



Great Linford
Primary School

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Term dates for 2016 / 2017

Term	School opens on morning of:	School closes at 3:15pm on
Autumn 2016	Monday 5 th September Tuesday 1 st November	Friday 21 st October Friday 16 th December
Spring 2017	Wednesday 4 th January Monday 20 th February	Friday 10 th February Friday 31 st March
Summer 2017	Tuesday 18 th April Monday 5 th June	Friday 26 th May Friday 21 st July

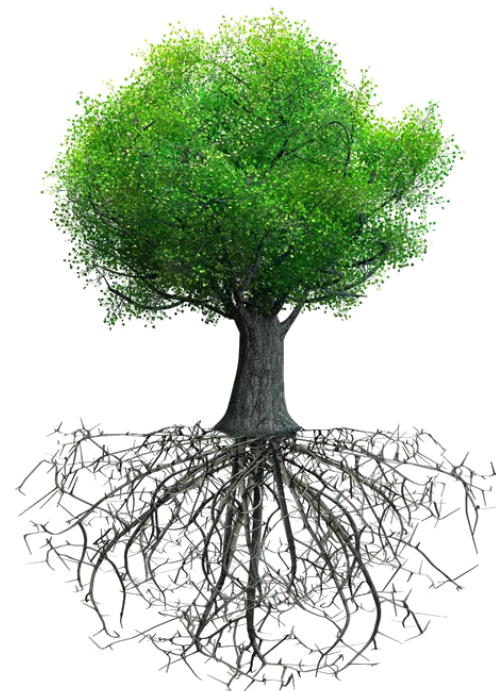
Inset days:

Thursday 1st September
Friday 2nd September
Monday 31st October
Tuesday 3rd January
Monday 24th July



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Parent Partnership



Spring Term 2 Guide

Dear Parents,

Here is the sixth issue of Parent Partnership. Included is a six week guide of upcoming events hosted by Great Linford Primary School, Friends of GLPS and Great Linford Parish Council.

We hope you find this useful. Many thanks, Miss Lovelock

Week 1: Week commencing 20th February

Monday 20th February: School opens at 8:30am.

W/C 27th February: Visual Literacy Fortnight begins.

W/C 20th February: Clubs start for families who have paid and booked in advance, Please see page 5 for further details.

W/C 20th February: Home Learning Challenges sent home.

W/C 20th February: GLPS Boys Football Team play Charles Warren Academy Boys Football Team: 3:30pm – 5pm, location TBC.

Tuesday 21st February: Year 2 Parents SATS workshop: optional times are between 9am – 9:30am or 3:30pm – 4pm.

Thursday 23rd February: Family Art' Parent and Child Course: 9am – 11:15am in the Community Room. (Available only to those who have registered in advance.) Please see page 8 for further details regarding current and upcoming courses.

Thursday 23rd February: Friends of GLPS meeting: 3:30pm – 4:30pm. Please see page 7 for further details.

Friday 24th February: Year 3 Caldecotte Xperience Parent Information Meeting: 5:30pm – 6pm.

Week 2: Week commencing 27th February

W/C 27th February: Visual Literacy Fortnight continues.

Monday 27th February: Year 5 visit Holdenby House. Please see page 4 for further details.

Monday 27th February: Coffee and Information Morning from Melting Pot regarding a free cookery course: 8:30am – 10am.

Tuesday 28th February: Supporting Maths at home – KSI workshop: 3:30pm – 4pm.

Tuesday 28th February: Parents of Year 6 students – SATS Q&A session: 3:30pm – 4pm.

Wednesday 29th February: Supporting Maths at home – KSI workshop: 9am – 9:30am.

Thursday 30th February: Family Art' Parent and Child Course: 9am – 11:15am in the Community Room. Please see page 8 for further details regarding current and upcoming courses.

Thursday 2nd March: 'Why Weight' Programme for families: 4:30pm – 5:45pm.

Thursday 2nd March: Year 4 Aspire Football Festival: 3:30pm – 5:30pm at GLPS.

Thursday 2nd March: Bedtime Stories: 4:30pm – 5:30pm. Please see page 7 for further details.

Week 3: Week commencing 6th March

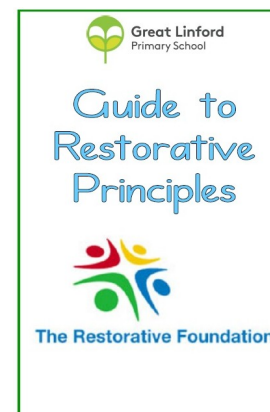
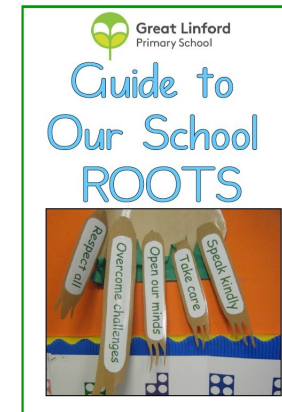
W/C 6th March: GLPS Boys Football Team play Broughton Fields Primary School Boys Football Team: 3:30pm – 5pm, location TBC.

Tuesday 7th March: Parent's evening: 3:30pm – 6:30pm. Please see page 4 for further details.

Thursday 9th March: Family Art' Parent and Child Course: 9am – 11:15am in the Community Room. Please see page 8 for further details regarding current and upcoming courses.

Thursday 9th March: 'Why Weight' Programme for families: 4:30pm – 5:45pm.

Parent Partnership Guides



The Parent Partnership Guides shown above can be found in the foyer and on our school website. We hope you find these guides useful.

In the near future Parent Partnership Guides on the following topics will be published: Our Governing Body, the Nurture Group and SEN Support. Upon initial publication these guides will be sent to families on ParentMail and printed for those who are not.

If you would like a guide on any other topics, or would like to give feedback, please use the email contact below to discuss ideas. Thank you.

shannonoregan@greatlinfordprimaryschool.co.uk

Parent Workshops

Milton Keynes Council are running free 'Powerful Parenting Workshops' to benefit families in the local community. Please contact Carol Mallett in the school office for more information or to book your place.

Parents in Partnership: Powerful Parenting Workshops

EMA Network

Who ever said being a parent was going to be easy?

Being a parent has got to be one of the most difficult jobs in the world. There is no 'perfect' parent but there are strategies and techniques that we can use to make the job that bit easier.

0-18 years

Join us for the 3 half day practical workshops which are designed to equip, encourage and support you through various stages of parenthood. All parents/carers of children from 0-18 years welcome.

**The workshops will take place on:
On Monday 27th Feb , 6th March & 13th
March from 9.15 am – 12.15 pm
At Brooksward School, Tower Drive, Neath
Hill, Milton Keynes, MK14 6JZ**

The sessions will examine and explore how you can:

- Build healthy and happy family and relationships
- Become positive role models for your children
- Use positive discipline techniques to change behaviour
- Teach your children empathy and talk about emotions
- Guide and support your children in learning
- Develop learning through fun and play

Please your place register with the **school office early** to avoid disappointment or contact (01908 605027) for more information.
Limited places, so places will be allocated on first come first basis.



Thursday 9th March: Parent's evening: 4:30pm – 7pm. Please see page 4 for further details.

Week 4: Week commencing 13th March

W/C Monday 13th March: Book Week.

Tuesday 14th March: Supporting Maths at home – Lower KS2 (Yr 3/4) workshop: 3:30pm – 4pm.

Wednesday 15th March: Supporting Maths at home – Lower KS2 (Yr 3/4) workshop: 9am – 9:30am.

Thursday 16th March: 'Why Weight' Programme for families: 4:30pm – 5:45pm.

Thursday 16th March: Family Art' Parent and Child Course: 9am – 11:15am in the Community Room.

Please see 8 for further details regarding current and upcoming courses.

Thursday 16th March: The Travelling Book Company arrives (until Thursday 23rd March)

Thursday 16th March: Online Safety Parent Workshop: 3:30pm

Friday 17th March: Acorns Celebration Event: 2:15pm – 3:15pm.

Week 5: Week commencing 20th March

W/C 20th March: Last week of activity clubs.

Tuesday 21st March: GLPS Boys Football Team play Jubilee Wood Primary School Boys Football Team: 3:30pm – 5pm at Jubilee Wood Primary School.

Tuesday 21st March: Year 3 Egyptian Day, and Egyptian Museum in which parents are invited to attend : 2:45pm – 3:15pm.

Tuesday 21st March: Supporting Maths at home – Upper KS2 (Yr 5/6) workshop: 3:30pm – 4pm.

Wednesday 22nd March: Supporting Maths at home – Upper KS2 (Yr 5/6) workshop: 9am – 9:30am.

Thursday 23rd March: 'Why Weight' Programme for families: 4:30pm – 5:45pm.

Thursday 23rd March: Family Art' Parent and Child Course: 9am – 11:15am in the Community Room.

Please see page 8 for further details regarding current and upcoming courses.

Thursday 23rd March: The Travelling Book Company leaves.

Week 6: Week commencing 27th March

Monday 27th March: Deadline for Home Learning Challenge submissions.

Monday 27th March: Brass Festival: 9am – 12pm at The Church of Christ the Cornerstone.

Tuesday 28th March: Woodwind Festival: 9am – 12pm at The Church of Christ the Cornerstone.

Tuesday 28th March: School Discos

EYFS + KS1: 3:45pm – 4:45pm

KS2 : 5pm – 6:30pm

Wednesday 29th March: EYFS Stay and Play: 2pm – 3pm.

Thursday 30th March: Holmes Class final swimming lesson.

Thursday 30th March: 'Why Weight' Programme for families: 4:30pm – 5:45pm.

Friday 31st March: Home Learning Challenge Presentation Assembly: 9am – 10am.

Friday 31st March: School closes at 3:15pm.

School re-opens on **Tuesday 18th April**. Please see page 12 for further term dates.

Parent's Evening

The next parent's evenings will be held on:

- Tuesday 7th March: appointments are available between 3:30pm and 6:30pm.
- Thursday 9th March: appointments are available between 4:30pm and 7pm.

Parent's evening appointments are a valuable opportunity to meet with class teachers to discuss your child, their progress and any concerns you may have.

It is vital that appointments are booked in advance to avoid disappointment. Parent's evening appointments should be booked through ParentMail. If you are not signed up to ParentMail please contact the office to register. Alternatively, appointments can be booked with Julie Newton in the school office, however we do encourage the use of ParentMail as a method of instant communication and convenience.

We hope to see all families at parent's evening. If you cannot make your scheduled appointment please contact the office to arrange an alternative appointment. Thank you for your continued support.

Upcoming events: School Trips and Visitors:

Please see below for dates, details and prices for upcoming school trips. Payments can be made in cash, cheque, through ParentMail PlusPay, or by standing order. If you require financial assistance please contact the school office to discuss payment options.

Monday 27th Feb - Year 5 Holdenby House educational visit Children are to arrive at 8:15am ready for departure at 9am. Please can children dress in traditional Victorian clothes as it will help make it an authentic experience. Children are to bring packed lunch in a plastic bag with their name on so it can be disposed of after. Those who receive free school meals will be provided with a packed lunch.

Thursday 20th Feb: Year 2 trip to Hazard Alley Safety Centre. The children will be leaving school at 9:15am and returning at 12pm in time for lunch. A contribution of £11.50 will cover the cost of this trip.

Tuesday 6th June: EYFS trip to Woburn Safari Park. A contribution of £16.50 will cover the cost of the trip. Children are to wear sensible footwear and a backpack to bring lunch in. Those who receive free school meals will be provided with a packed lunch.

Monday 12th June - Tuesday 13th June: Year 3 Caldecotte Xperience. A contribution of £91 will cover the cost of activities, travel and accommodation.

Friday 24th February: Year 3 Caldecotte Xperience Parent Information Meeting:
5:30pm - 6pm.

Monday 10th July - Friday 14th July: Year 6 residential to New Barn Field Centre. A contribution of £299 will include travel, all activities and full board.

Parent's Breakfast Club

The Grand Opening of the Parent's Breakfast Club was held on Tuesday 3rd January.

Mrs Shahid, Carol and some of our parents were invited to a pre-breakfast meeting at Great Linford Parish Council to find out more about this club.

The breakfast club offers the opportunity to socialise, share skills, experiences, culture and knowledge, discuss issues and be sign-posted to advice organisations. The club hosts regular guest speakers and you will be given access to support networks.

This breakfast club is run by Great Linford Parish Council in partnership with Global Outreach.

Global Outreach Foundation MK in partnership with Great Linford Parish Council

Bringing MK communities together for social and cultural integration



Breakfast Club

Socialise

- Share skills, experiences, culture and knowledge
- Discuss issues affecting our communities
- Be signposted to advice organisations

Regular guest speakers

- Access to support networks
- An opportunity to take action on issues affecting us

EVERYONE AND FAMILIES WELCOME

Tuesday 7th February
9.30am-12pm

Great Linford Parish Council in partnership
with Global Outreach Foundation MK

Great Linford Parish Council
Linford house, 1 St Leger Court
Great Linford, MK14 5DY

For more information contact Mike on 07736347636,
01908 418955 or email admin@gofmk.com

Upcoming Courses:

Below are a list of courses that will be available to parents throughout this school year. Further information about the courses and details on how to sign up will be sent home nearer the scheduled start date. All courses are free but places will be limited.

Family Art (For Parents of EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 children)

Course start date: Thursday 23rd February
 Course end date: Thursday 23rd March
 Course duration: 5 weeks
 Time: 9am - 11am
 Location: GLPS Community room

For any further information about any of the events featured in this guide please contact Julie Newton or Carol Mallett in the school office.

If you would like us to host any workshops that we haven't featured in this guide, please email shannonoregan@greatlinfordprimaryschool.co.uk to discuss opportunities further. We would love to hear from you!

Thank you!

Learn a language at Community Learning MK

There are new language courses beginning in April, both in the daytime and in the evening. These courses are suitable for both beginners and those with advanced knowledge. Choose from:

Italian, French, German, Polish, Madarin Chinese, New Testament Greek, Arabic, Japanese, Russian, Spanish, Greek and Lip-reading.

To find out more information and to book yourself a place, please contact enrolments on 01908 556760. Alternatively, contact Philip Allsop, Languages Advisor, on 01908 556705 to advice on which class would suit you best.

Clubs for Spring Term 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednes- day	Thurs- day	Friday
Table Tennis KS2 3:15pm- 4:15pm £4 per week 5 weeks remaining	Brazilian Football EYFS + KS1 3:15pm – 4:15pm £3 per week 5 weeks remain- ing	Cooking EYFS + KS1 3:15pm – 4:30pm £5 per week 5 weeks re- maining	Tennis EYFS + KS1 3:15pm – 4:15pm £3 per week 5 weeks remaining	Gymnastics KS1 + Year 3 + Year 4 3:15pm – 4:15pm £3 per week 5 weeks remaining
Family Pottery Club All years + parents 3:15pm – 4:15pm 50p per week per person 5 weeks remaining ** See page 6 for more information**	Dance KS2 8am £3 per week 5 weeks remain- ing	Laser Tag KS2 3:15pm – 4:15pm £3 per week 5 weeks re- maining		Film Club KS2 3:15pm – 4:15pm £6 per week (pay online at young-filmmakers- club.co.uk) 5 weeks remaining
Piccolo Plus EYFS + KS1 3:15pm – 4:15pm £4 (pay online at picco- losmusicclub.co.uk) 5 weeks remaining	Crafts KS2 3:15pm – 4:45pm £5 per week 5 weeks remain- ing	Crafts KS2 3:15pm – 4:45pm £5 per week 5 weeks re- maining		

All clubs will commence on the week beginning **Monday 20th February** and will run for 5 weeks.

Children who had been allocated a place in Spring Term 1 clubs will keep their place in the Spring Term 2 clubs providing full payment has been made.

Details regarding Summer term activity club options will be published towards the end of Spring term 2.

Family Pottery Club

GLPS are very lucky to work in partnership with Andy Macdermott as part of curriculum art lessons and an after school club.

Andy is a very talented Potter who works with local community schools, families and adults. In Family Pottery club he has helped families produce some fantastic pieces for them to keep (see the image bottom right!).

Family Pottery club is only 50p per person to attend! The club runs on Mondays between 3:15pm and 4:15pm, and parents/guardians are required to attend with their child.

There is no need to book in advance, so why not give it a go?!



Upcoming events: Sports

All the events below may be subject to change as they are run by outside organisations or other schools in the area. Letters will be sent home nearer the time detailing event information when all has been confirmed.

W/C 20th February: GLPS Boys Football Team play Charles Warren Academy Boys Football Team: 3:30pm - 5pm, location TBC.

Thursday 2nd March: Year 4 Aspire Football Festival: 3:30pm - 5:30pm at GLPS.

W/C 6th March: GLPS Boys Football Team play Broughton Fields Primary School Boys Football Team: 3:30pm - 5pm, location TBC.

Tuesday 21st March: GLPS Boys Football Team play Jubilee Wood Primary School Boys Football Team: 3:30pm - 5pm at Jubilee Wood Primary School.

Sports Days: Exact times to be confirmed

Tuesday 29th June: EYFS and KS1

Friday 30th June: KS2

Friends of Great Linford Primary School:

The Friends of Great Linford Primary School meet on the first Monday of every month to plan events and fundraisers that will benefit our families. Last term the Friends of GLPS organised a fantastic Christmas Fayre that raised over £650 in profit! This money will be used to fund the 'Playground Project'; bringing new and exciting equipment to our playground.

In addition, the Friends of GLPS recently sold tickets to the MK Lightning vs. Swindon Wildcats ice-hockey match. From these ticket sales the Friends of GLPS raised £415!! Thank you for a fun night out and for your hard work.

Upcoming Friends of GLPS events: further details will be published closer to the time

Thursday 2nd March: Bedtime stories from 4:30pm - 5:30pm.

Friday 7th July: Summer Fayre from 3pm - 6pm.

12th December: Christmas Fayre from 3:15pm - 6pm.

The Friends of GLPS work very hard to provide fun activities and money for our school. If you would like to attend the Friends of GLPS meetings, or would simply like to know more, please use the contact information below:

Dionne Lakey: email: lakeyd@hotmail.com, mobile: 07975 817167

Shirley Mutchell: shirleymc72@aol.co.uk

The next Friends of GLPS meeting will be held on Thursday 23rd February from 3:30pm - 4:30pm.

The Friends of GLPS meet on the first Thursday of every month, however, as the Bed-time Stories event will be held on Thursday 2nd March and parent's evening is the following week, the Friends of GLPS meeting for March will be held later in the month. Details of this meeting will be published when known.

Many thanks,

The Friends of GLPS.