

# NEWSLETTER

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19<sup>th</sup> December

Dear Families

We made it! We've ended the term with our final Christmas production this week from our early years children and concerts from our musicians. Staff were so proud of how all the children performed as I'm sure you were too.

We had the last bits of sponsorship money in from families this week from our sponsored Santa Dash and can share with you now that we raised a grand total of **£1550.37!!!** Thank you so much for your generosity. Mr Jenkins and Miss Guy are looking forward to selecting some new equipment for the children to have on the playground at playtimes.

We also had confirmation from the Royal British Legion that we raised **£177.28** for the Poppy Appeal from your donations.

Today we also said goodbye to Mrs Sharp who has been working in our front office for the last 12 months. I'm sure you will join me in wishing her all the best as she starts her new role in the pastoral team at Lord Grey School as one of the Assistant Heads of Year.

Finally, thank you all for your support this term. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas making memories with your children.

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 **94.9%** Attendance this week was low at **91.1%**

Well done to **3JC**, our highest attending class again this week with **98.4%** 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.**

6 <sup>th</sup> January		<b>Children return to school</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> January</b>		<b>Year 3 Egyptian Immersion Day</b>
28 <sup>th</sup> January	3:30 – 4.00pm	<b>Year 6 SATs Parent Workshop</b> <i>If you attended the Autumn Term workshop there is no need to attend again, unless you wish to.</i>
2 <sup>nd</sup> February		<b>Home learning due in</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> February	3:15 – 3.30pm	<b>Book fair</b> <i>Books will be available to buy in the hall</i>
<b>11<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>2:45pm – 3:10pm</b>	<b>Home learning winners gallery in the hall</b>
13 <sup>th</sup> February		<b>Last day of term</b>
Half term		
23 <sup>rd</sup> February		<b>Children return to school</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> March		<b>World Book Day</b> <i>Children will be invited to dress up as a book character</i>
5 <sup>th</sup> March	3:30 – 4.30pm	<b>Books at Bedtime</b> <i>Come and share stories with your children and staff in the hall</i>
<b>13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>After school</b>	<b>Provisional date for PTA Colour Run event</b>
16 <sup>th</sup> March		<b>Home learning due in</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>4:00 – 5:00pm</b>	<b>The Big Sing – Key Stage 2 choir performance</b>
23 <sup>rd</sup> March		<b>World Maths Day</b> <i>Children are invited to dress up as a number or in maths themed clothing</i>
<b>24<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>2:45pm – 3:10pm</b>	<b>Home learning winners gallery in the hall</b>
25 <sup>th</sup> March	3:30 – 4.30pm	<b>EYFS (Caterpillars) and Years 1 and 2 Easter Disco</b>
25 <sup>th</sup> March	5:00 – 6:00pm	<b>Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Easter Disco</b>
27 <sup>th</sup> March		<b>Last day of term</b>

#### Cost of living support

The MK Council cost of living page may be useful to any families who are struggling with the cost of living at the moment:

<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/benefits/cost-living-support>

**Rainbows Family Centre**

Our local family centre is Rainbow, located in Bradville. They can provide support to families in many areas. You can get in touch with them or we can refer you and the centre will then get in touch with you. Please speak to Miss Newton or Mrs Dixon if you have any questions about what support is available. They have an active facebook page also



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rainbowfamilycentre@milton-keynes.gov.uk



[milton-keynes.gov.uk/children-centres](http://milton-keynes.gov.uk/children-centres)

**RAINBOW FAMILY CENTRE**

Offered alongside our usual calendar  
Family Support  
Early Help  
Support with Parenting, Breastfeeding, Two Year Funding, Healthy Start Vitamins, Child Development and Speech and Language

**Period Poverty**

**Sexual Health Support**

**Support with Housing, Finances, Forms, Benefits and Employability**

**Access to Foodbank, Baby Basics, MK Storehouse, Hygiene Bank and the Local Welfare Provision Washing Machine Hire is available**

**Adult Learning CLMK Courses Well-Being Group**

**Support with Isolation and Loneliness**

**Referrals to other agencies- MKACT, ICASH, Talking Therapies ARC, Healthy Relationships and Citizens Advice.**

#### 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.



### This week's Aspire winners



There were no celebration assemblies this week but Mrs Kanji did award an Aspire certificate in class this week – well done to **Hudson in 2PK!**

### Aspire winners celebration with Mrs Dixon

Our EYFS children who had won the award celebrated with Mrs Dixon today along with last week's winners and any children who had missed celebrating this term. Mrs Dixon will send









## Bronze Award



For achieving 100 House Points



### Year 3

**Brody**

**Axel**

**Darius**

**Eliyas**

**Ntando**

**Sophie**

### Year 2

**Zack**

**Pax**

**Nina**

**Ieva**

**Erika**

**Denis**

**Reggie G**

**Nessah**

**Mija**

**Eugenia**

### Year 4

**Tommy**

**Theo**

**Rupert**

**Keeva**

**Holly**

**Hayden**

**Annabelle**

**Zahar**

**Pedro**

**Paityn**

**Nujaid**

**Marcy**

**Harnith**

**Freddie**

**Fortune**

**Aya**

**Adeena**

### Year 6

**Tali**

**Noah**

**Elizaveta**

**Nickolai**

**Michael**

### Year 5

**Orestis**

**Elia-Grace**

**Kyle**

**Mia**

### Year 1

**Amelia**

**Joni**

**Ivy**

**Iris**



**ASPIRE**




Respect all - Overcome challenges - Open our minds - Take care - Speak kindly

**Silver Award**

For achieving 200 House Points

**Poppy  
(EYFS)**



**Silver  
Award**

**Ezra  
(EYFS)**

**Paizley  
(EYFS)**


**Harvey  
(EYFS)**

**Hebe  
(EYFS)**

**Méabh  
(EYFS)**

**Joey  
(EYFS)**

**Evee-Mai  
(Year 3)**



**Imogen  
(EYFS)**

**Amara  
(Year 3)**

**Nikole  
(Year 3)**

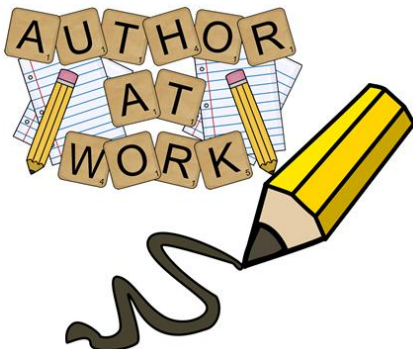
**Amara  
(Year 3)**

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**Term 2 Great Linford's Great Writing Awards**

*Great Linford's  
Great Writing*

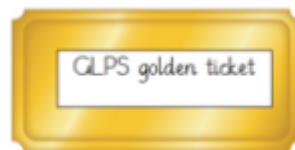


Caterpillars	Suhaifa		
1TP	Ivy	1RC	Aslihan
2PK	Florence	2LD	Oliver
3MY	Abigail	3JC	Jake
4AJ	Flavia	4MH	Marcy
5SS	Parker	5GF	Chloe-Anne
6LG	Noah	6AS	Elizaveta



3MY	3JC	4AJ	4MH	5GF	5SS	6AS	6LG
Gina Nikole	Noah	Keeva Amelie Flavia Rupert Louis Davina	Joey	Alex George Isaac Zara	William Holly Julia Nathan Sienna Caitlin	Maisie Eliza Rafferty Lilly-Mae	George Sienna Frank

### Term 2 Reading Golden Ticket Winners



Children earn golden tickets by reading five times a week at home. These were the winners drawn from all of the golden tickets earned in each class this term

3MY	3JC	4AJ	4MH	5GF	5SS	6LG
Darcey	William	Rupert Keeva	Violet B Zahar	George Harvey	Daniel Ameer	Lena Frank

### Music at Great Linford

#### Year 2PK trip to Fulwell Court Carehome.

2PK enjoyed their trip to Fulwell Court Care Home to sing a repertoire of Christmas Carols that they had learnt. Everyone had such a wonderful time singing together!



#### Christmas Instrumental Concert

Well done to all of the Children who took part in the Christmas Instrumental Concert showcasing their musical pieces they have been practicing over the past two terms. They all did amazingly! Well Done! Have a wonderful break.

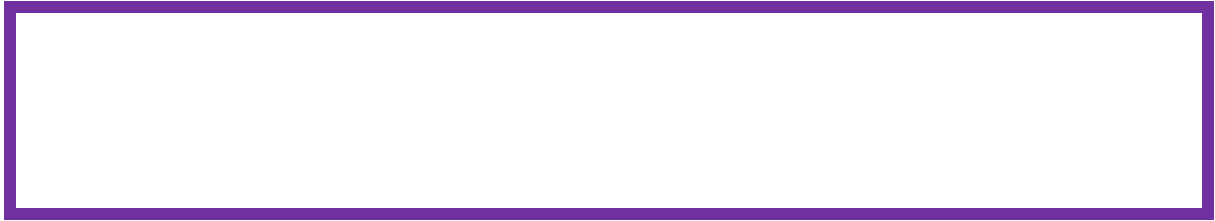


### **Rocksteady Concert**

The children in all of the bands for Rocksteady performed to parents as well as our year four and year children. They all did fantastic performances alongside Adam Blunden the Rocksteady teacher. If your child is interested in Rocksteady please see the leaflet below: <https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/>



Miss Creed.



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*"It keeps encouraging us to do more, so it teaches us to never give up."*

Rocksteady pupil

*"Socially, it's great - learning skills, performance confidence - the list is endless."*

Maxine



**BOOK YOUR CHILD'S PLACE ONLINE!**

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STEADY**

0330 113 0330

(Mon-Thurs 8am-8pm Fri 8am-6pm, local rate)  
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**GREAT LINFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL**

EYFS Christmas Performance





## End of term Mental Health & Wellbeing information



As we reach the end of term, we wanted to highlight to our whole school community the help that is available for our students and parents/carers.

There are a range of support services available online, by text and over the phone to help children, young people and their families. If you are worried about someone else, there is also guidance to help you ask how they are and offer guidance on how to support them.

### **Local & national support services:**

The local 'How You Feel Matters' document outlines the range of help and support that can be accessed by children and young people in Milton Keynes. This can be found [here](#)

There are also some national services that can be very helpful:

- [www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk) or Text: **YM to 85258**: A wide range of support available for young people including 24/7 mental health crisis support
- Call **0808 802 5544** or visit [www.youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/](http://www.youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/) for 24 hour Young Minds support Parents helpline
- [www.themix.org.uk](http://www.themix.org.uk) or Tel: **0808 808 4994**: The Mix for any issue affecting young people under 25.
- [www.samaritans.org](http://www.samaritans.org) or Tel: **116 123**: the Samaritans provides 24/7 information and support
- [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk) or Tel: **08001111**: Childline, providing a wide range of support including 1-2-1 counsellor chat
- [www.talkgrief.org](http://www.talkgrief.org): Winston's Wish Talk Grief, if you have lost someone and need to chat an online platform for teens and young adults.
- Call **111 Option 2 - 24/7** A free helpline for people of all ages who need **urgent** mental health support. Young people can talk to a CAMHS professional directly who can arrange additional support.

**IN ANY EMERGENCY, PLEASE DIAL 999**

**What to do if you are concerned about a child, young person or someone you know?**

Encourage the person or your child to ask for support if needed.

If you are concerned about the emotional and mental health of a child or adult, contact a professional; your GP, phone NHS 111 or take them to an A&E department. In an emergency call 999. Also, many online or phone resources now provide anonymous counselling and text services for young people to use directly. Please see the sources of support above.

If they, or you, are worried about them harming themselves, ask them direct questions, such as “sometimes when people feel like you do, they think about suicide and harming themselves, is that what you are thinking about”?

Empathic listening is key here – ask open and honest questions and show that you’re listening by reflecting on what they say and clarifying what they mean, try not to jump in with solutions – allow them to express their problems first.

Don’t minimize their feelings by saying it’s ‘just a phase’, ‘you’ll grow out of it’ or ‘why is that even bothering you?’ Take time to imagine what it’s like for that person, focus on their feelings and their experiences – not your own

Firstly, it is important that you try to stay calm and listen to the young person or adult – hear them out, try to avoid judgement, regardless of what is going on

We hope you found this information useful and you have a peaceful break.

### Great Linford Parish Council News

# DROP IN ADVICE SESSIONS

citizens  
advice

**GOOD  
TO  
KNOW**



## NEED HELP?

Do you need help with legal rights, benefits entitlements, debt management, housing problems, employment concerns or consumer rights?

citizens  
advice

## CITIZENS ADVICE

Citizens Advice believe no one should have to face these problems without good quality, independent advice.



## WHEN & WHERE

Tuesday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Conniburrow Community Centre  
Conniburrow Boulevard  
Mk14 7DX



## WHO CAN ATTEND

Residents from Blakelands, Bolbeck Park, Bradwell Abbey, Bradwell Common, Bradwell, Conniburrow, Downhead Park, Downs Barn, Giffard Park, Great Linford, Heelands, Neath Hill, Pennyland, Redhouse Park, Rooksley, Tongwell, and Willen Park.



## IS IT FREE?

The Drop in sessions are funded by Great Linford Parish Council and Bradwell Parish Council. They are free for residents to attend.



[great-linford.gov.uk](http://great-linford.gov.uk)



[bradwell-pc.gov.uk](http://bradwell-pc.gov.uk)



# cooking classes

in partnership with



The Making Delicious Happen Project



Tuesday 6 Jan - 27 Jan  
10:30 am - 1:30 pm



Conniburrow Community Hub  
MK14 7DX

Great Linford Parish Council is partnering with Better than Mamma's to bring you a series of exciting FREE community cooking classes for adults!

- Learn affordable, healthy & sustainable cooking skills
- Connect with others and share cultural food traditions
- Build confidence in the kitchen

Spaces are limited and booking is essential. Use the QR code to book your place.

Find out more:

- [great-linford.gov.uk](http://great-linford.gov.uk)
- [glpc@great-linford.gov.uk](mailto:glpc@great-linford.gov.uk)
- 1 St Leger Court, Great Linford, Milton Keynes, MK14 5HA

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Winter



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& More

Festive Fun Days:  
Holiday Talent Show,  
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& Disco



Gingerbread  
Decorating

LOCATIONS: Flitwick and Milton Keynes



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[www.sportyscholars.com](http://www.sportyscholars.com) or Call: **07511 194 319**  
Email: [hello@sportyscholars.com](mailto:hello@sportyscholars.com) Ages 3,4 varies on location Ages 5-14 all location





**School Aged Children's catch-up  
vaccination walk in clinics for  
Milton Keynes in 2025 & 2026**

**Summerlin Centre, 138 Station Rd, Woburn  
Sands, Milton Keynes MK17 8SG**

**Friday 2nd January 2026**

**Giffard Park Community Centre, Broadway  
Ave, Giffard Park, Milton Keynes MK14 5PY**

**Saturday 20th December 2025**

**Saturday 24th January 2026**

**Please scan for  
further information**

