



## LYNGFORD PARK PRIMARY & NURSERY

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**Spring Term 2**

**Newsletter 21**

**6<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

Dear Parents and Carers

### **THANK YOU! - Greeting your child with a smile, not a phone.**

We kindly asked all parents and carers refrain from using mobile phones when collecting their child, and phones were not visible at pick-up. **Greeting your child with a smile and your full attention is a powerful way to show them they are valued and loved – and you give them the opportunity to share their news.** To reassure, if this is not your usual routine, it may take a little time to adjust, but the positive impact on your child will be well worth it. Moving forwards, we will be installing signs to continue to promote this for new parents.

**Thank you for your support in helping us nurture confident, happy children.**

### **Superb Achievement – Year 6 Pupil**



Congratulations to **Avril** in Year 6 who has been offered a place at Colyton Grammar School, Devon. Colyton Grammar School is highly competitive, with only 155 places available for Year 7, often attracting a high volume of applicants.

To obtain a place pupils must pass the 11+ entrance test (covering English, maths, and verbal/non-verbal reasoning).

**Fantastic achievement, Avril, and we are very proud of you!**

### **Well done Year 6...Another successful week in Red Oak!**

Our Year 6 have just completed a test week as further preparation for their SATs in May. Overall, their effort was excellent with such determination to achieve as high as possible. They all have their targets and are all working to achieve these – amazing positive attitude towards their learning. Wonderful!

Some children, who started Year 6 well below the standards required to pass their tests, are now very close to achieving the previously unthinkable; they are wanting to drive their improvements. They will be better prepared for the expectations at Secondary School - we are all so proud of them all. There are 11 school weeks to go before their SATs, so more improvements and progress will happen! Awesome.

### **Staffing News**

Congratulations to **Miss Wager** who has achieved her Apprenticeship qualification with a Merit!

We are all so very proud of Miss Wagers' achievements - she has taken another step to ultimately become a Primary Class teacher!



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### Toys and Teddies only for Show and Tell, please.

There are a growing number of cuddly toys and other items coming into school during the week, which is causing upset especially when they are misplaced. It also causes distraction from learning. Key Stage 1 have 'Show and Tell' on a Friday morning; this is the only time to show.

**No toys in school, please, apart from for Show and Tell. Thank you.**

### Key Stage 1 – Noah's Ark Trip - A great experience!

**Taking 60 Year 1 and 2 children takes a lot of planning and organising.** Keeping everyone safe and having a great experience are the most important aspects to any trip and Miss Noone and her KS1 team successfully achieved this when they visited Noah's Ark on Thursday. The weather was kind, as were the animals and everyone had a lovely time! We all hope they had lots of exciting news to share with you at home, and they also slept well! Thank you, Key Stage 1 team and those parents who helped too.



### From the Sports Desk...

Well done to our Netballers who recently took part in a competition at North Town School. It was a great event and the team battled admirably. They played 3 and won 1 game, narrowly losing to Bishop Henderson but beating West Buckland. Thank you to Mr Bawden & Mr Bradley who accompanied them.

**Well done to Ola, Roxy, Avril, Lara, Progress, Pranav, Joshua and Henry.**

Well done **Mr Bawden** who completed the Taunton Half Marathon last Sunday in a great time of 2hrs 6 mins. **Mr Bradley** also ran a different half marathon last week but injured himself at mile 6. Sport hurts!



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### World Book Day 2026 – Another highlight!

Didn't we all look amazing in our costumes...thank you to all who took part and enjoyed the brilliant day. Thank you to my staff who, as always, lead the way and made the day so much fun. The wide range of characters made the day so special as we continue to drive the love of reading (the main purpose for World Book Day, of course!). Thank you to all parents who helped make the day so good.

Thank you also to **Dylan and Joshua** who used their enterprise skills during the day selling books and bookmarks for a malaria charity they have been learning about at Scouts. £87.50 raised. Inspirational!

### Class photos from World Book Day – AMAZING Effort – Thank you!

#### Early Years – Ash



#### Key Stage 1 – Willow, Cherry and Holly





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### Lower Key Stage 2 – Whitebeam and Beech



### Upper Key Stage 2 – Rowan, Silver Birch and Red Oak





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### **PTFA News – Easter Bingo! Eggs please...**

On **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March**, children can wear, **appropriate**, non-uniform and donate chocolate Easter Eggs in preparation for the Easter Bingo, to be held on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April**. Gate opens at 5.10pm for eyes down at 5.30pm, finishing at 7.30pm. Looking forward to seeing you all there. It stands to be a rather poignant event as it will be the last one with Mr Upham – so let's make it a good one!

*No apologies about the length of the Newsletter this week, as it just highlights all the amazing things we aim to provide all children at our brilliant school. Lyngford Park – the place to be.*

Have a lovely weekend

*Nick Arnold*