





### 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 **94.6%**. Attendance this week was **91.7%**

Well done to **3JC**, our highest attending class this week with **98%** attendance!

### 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.**

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>
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	During school day	<b>Conductive Music STEAM Music Workshop for Year 3 and Year 5.</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>



**This week's Aspire winners**



Caterpillars			
1TP	<b>Amal</b>	1RC	<b>Paisley</b>
2PK	<b>Eliana</b>	2LD	<b>Nina</b>
3MY	<b>Peighton</b>	3JC	<b>AJ</b>
4AJ	<b>Ethan</b>	4MH	<b>Ollie</b>
5SS	<b>Nathan</b>	5GF	<b>Zara</b>
6LG	<b>Janelle</b>	6AS	<b>Conan</b>
Mr Jenkins	<b>Louisa</b>	Wraparound	
Miss Guy (KS1)	<b>Last week – Zara (1TP)</b> <b>This week - Pax (2LD)</b>	Miss Guy (KS2)	<b>Chloe M (5GF)</b>

### Key Stage 1 Kindness Awards



Ivy and Iris 1TP	Lincoln 1RC
Harry 2LD	Annabelle 2PK

### Sport at GLPS



A team of Year 3 and Year 4 children took part in a Dodgeball festival last Friday at Radcliffe Secondary School. The development event was designed as an induction for children to experience a sport they may have had no or limited experience playing before. Mr Jenkins and Miss Guy were incredibly impressed how quickly the team built confidence and worked together to win most of their games! We were delighted to have two of our GLPS children receiving medals as Most Valuable Players across all the teams who took part - an award voted for by the children on each team they played against! A big thank you to all the parents who supported with getting the children to and from the event.

## Music at Great Linford

### Year 1 Music 'The Seaside'

Year One is having a lot of fun experimenting using the percussion instruments to create different sounds that represent the seaside. This week they have been on a 'Musical Treasurehunt' thinking about different **timbre** to create a short soundscape.



### Musician of the Month - January by Reuben Montague

Each month this year there will be a 'Musician of the Month' article written by one of the Music Mentors. Here is Reuben's presentation, which he also shared in KS1 Singing Assembly this week.

# Metallica

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Formed in 1981 by James Hetfield and Lars Ulrich. The band had four members who play a mix of instruments from a bass guitar, guitar, drums and lead vocalist.



2

They sold 163 million albums and won ten Grammy awards. The black album released in 1991, introduced them to mainstream.



3

They have played more than 1700 live concerts. They are considered as one of the best metal bands of all time.



4

Top selling album by Metallica is Metallica also referred to as The Black Album. Selling 33 million copies.



## Whole School Assembly Focus



This week Mrs Kanji, our RE lead, spoke to the children about World Religion Day. While each religion is different, we reflected on the key messages they all share:



All of these religions share the same message:

Treat others with respect.

Make the right choices.

Don't react think and respond.

You are in control of your own words & actions.

# Autism in Early Years Parent and carer programme

For parents and carers who have an Autistic child aged 2-5 or a child with social communication needs – no diagnosis needed

Session	Date	Time	Location/ Delivered By	What's covered?
1	24.02.26	1pm – 2pm	MS Teams/ Psychologist	Autism in the Early Years: What does Autism look like? • The three areas of difference
2	03.03.26	1pm – 2pm	MS Teams/ Psychologist	Autism in the Early Years: Play and Learning • Brain Development • Nurturing Play
3	10.03.26	1pm – 2pm	MS Teams/ Psychologist	Autism in the Early Years: Considering Behaviour • The impact of difference • Techniques to try
4	17.03.26	1pm – 2pm	MS Teams/ Psychologist	Autism in the Early Years: Supporting Communication • Understanding Communication • Support Strategies
5	24.03.26	1pm – 2pm	Hummingbird Family Centre/ Psychologist	In-person Get Together: Parent Support

To book your place, please email us via [SENDsupport@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:SENDsupport@milton-keynes.gov.uk) stating you would like to attend the **Autism In Early Years Parent Programme** along with the specific sessions you wish to attend.

Four of the sessions will be on Microsoft Teams (cameras on please) and one will be in-person. For further information please [visit our local offer website](#)



## ☀️ Autism in the Early Years – Free Parent Programme ☀️

Is your child aged 2–5 and showing signs of having social communication needs or autism? (No diagnosis needed.)

Join our 5 session support programme run by our Educational Psychology and Speech and Language teams this Feb–Mar 2025.

🕒 All sessions: 1–2pm

🖥️ 4 online on Teams

🏠 1 in person at Hummingbird Children Centre

We'll cover early autism, play & learning, behaviour, communication — plus a supportive parent meet up.

📧 Book your place: [SENDsupport@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:SENDsupport@milton-keynes.gov.uk)

🔗 More info: <http://mksendlocaloffer.co.uk/.../parent-and-carer...>



**Autism**  
MILTON KEYNES  
delivered by Autism Bedfordshire



MOOD MECHANICS

# PARENT/CARER WEBINAR

## Exploring the sensory world - it's impact and what we can do

£5 per person  
+Booking Fee

Delivered by Faye Clarke - Occupational Therapist, Mood Mechanics

The session will focus on;

- The impact of the sensory world on how we feel, behave and relate to others
- The 8 senses and their purpose - what might hinder and what could help
- Learn how to support and adapt tasks, environments and relationships to help regulation



**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026**  
6:30pm - 8:00pm

### To book your place:

Click below or scan the QR code to book!

<https://tinyurl.com/y7u2s8s6>



The session will be delivered online via Microsoft Teams.  
A joining link will be sent out closer to the date.

Booking link: <https://tinyurl.com/y7u2s8s6>



*It's Back for 2026!*

**BIG Doorstep GIVE!**

**Saturday 31st  
January!**

Email or WhatsApp us your name and address and we will collect from your Doorstep!

**Helpline@mkfoodbank.org.uk**  
or Text: **07874 964505**



Our popular Big Doorstep Collection is back for 2026 on Saturday 31st January, and it's the first one of the year so let's make it super special to help people in our community! It's a great way to unload the cupboards of any (in date) tinned food, dried pasta or boxes of biscuits - plus all the usual donations too please!

Please let us know if you would like to support and donate to MK Food Bank from the comfort of your home, get in touch with your name and address so we know where to collect from:

👉 [helpline@mkfoodbank.org.uk](mailto:helpline@mkfoodbank.org.uk)

👉 WhatsApp 07874 964505

We will pick up food donations from 9am on Saturday 31st January! Our most needed shopping list is available to download from our website:

<https://buff.ly/47SNzww>