

NEWSLETTER

ASPIRE - ACHIEVE - THRIVE - ENJOY

8th December

Dear Families

Apologies for not sending this out over the weekend!

Don't forget, Christmas jumpers and outfits can be worn on Friday while we have our Christmas dinner in the hall.

We are also going to be participating in the School games Santa dash on Friday morning too:



Mr Jenkins will be sending out the details later on today.

Kind regards,

Mrs Dixon



Your weekly reminder that we are a nut free school

Thank you for your continued support with this matter ensuring our children who have this life-threatening allergy stay safe.



Our attendance so far this year is **95.2%** Attendance this week was **94.4%**

Well done to **2LD**, our highest attending class again this week with **100%** attendance!

We have had an increase in illness which is understandable at this time of year, however our absence for illness is higher than the rate nationally in primary schools at the moment. If you weren't aware, we do have a school supply of calpol and are able to administer this with your permission. Here is also a link to the NHS guidance [‘Is my child too ill for school?’](#) which you may find useful as we know it can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school.

Diary dates

Dates were given out for the year in the first newsletter. Going forwards, I will include dates here for the current term as a reminder. **Any new dates which were not shared previously will appear in red.**

Date	Time	Children return to school
8 th December		Home learning due in
8 th December		Flu immunisations for children who were absent on 20.11.25
8 th December	1:00 – 2:00pm	2LD singing Christmas carols at Fulwell Court retirement homes
9 th December	1:00 – 4:30pm	Year 5 Milton Keynes Theatre Trip
9 th December	2:00pm	Year 1 Christmas performance
10 th December	2:15 – 3:15pm 2:30 – 3:00pm	Year 3 Christmas Carol Concert at St Andrew’s Church
10 th December	5:00pm	Year 1 Christmas performance
10th December		Final Year 4 swimming lesson
12 th December		Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day
15 th December	1:00 – 2:00pm	2PK singing Christmas carols at Fulwell Court retirement homes
15 th December	2:15pm	Rock Steady Concert to parents in the hall <i>For children that attend lessons</i>
15 th December	4:00 – 5:00pm	Christmas Instrumental Concert <i>For children that have individual music lessons</i>
16 th December	2:00pm	EYFS (Caterpillars) Christmas Nativity
17 th December	5:00pm	EYFS (Caterpillars) Christmas Nativity
17th December		Final Year 4 swimming lesson
19 th December		Last day of term
Christmas holidays		

6th January

Children return to school

St Mark's free meal boxes

Did you know we are a collection point for St Mark's meal boxes? St Mark's Meals provides complete meal kits that create a delicious meal for the whole family. Everything needed for dinner is in the box, including a recipe card with straightforward instructions and games and puzzles for kids to play. There are options for EVERYONE, vegetarian, gluten free or those that only have access to a kettle. If you are struggling financially and finding it difficult to feed your family, please get in touch with Julie and she can give you some of the meal boxes to help.



KS1 Choir Trip to the Willows.

The children in the KS1 Choir had a wonderful time visiting the residents of Willows Care Home to spread Christmas cheer. They sang carols and shared their hopes for Christmas and all had a wonderful time.





This week's Aspire winners



Caterpillars		Wraparound	-
1TP	Zara	1RC	Alara
2PK	Shayan	2LD	Hanna
3MY	Eliyas	3JC	Lillith
4AJ	Ethan	4MH	Pedro
5SS	Mia and Summer	5GF	Elia-Grace
6LG (Miss Green)	Reuben	6AS	Lena G
6LG (Mr Jenkins)	Jayden	Whole School	Finley

Aspire winners

Double celebrations will be had this week due to Mrs Dixon's diary last week. If your child is ever absent on the day of the Aspire celebration, do not worry, they will get to celebrate the following week.

House Points

Bronze Award

For achieving **100** House Points



Bronze Award

Year 2 Hunter Alfie Eliana	Year 3 Lillith Max Gina Albie	
Year 6 Frank Lena Louisa Ryan Sienna	Year 4 Amelie Joey	Year 5 Harvey Ayan
Year 1 Albie-Ian Amal	Aria Lara	

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Silver Award

For achieving **200** House Points



Silver Award

Molly
(EYFS)

Noah
(Year 3)

Abigail
(Year 3)

Elina
(Year 3)



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GLPS PTA Update

We've been blown away by the generosity and community spirit at GLPS this half term. We returned from the break to a flurry of fundraising: the Pudsey drawing competition saw exceptional entries full of care, creativity and kindness, and the donations were incredibly generous. We also received amazing support for the Poppy Appeal — while we're still awaiting the final total, we know it was a significant amount. This was followed by one of our biggest ever Christmas Fair raffle donations. We hope the winners enjoy all the lovely prizes. Thank you — your support truly makes a difference.

We also want to recognise the whole-school effort behind every event. We simply couldn't raise these funds without you, and the impact is already being felt. Alongside previous projects, your support has helped replace the school gazebos and boosted our fund so staff can request items they feel will benefit children directly in class.

This year's Christmas Fair included a new concept — children (with a responsible adult!) running their own stalls — and they absolutely impressed us. If you missed it, one of the stalls featured beautiful macramé designs, and these items are also available through their Etsy shop (<https://www.etsy.com/uk/shop/TIEDBYELSPETH>). All families running the stalls were fantastic and we appreciate the time and effort that was put in. As always, the pupils who attend our events show such lovely manners, patience and kindness. They are a credit to their families and to our school.

A huge thank-you goes to the staff and volunteers who work behind the scenes to support the PTA. And of course, a special thank-you to Santa and his elf, Gingerbread, for visiting each class and creating such a magical atmosphere.

We wish you all a happy and healthy Christmas break and look forward to more events and activities in the New Year. If you'd like to get involved, please scan our QR code to join the volunteer PTA group.

Best wishes,
Henry, Charlotte, Jo and Mr Jenkins



<https://linktr.ee/glpspta>

Currently available:

- Weekly Reminders
- Marketplace
- Compliments Form
- Volunteer WhatsApp Invite

Assembly Focus

Last week our whole school assembly on Tuesday focussed on Advent and was led by Reverend Dunning. He spoke to the children about Advent being a time where Christians get ready for the arrival of Jesus Christ. He asked the children if they were 'Red-dy' for Christmas and explored why we associate red with Christmas.



Sport at GLPS

Over the last month, a team of Year 5 and Year 6 children have taken part in the MK Basketball League. Miss Guy and Mr Jenkins were so impressed with the efforts of all involved. Raff won one of the Most Valuable Player awards across all of the schools. The children won a lot of their games and were unfortunate to not quite score enough points to qualify for the finals. Thank you to all the parents who helped transport the children to all of the fixtures.



Great Linford Parish Council News



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Sat 13 Dec 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Great Linford Local Centre MK14 5HA



citizens advice

Please note there will be changes to our Drop-in Citizens Advice sessions during December.

Great Linford Parish Office: The only session this month will be on Thursday 11th December, from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Conniburrow Community Centre: Sessions will run on Tuesday, 2nd, 9th, and 16th December, from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

what's on:

December

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Full Council Meeting: 17 Dec

Finance, Governance & Asset Committee: 8 Dec

Meetings begin at 7 pm and are held at the Parish Office.

Visit our website for more details.

ADVICE

Citizens Advice

Every Tuesday at Conniburrow Community Centre,
10:00 am - 1:00 pm (closed 23 & 30 Dec)

11 Dec at Great Linford Parish Office
10:00 am - 1:00 pm

YOUNG PEOPLE

Youth Cafe

Every Friday at Conniburrow Community Centre
Ages 11 - 17 6:30 - 8:30 pm Term Time Only

Christmas

The parish office will close at 4 pm on Tuesday 23 Dec, and reopen at 9 am on Friday 2 Jan

***Partner activities may be subject to change due to Christmas and the New Year. For the most up-to-date information, please visit our website.**

Find out more:

- great-linford.gov.uk
- gipc@great-linford.gov.uk
- 1 St Leger Court, Great Linford, Milton Keynes, MK14 5HA

EVENTS

Community Forum

04 Dec at Great Linford Parish Office
Doors Open: 6:30 pm Meeting Starts: 7:00 pm

Coffee With A Cop

15 Dec at Breakfast & Banter, Parish Office
10:00 am - 11:30 am

Festive Fayre

13 Dec at Great Linford Local Centre
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

COMMUNITY FOOD

Conniburrow Top Up Shop (closed 23 Dec & 30 Dec)
Every Tuesday at Conniburrow Community Centre
10:00 - 11:30 am

Great Linford Top Up Shop (closed 25 Dec & 1 Jan)
Every Thursday at the Parish Office
11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Downs Barn Community Larder (closed 30 Dec)
Every Tuesday at Cross & Stable
11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Great Linford Community Fridge*
Every Monday at Great Linford Community Hub
11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Conniburrow Community Fridge at Conniburrow
Community Hub*
Every Wednesday 3:30 - 5:00 pm
Every Friday 1:00 - 2:30 pm

ACTIVITIES

Creative Space - Arts for Health (closed 27 Dec)
Every Saturday at Conniburrow Community Hub
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Cooking Classes - Booking Required
Tuesday at Conniburrow Community Hub
10:30 - 1:30 pm

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