask that this is reflected in the way our staff are spoken to and treated. Our staff should feel supported and respected.

Our school is committed to promoting respect, kindness, courtesy and positive relationships. We ask all parents and carers to uphold these values when communicating with our staff. Our children learn not only from what we tell them, but also from the behaviour they see from the adults around them.

We therefore ask that concerns are raised calmly and respectfully. Staff should not be subjected to rude, aggressive or inappropriate behaviour, and we will not accept this type of communication.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a school community built on mutual respect and positive relationships.



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Broadbridges

Established in 1934

BROADBRIDGES We have contacted Broadbridges this week to confirm the status of their Burgess Hill branch after being made aware of social media posts regarding a potential closure. They have confirmed this has closed, uniform can be purchased from their Haywards Heath branch Monday - Saturday 9am-5pm. Unfortunately we were not made aware of this so apologies if our information has sent you to their closed branch.

OPAL FUN This week our pupils used our mud kitchen items to create some wonderfully creative mud crumbles

Our netball team used our new bars to show off some dynamic stretching ideas!



GREAT WORK Poppy, Sophie and Ivy from Y5 last week attended a musical theatre workshop at Burgess Hill School for Girls which resulted in a fantastic performance of a Million Dreams. Well done!

HARVEST

The Burgess Hill Pantry will be visiting for our annual Harvest Assembly this year; we would love to be able to show them the generosity of our school community and provide them with items that help support families in need (please see picture to the right for more details). Please can donations be brought in to school between the 19th and 21st October.





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FIREWORKS We have also been invited to the Danny House Bonfire and Fireworks Night on 1st November. This has been a really popular event for the last few years and if you use the code LM10 we also receive commission for our school.

FAMILY BONFIRE & FIREWORKS NIGHT!

Hurstpierpoint Gym Club invites **London Meed** to its **Family Bonfire and Fireworks** event.

Danny Court Park, New Way Lane, Hurstpierpoint

Sunday 1st November

Gates open: 4.30 pm

Fireworks display: apx. 5.30 pm

Tickets

- Single ticket: £8
- Family ticket: £20 (2 adults, 3 children)
- Under 3s: Free

Parking

- Limited Blue Badge holder parking available

Discount Code

Use **LM10** at www.dannybonfire.co.uk This helps London Meed earn commission.

Our wrap around care provider WOW have some exciting activities lined up for half term - please see the poster below

WOW Club
October Half Term Holiday Club
26th October - 30th October

TARGET SPLASH! **OPAL PLAY!** **SCIENCE FRENZY!**
HORSE-RIDING! **FLYING ROCKETS!**

Prices start at **£32 per day**
Tax-free childcare and childcare vouchers accepted - early bird discounts available!!

WOW Club
London Meed Primary School
Loxwood Primary School

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Bilingual Primary School

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Name	Class	Award
Huxley E	1M	For his contributions to learning. Huxley is a thoughtful class member who has a sound understanding of the world and regularly shares his thoughts and experiences with us. He is always ready to learn
Tommie	1C	For showing determination and resilience when forming your numbers. I am so proud of the number 6 and 9 you wrote. Keep up the good work.
Maxen	2O	For super work in Maths. You are always ready to challenge yourself. I have been impressed by your reasoning and depth of understanding. Well done!
	2S	
Jas	3T	Continuously displaying our school rules of Ready, Respectful, Safe. You are a brilliant role model for your peers and always do the right thing, without being asked. Thank you from all the grownups!
Arabella	3N	For being a wonderful learner, helper and friend to others! Arabella is always ready, respectful and safe, she is always making good choices, and enjoys being given extra responsibilities. She completes her work to a high level, and we are very proud of her! Well done, Arabella!
Eloise	4SM	For showing she is ready and willing to learn by always following instructions and taking responsibility for her learning; using strategies to support herself when she finds things tricky.
Meryem	4B	Showing great curiosity with her questions in lessons and always showing enthusiasm, especially in Maths. Keep it up, Meryem – you are fantastic!
Class	5C	For displaying our school value of curiosity during the Year 5 Viking Day
Amelia	5B	For effectively incorporating grammatical features and descriptive language into her newspaper report, when describing the Vikings' attack on Lindisfarne. Keep it up, Amelia!



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Forthcoming diary dates

Date (Autumn Term)	Event - <i>Whilst we endeavour to provide parents with as much notice as possible of upcoming events, on occasion some events may change date.</i>
5th Oct	Individual School Photos
7th Oct	Open Morning for 2027 Reception Starters
9th Oct	Y1 to Wakehurst
9th Oct	Hello Yellow day - £1 to wear something yellow
16th Oct	Y4 to the National History Museum
16th Oct	Wear Something Yellow for charity
19 October	Harvest Donations can be brought in
21 October	Harvest Festival with The Pantry
22 October	Inside Out Day
22nd Oct	LMA - School Discos (Y1-Y6)
23rd Oct	Flu nasal spray for all children
23 October	Break up for Half term at 3.15pm
31 October	Year 6 applications for Secondary school and Year 7 places for September 2027 closes
4th Nov	Open morning for 2027 Reception Starters
6 November	ROAR project day
10 November	Parents Evening 3.30 to 6.30
11 November	Armistice Day
11 November	Parents Evening 3.30 to 6.00
13th Nov	LMA - Non Uniform (sweet/chocolate donation)



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20th Nov	LMA - Break a rule day (rainbow tombola)
25th Nov	Open morning for 2027 Reception Starters
27th Nov	LMA - Non uniform (bottle donation)
28th Nov	LMA - Christmas Fair (CHANGE OF DATE)
30th Nov	Panto (Whole School)
2nd Dec	Elf Run for St Peter & St James Hospice
7th & 8th Dec	KS1 Nativity
10th & 11th Dec	EYFS Nativity
11 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
14th Dec	Carol Concert Rehearsal
15th Dec	Carol Concert at St Johns Church
16th Dec	Christmas Lunch and Party Day
18th Dec	Break up for Christmas holidays at 1.30pm

OCTOBER FOOTBALL CAMPS
MONDAY - THURSDAY
HOVE PARK 3G BN1 7BF
OCTOBER 26TH - OCTOBER 29TH
£20
 9am Early Drop off-£3 | 10% Sibling Discount | £15 for RMA Academy Members

Connective FAMILY
A morning with Connective Family
 We are a Sussex-based business on a mission to help you with your parenting struggles.
 We provide support and training for parents and carers using our trauma-informed, neurodivergent friendly Connective Parenting NVR approach.
 Join us in Haywards Heath for two 30 minute workshops where we share top tips on managing your child's meltdowns, and how to connect when your child won't listen. Time for Q&A, and tea, coffee and biscuits provided.
 Is your child stuck on devices, or rejecting your connection? We will help you to connect with your child when they are finding things overwhelming.
 Let us help you to build your confidence and strengthen your toolkit for managing your child's meltdowns.
 We will share practical tips and techniques, and can guide you in adapting these so that you can use them straight away within your family, for stronger family bonds.
 ★ **Date/Time/cost:** Wednesday 21st October, 10-12.00pm, £5 per person.
 ★ **Venue:** The Yews (The Muster Room) 55 Boltro Road Haywards Heath West Sussex RH16 1BJ
 What3words location: *youngest benched worms* (very limited parking at the venue so allow time to park in the local area and walk. Haywards Heath train station is a 10 minute walk).
 Book your place by scanning the QR code, or by clicking 'book here' **Book here**
 Training@connectivefamily.com
 www.connectivefamily.com

Feel like things are out of control?
 Want to know more about Connective Parenting NVR?
 Ready for a calmer, happier home?



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Autumn Half Term

at Borde Hill



Follow our spellbinding daily story trail from 17th Oct - 1st Nov, with activities on selected days.

Halloween Trail & Activities



Scan to book



Climb up into the canopy for an unforgettable woodland adventure this half term, 29th-31st October.

Canopy Tree Climbing



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Mindfulness Pony Days For Kids

A magical day of ponies, riding, art, friendship and mindfulness

October half term fun

What to expect :

- Mindfulness time with ponies
- Pony care
- Riding and Mounted games
- Connect with arts and nature
- Make new friends

Dates:
26th and the 29th Of October 2026
Time: 8:30 am -1:00pm
Hillcrest Farm Riding School, Horsham RH13 6NX

Book Now

Spaces limited to 10 children per day
£115 per child per day £30 pound deposit
By purchasing a ticket via eventbrite you are paying a £30 deposit. You will be invoiced for the balance 1 week before the event

We are an inclusive team and warmly welcome children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) we celebrate diversity and are

Haunted House at Park Centre

SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2026

FAMILY SESSION
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
£2.00 PER PERSON

SCARE SESSION
7:30 PM - 10:30 PM
£4.00 PER PERSON

YOU ENTER AT YOUR OWN RISK.
OUR PEOPLE WILL NOT TOUCH YOU SO PLEASE DO NOT TOUCH THEM

PLEASE NOTE: THIS EVENT USES STROBE LIGHTING AND SMOKE EFFECTS.

ENTRY IS VIA STEPS

PARK CENTRE
60 PARK ROAD
BURGESS HILL
WEST SUSSEX
RH15 8ET

PROCEEDS TO PARK CENTRE BURGESS HILL CHARITY NUMBER I203295

CASH PREFERRED



PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Player Development Centre Trials give young players the chance to showcase their skills and join one of our local centres. Successful players will be invited to join our Player Development Programme (PDP).

Price: Free to attend

Age groups: Under 6 - Under 16 (Boys & Girls)

Locations: Chichester, Crawley, Cuckfield, Horsham, Haywards Heath, Lancing, Littlehampton, Ringmer and Steyning

Scan the QR code to view the full list of trial sessions taking place near you and register your child today!





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JOIN US FOR OUR FAMILY FRIENDLY HALLOWEEN EXPERIENCE...

LODGE HILL'S SPOOKY STROLL

📅 24th – 26th October 2026
🕒 5pm – 8:30pm (last entry at 8pm)
💷 £15 per child | £6 per adult

Enjoy spooky fun for the whole family!

- Halloween Light-Up Trail
- Pumpkin Carving
- Biscuit Decorating
- Marshmallow Toasting
- Face Painting
- Sno-tubing
- Raffle & Tombola
- Food & Refreshments (charges apply)

👉 **Book now via our website!**

UMBRELLAS

Parent Support Groups

Autumn Term 2026

Connecting parents and carers of children and young people in West Sussex with special educational needs and disabilities



Burgess Hill Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am – 11.30 am
The Cherry Tree Centre
8th Sep / 6th Oct / 3rd Nov / 1st Dec

Littlehampton Umbrellas

Wednesdays, 10 am – 11.30 am
Creative Heart Community Hub (upstairs)
9th Sep / 7th Oct / 4th Nov / 2nd Dec

Worthing Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am – 11.30 am
Durrington Community Centre
22nd Sep / 20th Oct / 17th Nov / 15th Dec

Umbrellas Online

Thursdays via Zoom
7.30 – 9pm
10th Sep / 8th Oct / 5th Nov / 10th Dec

Horsham Umbrellas

Wednesdays, 10 am – 11.30 am
Horsham Family Hub
16th Sep / 21st Oct / 18th Nov / 16th Dec

Shoreham Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am – 11.30 am
Adur East Family Hub
15th Sep / 13th Oct / 10th Nov / 8th Dec

Bognor Regis Umbrellas

Thursdays, 10 am – 11.30 am
Arun West Family Hub
24th Sep / 22nd Oct / 19th Nov / 10th Dec

If you would like more information about Umbrellas or the link to join Umbrellas online, please contact our outreach team.

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FREE!!



Join Sarah Fisher for this month's free webinar.

What do we do when they won't listen?

Tuesday 6th October at 12noon
and yes, it's recorded!



Register here or
pop to our website





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To celebrate this year's Road Safety Week, we are excited to launch our Road Safety Slogan Competition for local schools.

We are inviting primary school children to put their creativity to the test by creating VolkerHighways' new road safety slogan. The winning slogan will be displayed on our vans and used to promote safer roads across the communities we serve.

The competition forms part of the company's support for Brake's Road Safety Week (15th – 21st November 2026).



Children are to write a short, memorable and fun slogan that promotes safe behaviour when walking, cycling, or scooting near roads. The winning slogan will be displayed on VolkerHighways vans, helping spread the message to a wide audience.

For an animated video you can use in class time to launch the competition and more information on how to submit your entries, [please click here.](#)