



# LYNGFORD PARK PRIMARY & NURSERY

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**Summer Term**

**Newsletter 1**

**26<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

Dear Parents and Carers

### Wonderful welcome to our new Reception

We welcomed parents of our new Reception class for September 2024 this week. It was lovely to see so many who attended to find out about our school. Our visitors were impressed with how calm our reception children were, despite the extra 20 adults in class! Thank you to our amazing Ash Class who did everyone proud! We will be full in September with 30 children, and **we have a waiting list which appears to be growing every week!**

### Staffing Update

This week, we have been interviewing for a new class teacher from September. Once a decision has been made, parents will be informed. Thank you to those children in Year 3, 4 and 5 who have taken part in the rigorous process to ensure we appoint the right candidate for our school.

### Summer term weather

Our UK weather is always changeable and unpredictable. For this reason, we as parents and carers must ensure our children are sent to school with appropriate clothing – from coats to sunglasses and hats if it warms up! It is parent's responsibility to put sunscreen on your own child and you can buy decent products which gives 12-hour protection. Hats and water bottles are a must – please ensure they have drinks bottles filled with water to stay hydrated.

### Keeping ourselves fully hydrated – what can we drink?

We remind parents and carers to make sure their children always bring a drinks bottle to school with them already filled with water, which they can also refill during the day. The *Eatwell Guide* recommends we should aim to drink between 6-8 glasses of water a day, and the **healthiest drinks** are water and milk. The *NHS* website **strongly recommend** children should avoid fizzy drinks, squash and juice drinks completely.



Water	Fizzy Drinks, Squash or Flavoured Water
NO calories! Quenches the thirst most effectively. Best drink to help our body retain a normal temperature. Cheaper!	All have high level of sugar or saccharin. (sugar-free uses artificial sugar!) Can lead to children becoming overweight. Can cause increased damage to children's teeth.

*It is for all these reasons we **strongly recommend** children only bring water to school in their bottle.*

### Educational Trips during the Summer Term

Teachers have been planning some excellent educational trips to enhance children's learning of the topics we are studying. Unfortunately, the cost of transport as well as entrance fees, like everything else, has increased. Equally, our school finances are strained. Each trip letters explain specific costs and arrangements, but **should insufficient donations be received, that individual trip will be cancelled, and all children who were going on that trip will miss out.** Thank you for your support.

### Wraparound Provision

Due to increase in staffing costs and food prices, from September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, our prices will increase to:

<b>Breakfast</b>	<b>8.00 - 8.40am</b>	<b>£3.50 (with breakfast)</b>
<b>Afternoon</b>	<b>3.15 - 4.30pm</b>	<b>£5.00 (with snack)</b>
	<b>4.30 - 5.45pm</b>	<b>£4.00 (no snack)</b>
	<b>3.15 - 5.45pm</b>	<b>£9.00 (with snack)</b>



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Please refer to the Wraparound Policy for more information as well as our terms and conditions. This and many other important pieces of information can be found on our website.

### **MCAS – My Child At School**

**This is now live and Parentmail has ceased. Thank you to my office staff who have worked really efficiently with all parents to get them set up. Thank you!**

**Nut Allergy – reminder.  
We are a NO NUT school.**

### **Reading at home – Great feedback!**

Following a recent review of children reading at home, the vast majority of children are having their book signed and are reading to an adult at home at least 5 times per week! **BRILLIANT!**

This is the **ONLY** way your child will improve reading skills; spending time regularly reading to an adult and discussing what they have read to check full understanding.

**For those who struggle to engage your own child with reading at home**, please talk to your child's teacher. We must arrange support and can offer ideas, or your child will suffer and not make the progress their peers are making.

**Thank you for your support on this vital matter.**

### **Request for Term-Time Absence – Please read carefully**

Parents are kindly reminded authorised absence request will only be permitted for **very few reasons** and official guidance must be followed. To be clear, **nearly all requests will be unauthorised.**

Your request will **DEFINITELY NOT** be authorised if your child's attendance is less than 95% and could action a fine.

**Thank you for your support and understanding on this matter.**



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# Attendance Update

Two terms in, we are at **93.3%**

**1.3% below National Average but 2% ABOVE this time last year!**

### Persistent Absences

**40 children** have an attendance of **less than 90%** (missing 1/2 a day a week) = **15.8%**

**6 children** have an attendance of **less than 80%** (missing 1 day a week) = **2.4%**

### Key dates for the summer term 2024 (Terms 5 & 6)

Correct at 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024

TERM 5	
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return: 8.40am ( <b>Gates shut 8.50am</b> )
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> April	New Reception parents invitation to view Reception. 1045 - 1130
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> April	5-7pm Governors Meeting
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Incoming Reception Parents (for Sept '24) Presentation 6-6.30pm
<b>Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday – School Closed</b>
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Key Stage 2 SATS for Year 6.
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> May	9.10am Golden Mile 5. End of Term 5.
<b>27<sup>th</sup> May – 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>Summer Half-Term</b>
TERM 6	
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Children return: 8.40am ( <b>Gates shut 8.50am</b> )
Week beg. 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Multiplication challenge for Year 4
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> June	School Readiness Session (New Reception) 2-3pm
Week beg. 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonics Screening
Week beg. 10 <sup>th</sup> June for 2 weeks	Construction on Safe Play Equipment
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> June	PE Week. National Sports Week. Details nearer time.
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> June	School Readiness Session (New Reception) 2-3pm
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Sport Celebration Day & Whole school picnic.
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Annual Children's Reports to Parents
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> July	5pm LGB – Data & Attendance Focus
<b>Fri 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>PTFA Event: Summer Fayre. 3.30pm-5.30pm</b>
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> July	9.10am Golden Mile 6
TBC	Year 6 Performance
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	2pm Year 6 Leavers' Assembly Last Day of Year for pupils – Ends 3.15pm
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> July	INSET Day – Closed to children. (Nursery open)
<b>Fri 25<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Summer Holidays begin</b>

Kind regards

*Nick Arnold*