



London Meed Primary School Newsletter

6th January 2026

Bravery Curiosity Resilience Community Respect

Happy New Year. We hope you all had a good Christmas break and that the children are all looking forward to being back at school. We also hope the children enjoyed their snow day yesterday and got to play outside. While we do have the cold and icy weather, we ask that your child brings in a warm coat for playtimes and lunchtimes. For today and tomorrow, we will be using the field to play on, so your child will need wellies. If your child has outgrown their wellies, please donate them to school for other children to use. The Holmesdale gate will remain closed until the ice on the steps thaws.

We had such a lovely last week of school. We had our Christmas lunch and the office decorated the hall ready for the children.



We then had our party day and the children enjoyed a biscuit, packet of crisps and drink provided by our LMA. They played party games and had a disco in their year groups.

We then had our beautiful carol concert. I have to say, this is one of my favourite events of the school year - everything about it makes me feel so grateful for what I do. The choir was just amazing and their singing gave me goosebumps! The poems were fab and so were the children reading them. The whole thing hopefully got everyone feeling Christmassy. A huge thank you to Mrs Dudding and Mrs Stacey for teaching the children and choir the songs, and playing the piano and glockenspiel in the church, to the staff for putting together the poems, to our amazing parent volunteers who man the roads so we can all cross safely, and to our fantastic children for putting on such a good show. Thank you also to Father David and Colin for sorting out the technical arrangements and allowing us to use the church. Thank you to everyone who donated to the collection. We raised about £160 which was split between the church and The Pantry. Mr Terrill and two Year 6 children dropped the money to The Pantry on the way back to school and they were incredibly grateful for this.





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Then in the afternoon, we had a really special treat. One of our Year 4 children won a road safety competition to create a new mascot to join Amber and Kerby. His mascot was Sally Stop. Volker Road safety came in and presented the boy with a £100 book voucher for himself and a £1,000 for the school to spend on anything! We also got a cardboard cut out of Sally Stop, and Sally will be made into a real life mascot to support road safety in schools.



On our last week before Christmas, Victoria from St Peter and St James Hospice visited to collect the funds we raised with our Elf Run. As always, she was extremely grateful and we hope that our efforts will help support some local families.





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During the last week of term, pupils from Year 4 took moving toys that they'd made in DT to show pupils in EYFS. The younger children had a great time playing with them.



On the last Friday, we held our half termly reading raffle and the winners were:

Violet in Apples, Ivy in Cherries, Olivia in 1C, Brooke in 1M, Liam in 2O, May and 3N, Elliot in 3T, Freddie in 4A, Avataj in 4SB, Tej in 5M, Lua in 5B, Paige in 6D and Freya in 6H.



I then had my last hot chocolate session of 2025 with the lovely children below.





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This new term has started today with each year group starting a new topic. Year 3 is having a stunning start to their Ancient China topic today. They have a day spent learning martial arts, calligraphy and dragon dancing. I will also be having hot chocolate Friday and cannot wait to meet who has been chosen this week.



Change to end of day procedures for Key Stage 2 children:

There is a form coming home today regarding changes to our end of day procedures following a safeguarding review. The changes are as follows:

- Pupils in Years 5 and 6 are allowed to walk home alone if permission has been given by parents or carers.
- Pupils in Years 5 and 6 can collect younger siblings from Year 4 upwards to walk them to the gate. Permission to do this must be given by parents or carers.
- Pupils in Year 4 can meet parents or carers at the front gate. Permission to do this must be given by parents or carers.
- Pupils in Year 4 can go through the school to meet younger siblings in their classrooms. Permission to do this must be given by parents or carers.
- Pupils from EYFS up to Year 3 must be collected from their classroom by a parent, carer or older sibling (of secondary school age or older).

OPAL collections:

We are looking for the following donations to support our OPAL play - old wellies, pool noodles, foam padding, yoga mats, kitchen pots and pans, utensils, sieves and colanders. If you are having a new kitchen we are after old sinks and cupboards to help build our own mud kitchens. We also need picnic benches and benches.

Facebook:

Please remember to check out our Facebook page for what is going on in school.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61580110393113>



Miss Dowley



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PE Days:

Please see the revised PE days for year groups below ready for the new term

PE Days

Please remember to send your child in their PE kits on their allocated PE day below:

Apples - Tuesday and Wednesday

Cherries - Monday and Friday

Yr1 - Tuesday and Thursday

Yr2 - Monday and Tuesday

Yr3 - Tuesday and Thursday

Yr4 - Wednesday and Thursday

Yr5 - Tuesday and Thursday

Yr6 - Wednesday and Friday



Lost Property

On Wednesday 7th January, we will be placing all lost property outside for parents to check. For KS1, these will be placed outside Y2 on the playground. For KS2, these will be placed outside Y4 on the playground.

KS1 Maths Workshop

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we will need to postpone the Maths workshop that was due on the 8th January. Our new date will be Thursday 12th February. Please can the form below be completed to confirm your attendance.

<https://forms.gle/FnT9cmRpAmvUw4KQA>

IS MY CHILD TOO ILL FOR SCHOOL?



It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK. These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't. For more guidance please visit

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to notify the school on the first day before 9.20am to let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason. You can leave a message on the absence line 01444 232336 or report their absence on the Study Bugs App.

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, please let their teacher know via their year group email address.



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London Meed Hero Awards

Class	Name	Award
1M	Dominic	for using his 'phonics fingers' to sound out words in phonics. Dominic has also worked REALLY hard this week to retell the events in the Christmas story trying to remember to use his finger spaces between words. Fantastic work Dominic! Well done :)
1C	Adelaide	For always trying your very best at all your learning. You are a wonderful role model to the whole class.
2O	Haven	Being kind and supportive of her friends and helping them with their work and for being inspired by our DT project and completing an amazing Christmas card at home.
2S	Reggie	For fantastic instrument playing in the KS1 Christmas Sing Along. You kept in time and really enjoyed yourself. Well done Reggie.
3T	Charlie	Always doing the right thing and following our three rules: Ready, Respectful, Safe. You have such interesting ideas in Guided Reading and your maths ability blows me away. I am so pleased you are in 3T.
3N	Joshua S	For being an absolute superstar! Joshua exudes calm and confidence, he is resilient and curious about new learning, and is a shining example of how to be 'Ready, Respectful, and Safe' around the school. We are so proud of him - well done, Joshua!
4SB	Elisabeth	For working so hard on her writing for the whole of the Autumn Term. Elisabeth's writing is now really clear to read and is always packed full with her wonderful ideas. Well done, Elisabeth!
4A	Ivy	For completing a super model in her D.T. project. Ivy successfully built a winding mechanism and sliders into her nursery rhyme toy, fulfilling success criteria and following a plan. Well done Ivy!
5B	Henley	For writing an exciting Norse Saga and for always working to the best of his ability. What an amazing role model you are, Henley!
5M	Bethany	For being a wonderful member of the class. Your enthusiasm and passion for learning is contagious and you are a great role model for others. Keep up the great work, Bethany!
6H	Erina	For being a wonderful Year 6 role model for our London Meed Values. Erina has demonstrated an ambitious and dedicated attitude to her learning throughout her first term in 6H. Fantastic effort Erina. Well done!
6D	Isla	For writing a thoughtful and heartwarming speech for the Christmas Carol Service, that you performed beautifully and bravely in front of such a large crowd of people. Well done, Isla!

Forthcoming diary dates

Date	Event
6th January	Y3 Martial Arts Day



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7th January	Open Day
8th January	Maths workshop (postponed)
14th January	Additional Open Day
15th January	Last day to apply for EYFS school space (26/27)
16th January	2nd Hand Uniform Sale (LMA)
23rd January	Y5/6 Young Voices
30th January	Some of Year 5 to Marten House
10th February	Y6 Newhaven Fort
10th February	Little Big Sing
11th February	Y1 Amberley Museum
12th February	Valentine Disco EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 - 3.15 to 4.00 Year 3 and Year 4 - 4.15 to 5.00 Year 5 and Year 6 - 5.15 to 6.00
16th - 20th February	Half Term
23rd February	INSET Day - School Closed
2nd - 6th March	Y6 Bikeability
3rd March	Y2 British Wildlife Centre
4th March - change of date	Parents evening 3.30 to 6.30
5th March - change of date	Parents evening 3.30 to 6.00
6th March	World Book Day
20th March	Comic Relief
17th March	Y4 Animazing visit
26th March	Science Day
26th March	Easter Disco EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 - 3.15 to 4.00 Year 3 and Year 4 - 4.15 to 5.00 Year 5 and Year 6 - 5.15 to 6.00
27th March	Easter egg raffle
27th March	Easter Holidays - break up at 1.30pm



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25/26 | Term Dates

AUTUMN	Wed 3rd Sept - Fri 19th Dec Half Term 27 th Oct - 31 st Oct INSET DAYS: 3 rd Sept & 3 rd Nov
SPRING	Mon 5th Jan - Fri 27th Mar Half Term 16 th Feb - 20 th Feb INSET DAYS: 5 th Jan & 23 rd Feb
SUMMER	Mon 13th Apr - Wed 22 July Half Term 25 th May - 29 th May INSET DAYS: 1 st June

TRAINING SPRING TERM 2026



WORKSHOPS

Making Sense of Masking	Tuesday 13 th January	7.30 - 9.30 pm
Understanding Demand Avoidance	Thursday 15 th January	10.30 am - 12.30 pm
Making Sense of Wellbeing: Self-care skills for parents and carers	Tuesday 20 th January	7.30 - 9.00 pm
Understanding Sensory Processing Differences	Wednesday 28 th January	10.30 am - 12.30 pm
Making Sense of Anxiety in Adolescence	Tuesday 3 rd February	7.30 - 9.30 pm
Making Sense of Personal Independence Payment (PIP)	Wednesday 4 th February	7.30 - 9.30 pm
Making Sense of Annual Reviews	Thursday 5 th February	10.30 am - 12.30 pm
Understanding Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)	Thursday 12 th February	10.30 am - 12.30 pm

All of the above training will be delivered on Zoom

For further information visit our website or email: outreach-training@reachingfamilies.org.uk


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All our workshops are free of charge. For more information or to book a place, please visit our Eventbrite page or scan the QR code.

reachingfamilies.eventbrite.com


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SCHOOL UNIFORM
SECOND HAND SALE



Friday 16th Jan 3pm

Uniform donations welcome

Cash and Card accepted

UMBRELLAS
Parent Support Groups
Spring 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
13th Jan / 3rd Feb / 3rd Mar

Littlehampton Umbrellas

Wednesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
Creative Heart Community Hub (upstairs)
14th Jan / 11th Feb / 11th Mar

Worthing Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
Durrington Community Centre
20th Jan / 10th Feb / 17th Mar

Umbrellas Online

Thursdays via Zoom
7.30 - 9 pm
15th Jan / 12th Feb / 5th Mar

Horsham Umbrellas

Wednesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
Horsham Family Hub
21st Jan / 25th Feb / 18th Mar

Shoreham Umbrellas

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
Adur East Family Hub
27th Jan / 24th Feb / 24th Mar

Bognor Regis Umbrellas

Thursdays, 10 am - 11.30 am
Arun West Family Hub
29th Jan / 26th Feb / 26th Mar

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

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