

NEWSLETTER

ASPIRE - ACHIEVE - THRIVE - ENJOY

20th March

Dear Families

Firstly, we would like to extend our warmest wishes to all of our families and community members who have been celebrating Eid. We hope you had a joyful and peaceful time filled with happiness, reflection, and togetherness. Eid Mubarak to you all!

Staffing update

Mr Silvester

At the end of term, we will be wishing a fond farewell to our Assistant Headteacher, Mr Silvester. He will be leaving us after the Easter break, as he has secured a promotion at another school where he will take up the role of Deputy Headteacher. While we will be sorry to see him go, we are very pleased for him and I am sure you will join us in congratulating him on this well-deserved next step in his career. We will be welcoming back Miss Fraser to cover his teaching commitment in 4MH for the rest of the academic year.

Mrs Green

Next week will also be wishing Mrs Green the best of luck as she starts her maternity leave after the Easter holidays. We will be welcoming Miss Belam to the team who will be covering the class along with Mr Jenkins for the rest of the academic year.

Unsafe parking

We had a call from a local resident this week to report that there is regularly a white car parking illegally between the nursing home and the school, near Paddock Close. This week they saw the car nearly hit a child when reversing. Please take care when maneuvering out from parking on the road. Children and families frequently cross the road between stationary cars so please always take extra care. Please also ensure you are always parking safely and legally. The Co-op has free parking for 90 minutes and is only a short walk further.

Finally – don't forget booking for the disco closes on Monday at 4pm. As mentioned in the disco communication that has gone out on Gateway, children can come into school in non school uniform on Wednesday. Children can bring an optional donation of £1 on the day for their non-uniform: all donations will go towards the PTA and be put towards projects which benefit the children. There is further information about the disco later in the newsletter.

Have a lovely weekend.

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.



Attendance Matters

Our attendance so far this year is **94.8%**. Attendance this week was **96.3%**

Well done to **3MY** who had the highest attendance this week with **99.3%** 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.**

18 th – 24 th March	3:15 – 3:30pm	Book fair <i>Books will be available to buy in the hall</i>
23rd March	2:15pm	Rock Steady Concert in the hall
24 th March	2:45pm – 3:10pm	Home learning winners' gallery in the hall
25 th March	1:00pm - 3:00pm	Year 4 Local Walk
25 th March		Non uniform day for the whole school to allow EYFS and KS1 to come in ready for the disco. £1 suggested donation to go towards the PTA funds
25 th March	3:30 – 4.30pm	EYFS (Caterpillars) and Years 1 and 2 Easter Disco
25 th March	5:00 – 6:00pm	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Easter Disco
27 th March		Last day of term
27th March		Last day of term
Easter holidays		
13 th April		Children return to school
15 th April	3.30 – 6.00pm	Parents Evening <i>Booking information will be sent out prior to this</i>
16 th April	3.30 – 7.00pm	Parents Evening <i>Booking information will be sent out prior to this</i>
4 th May		Bank Holiday – School closed
w/c 11 th May		Year 6 SATs week
11 th May		Home learning due in
21 st May		Year 6 Orchestra Unwrapped Trip
22 nd May		Last day of term



This week's Aspire winners



Caterpillars	Odysseas		
1TP	Ivy	1RC	Lincoln
2PK	Hana	2LD	Theodore
3MY	Sophie	3JC	Elon
4AJ	Theo	4MH	Tanatswa
5SS	Summer and Archie	5GF	Jovie
6LG	Louisa	6AS	Natalia
Mr Jenkins	Sienna and Raff	Wraparound	
Miss Guy KS1	Chester (Year 1)	Miss Guy KS2	Aya (Year 4)

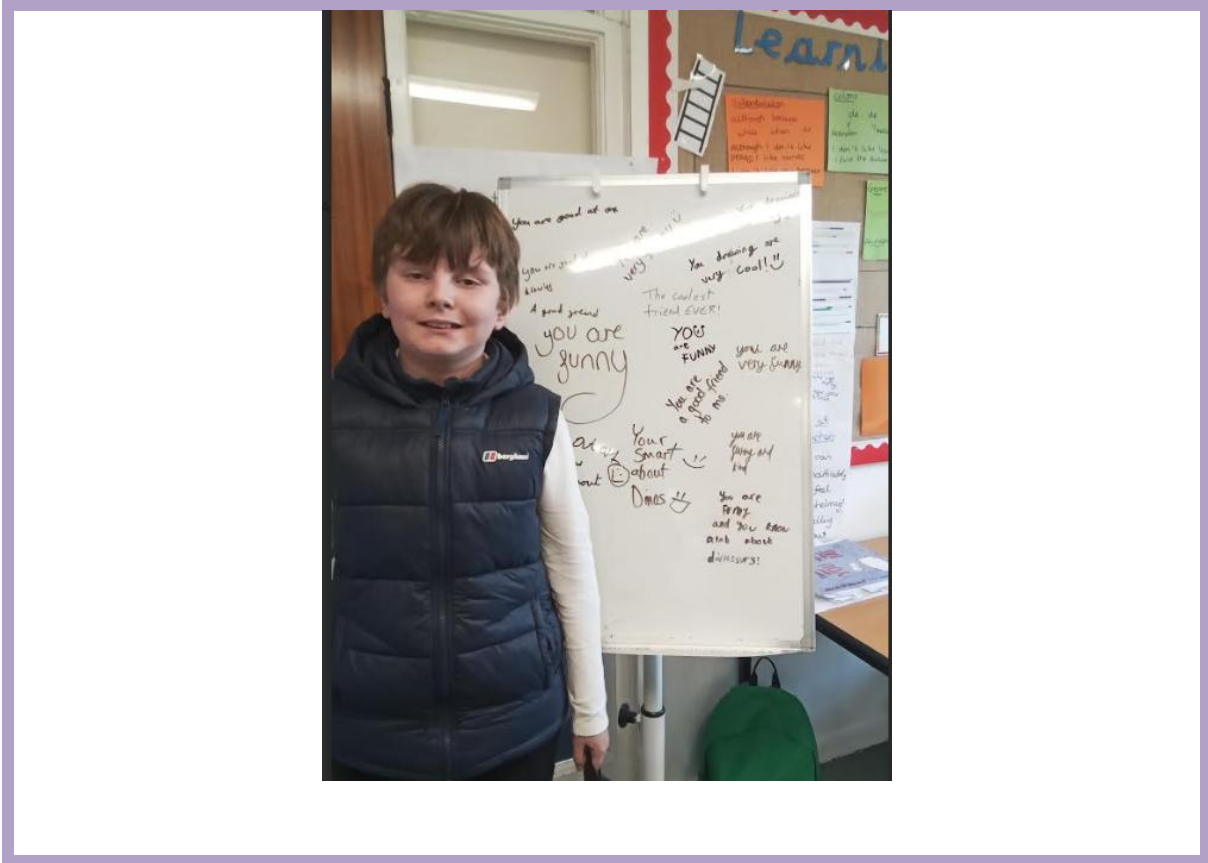
Key Stage 1 Kindness Awards



Frankie 1TP	Madison 1RC
Eden 2LD	Nessah 2PK



Ask your child about something kind they said this week!



Aspire Tea

Mrs Dixon celebrated with KS2 children this week who were awarded the Aspire award last week





House Points

Bronze Award

For achieving 100 House Points



**Frankie
(Year 1)**

**Hugo
(Year 2)**



**Favour
(Year 5)**

**Kenzo
(Year 6)**

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Silver Award

For achieving 200 House Points

Year 1

Lincoln **Noah**
Ginith **Mathias**
Evie **Joni**
Dominic **Ivy**
Colbie-Ray **CJ**
Aslihan **Aria**
Alara **Amal**
Felicity **Albie-Ian**





Year 2

Phoebe
Nina
Ieva
Harry




Year 3

Joseph **Lillith**
Jade **James**
Darcey **Fidel**
Peyton **AJ**
Jake



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Year 4		
Theo	Tanatswa	Andrei
Rupert	Layla	Tommy
Ollie	Holly	Annabelle
Isla	Ethan	
Alfie	Amira	
Year 5		Year 6
Jack	Kevinas	Raff
Isaac	Laila	Lilly-Mae
Ayan	Emmanuel	
Parker	Tommy M	
Rakshith		

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Gold Award

For achieving **300** House Points





CONGRATULATIONS

Year 1	
Prince	Hannah K
Theodore	Eshaal
Oluebube	Eden
EYFS	
Harley	Zoha
Evanna	Odysseas
Emrys	Luca
Denis	Jordan
Bradley	Wade
Jenson	Louis




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Year 5	
Zara	Jamison
Vinnie	Chloe
Jovie	
Year 3	
Chris	Evee-Mai
Sophie	Abigail
Jace	
Year 4	
Louis	Joey
Flavia	Adeena
Amelie	
Year 6	
Ethan	
Ariana	
Sienna	




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Whole school assembly focus

This week, Mrs Kanji led our assembly and spoke to the children about Ramadan and Eid

What Is Ramadan?



What Is Ramadan?

Ramadan is an important event for Muslim people. It takes place in the ninth month of the Islamic calendar. This calendar is based on the moon.

Ramadan begins the morning after people see the crescent moon. It can last for 29 or 30 days. This is about one month.

Fasting

Muslims believe that fasting reminds them of people who have less than they do, as well as making them think more about their actions.

Every Muslim person is expected to fast except **young children** and people who are unable to fast due to **old age** or **sickness**.



Iftar

Iftar is a very important meal during Ramadan. This is the time when Muslims will **break** their fast and are able to eat again.

As the sun goes down, Muslims will break their fast with something small, like dates and water. Then, they will say the Maghrib prayer. Once the sun has completely gone down, they will eat a larger meal.



Suhoor

Suhoor is the meal Muslim people eat before their day of fasting starts. This meal is very important. The people who are fasting have to make sure they eat the right kinds of foods to give them energy for the rest of the day.

Muslims will get up very early in the morning, before the sun comes up (around 4 a.m.).

Foods eaten during Suhoor include eggs, bread, rice, fruit and vegetables.



Ramadan Calendar

The lunar calendar has 29 or 30 days.

Ramadhan is a very special month. It is believed that the Holy Quran was revealed in this special month.



Why are these dates special ?



These nights are called the night of power.



Eid

Eid is an Arabic word derived from root of a-w-d. Literally it means a recurring event. In Islam it denotes the festivals of ISLAM. The word Eid occurs in the Qur'an once meaning a joyous recurring occasion.



Eid al-Fitr

Eid al-Fitr is the festival that marks the end of Ramadan and the fast. It lasts for three days.

During Eid, Muslims thank Allah for the help and strength he gave them when they fasted.

The festival starts when the new moon is seen in the sky.



Helping Others

Helping others and doing good deeds is an important part of Ramadan. Sometimes, this means giving money to charities or people that need help. It can also mean being kind, giving your time and sharing what you have.



Eid Celebrations

Muslims take part in many activities to celebrate Eid.

They will wear clean clothes and decorate their hands with henna designs.

There will be special prayer services at the mosque and people will say special prayers in their homes.

Muslim people will say 'Eid Mubarak!', which means 'Have a blessed Eid!'.



Eid Celebrations

Muslims will visit their families and have a large feast for lunch or dinner.

Some people will also celebrate with a firework display on the first night of Eid.

The rest of Eid is then spent seeing family and helping others.



Easter Disco



Wednesday 25th March - Easter Disco

Tickets available to purchase **until 4:30pm on Monday 23rd March**. Tickets are available to book online now via Gateway.

The times of the Discos are as follows:

EYFS - Year 2 will be 3:30pm - 4:30pm (collection from the hall)

Year 3 - 6 will be 5:00pm - 6:00pm (drop-off and collection from the hall)

Tickets are £3 which will include the 1 hour disco, a packet of crisps and a drink. There will also be no additional charge for non-uniform on that day although an optional £1 donation for non-uniform can be made towards the PTA.

Unfortunately, there will NOT be an option to pay on the door/day and the deadline to purchase a ticket on school gateway is by 4:30pm - Monday 23rd March; this is to allow the PTA to purchase the correct amount of snacks required and the school to finalise registers.

Year 2 - All Year 2 children will be dismissed from 2LD's classroom on the day. 2PK's classroom is to be used for children in Year 1 and Year 2 who are staying for the disco but do not need changing (due to being in non-school uniform). They will wait with staff and be taken down to the hall at 3:30pm.

Year 1 - All Year 1 will be dismissed from 1TP's classroom on the day. 1RC's classroom is to be used for changing for Year 1 and 2 parents wishing to change their children prior to the disco. Please note that parents are responsible for changing the children in this space.

EYFS - One half of EYFS will be available for parents of EYFS children who wish to change their child prior to the disco. Please note that parents are responsible for changing the children in this space. EYFS children who are staying for the disco but do not need

changing (due to being in non-school uniform) can wait with staff in the other half of EYFS and will be walked down to the hall at 3:30pm.

Allergy information is available on Gateway when booking. Please opt out via the comment section available if your child is bringing an alternative snack. It is still £3 if your child opts out of a snack.

Non-Uniform

Children are able to come into school in non-uniform so they are disco ready. Children can bring an optional donation of £1 on the day for their non-uniform: all donations will go towards the PTA and be put towards projects which benefit the children. Children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 can come to school in their disco clothes if they wish, to avoid needing to change at the end of school. We do ask that children still bring a coat to wear on the playground that day. PE lessons will still go ahead that day so please keep this in mind when choosing what your children wear to school. Although Years 3-6 will go home and can change before their discos, they are still able to wear non-uniform on the day. Children not attending the disco can still come in wearing non-school uniform if they wish.

Smart Raspberry term 5 booking is live

<https://portal.smartraspberry.franscape.io/class-overview/1186>

SmartRaspberry
cookery school

AFTER SCHOOL COOKING CLUB

Our Cookery Club is a fantastic opportunity for your child to come and learn the skills involved in cooking, to experiment with different ingredients and most importantly to enjoy food! We make a wide variety of savoury and sweet dishes, some of which are ready to eat and some of which simply need to be cooked or heated at home. All ingredients, cooking equipment, use of aprons and packaging, plus a laminated recipe card to keep each week are included. Available for children in Years 1-6



THIS TERMS RECIPES

Vegetable Empanadas, Oaty Apple Biscuits, Mexican Sala
Fruity Soda Bread, Red Pepper and Ricotta Puffs, and
Banoffee Pie.

Great Linford Primary School
3:30 pm-4:30 pm
Please visit our website to book or
email:
asmaawan@smartraspberry.com

Website :
www.smartraspberry.com
07999118098.

KS2 Choir – The Big Sing

All the children had a brilliant time performing their repertoire of songs for 'The Big Sing'. The children all did an amazing job performing!





Support the GLPS PTA

If you're interested in getting more involved, simply follow the QR code to join our volunteer group – we are always grateful for extra helping hands.



<https://linktr.ee/glpspta>

Online Safety

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

As its name suggests, YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of Google's online video-sharing platform. Its colourful user interface is designed with young people in mind, and it offers a curated, family-friendly experience with features like age-based content settings and parental controls.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT BYPASSING FILTERS

YouTube Kids is less likely to show inappropriate material than YouTube, but there have been reports of the app showing age-inappropriate content to young viewers. One investigation found that YouTube Kids had shown videos that promote skin bleaching, weight loss, drug culture and firearms to children as young as two, as inappropriate content had bypassed the platform's algorithms and human moderators.



BE WARY OF ADVERTISING

Like Google's regular YouTube app, YouTube Kids features pervasive advertising before a video plays. While these adverts are designed to be family friendly and are subject to a strict review process, it's worth noting that YouTube Kids collects information around children's viewing to inform targeted content and advertisements.



DESIGNED TO BE ADDICTIVE

YouTube Kids is designed to be addictive. The platform's design features, such as the constant stream of new videos and the reward system of points or virtual stickers, can be very engaging and make it difficult for children to switch off. Research has shown that spending too much time using digital services such as YouTube can lead to screen addiction, affecting children's daily routines, studies, and even their social lives.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PARENTAL CONTROLS

YouTube Kids offers several settings that allow you to manage what content children can view. For example, you can choose what level of content you want them to access, such as 'Preschool' or 'Younger'. You can also turn off the search function, so that only those videos approved by the YouTube Kids team themselves will appear on a child's recommendations list.



SET TIME LIMITS

The built-in parental controls let you keep a tab on how long children spend watching videos. You can set a timer that limits screen time and disables the YouTube Kids app once a specified length of time has been reached. It's also worth speaking to children about the dangers of spending too much time on YouTube, to ensure they remain focused on other, more important activities.



CHECK WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has made it easy for you to keep an eye on what the children in your care have been watching on the app. By clicking on the 'Recommended' icon at the top right of the home screen, you can see which videos they've been viewing, and how much of each. If a child watches YouTube Kids while signed into a Google account, you can check their history through Google's 'My Activity' page.



WATCH TOGETHER

It's important that you try to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for children. One way to do this is by introducing watching sessions, where you all gather around and share the most enjoyable videos that you have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you both new things to talk about and of keeping an eye on what they're watching.



Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced journalist with more than 10 years of experience covering the technology industry. Previously a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly is now a freelance journalist, editor, and copywriter. Her bylines include Forbes, TechRadar, Tes, The INQUIRER, The Metro, Uswitch, and WIRED.



Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/youtube-kids-2025>



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News from Rainbow Family Centre Facebook page

Rainbow Family Centre Easter Holidays 2026

We welcome families who live in Bancroft, Bancroft Park, Blue Bridge, Bolbeck Park, Bradville, Downhead Park, Great Linford, Linford Wood, Neath Hill, New Bradwell, Oakridge Park, Pennyland, Stantonbury, Old Wolverton, Wolverton Mill and Wolverton

Monday 30 th March	Tuesday 31 st March	Wednesday 1 st April	Thursday 2 nd April	Friday 3 rd April
<p>8.30-12.30 Rainbow Family Café Activities for the children <i>Pop in for tea and toast before Larder</i></p> <p>12.30-2.30 Sofea Community Larder</p> <p>1.30-3.00 Wolverton Family Room Pop in and Play <i>Lots of activities for the whole family to enjoy</i></p> <p>3.00-4.15 Family Ping Pong Session</p>	<p>8.30-10.00 Drop in Cafe and Play <i>Pop in for some breakfast and a play before our walk</i></p> <p>10.00-12.30 Easter Egg Hunt <i>Meet at the centre for a walk to Bancroft Park for our annual Easter Egg hunt</i></p> <p>1.00-1.45 Family Lunch <i>Join us for a light lunch and refreshments</i></p> <p>2.00-2.45 Ragdolly Annas <i>A Fun, interactive music session for all ages</i></p> <p>3.00-4.15 Family Ping Pong Session</p>	<p>8.30-10.00 Drop in cafe and Play <i>Pop in for a breakfast and play to start your day</i></p> <p>10.00-11.45 Visit to the Allotments <i>Come and join us for some gardening and strawberry planting</i></p> <p>12.00-12.45 Family Lunch <i>Join us for a light lunch and refreshments</i></p> <p>1.00-3.00 MK ARTS Centre <i>Join us for a Spring Craft Session</i></p>	<p>10.00-12.00 Easter Arts and Crafts <i>Join us for a variety of Easter and Spring themed activities</i></p> <p>12.15-1.00 Family Lunch <i>Join us for a light lunch and refreshments</i></p> <p>1.00-3.00 Walk to Great Linford Manor <i>Join us for a spring themed nature Scavenger Hunt</i> <i>Please meet at the Centre</i></p>	<p>Bank Holiday Closed</p> <p>Happy Easter from all of us at Rainbow Family Centre</p> 

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We are open Monday to Thursday from 8.30-4.30 and Friday 8.30-4.00

Rainbow Family Centre Easter Holidays 2026- Week Two

Monday 6 th April	Tuesday 7 th April	Wednesday 8 th April	Thursday 9 th April	Friday 10 th April
<p>Bank Holiday Closed</p> 	<p>8.30-10.00 Drop in cafe and Play <i>Pop in for a breakfast and play to start your day</i></p> <p>10.15-11.45 Ark Farm <i>Small Animal Visit</i> <i>Come and meet the chicks, hedgehogs, tortoises and chinchillas</i></p> <p>12.00-12.45 Family Lunch <i>Join us for a light lunch and refreshments</i></p> <p>1.00-2.30 Bradville Big Slide Park <i>Join us for a spring themed nature Scavenger Hunt</i></p>	<p>8.30-10.00 Drop in cafe and Play <i>Pop in for a breakfast and play to start your day</i></p> <p>10.00-1.00 HAF-Art Attack <i>Arts and Crafts session for children eligible for HAF</i> <i>Book via eequ.org</i></p> <p>12.30-2.30 Parks Trust Parkland Play Stanton Low Park Free Easter Event <i>Petting Farm, Science Experiments, Story Telling and more</i> <i>We will be walking from the centre leaving at 1.00 prompt</i></p>	<p>8.30-10.00 Drop in cafe and Play <i>Pop in for a breakfast and play to start your day</i></p> <p>1.00-3.00 Family Forum Easter Session <i>Join our Forum for Family Fun, crafts, Easter Egg decorating, Fancy Dress, Bingo and more</i></p> <p>See poster for more information</p> 	<p>10.00-4.00 HAF-Gulliver's Land</p> <p>11.00-2.00 Easter Treasure Hunt <i>Funded by Wolverton and Greenleys Town Council</i></p> 

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COME AND CELEBRATE

RAINBOW FAMILY FORUM EGGSTRAVAGANZA

THURSDAY 9TH APRIL

1pm-3pm

Food and games



Easter Egg Race

Plant a sunflower

Optional Fancy Dress

Items available at the centre

Biscuit and egg decorating

*£5 for an adult and child
(extra family member £1)*

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CASH TO
ENTER
GUESS
THE NAME
OF THE
BUNNY

FUN + FRIENDS + FAMILY + SMILES

Contact the family centre for tickets

RAGDOLLY
Annas

ForeverColours
children's hospice

SEND Easter Disco



When - Saturday 4th April
Time - 14:00-15:30
Where - Medbourne Pavilion, MK66LS
For - SEND children and their siblings
(up to the age of 18)

FULLY FUNDED (FREE) EASTER DISCO FOR SEND CHILDREN COURTESY OF FOREVER COLOURS

Join Forever Colours, Ragdolly Annas and special guest... The Easter Bunny for a high energy, feel good Easter Disco on 4th April!

This disco has been funded by the amazing Forever Colours Hospice Charity and is specifically for children and young adults (18 and under)

Siblings are of course welcomed to come and join in the fun!

Date - 4th April

Time - 14:00-15:30

Location - Medbourne Pavilion

Cost - FREE

For - Under 18's - all abilities

Lots of parking and wheel chair accessible.

Booking is essential - please get your tickets here! All attendees must have a ticket.

<https://bookwhen.com/ragdollyannas?tags=SEND...>

News from Great Linford Parish Council Facebook page

💡 Got an idea that could benefit your local community?

Great Linford Parish Council's Community Grants are now open and ready to support local projects, groups and events.

📅 Deadline: Sunday 5 April

✅ Open to residents, groups & charities

Find out more and apply 🙌

<https://www.great-linford.gov.uk/services-we-provide/grants/>

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We believe in the power of community-driven initiatives. That's why we welcome grant applications from both well-established organisations and new groups.

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Tommy Hayes, Community Liaison Officer
on the benefits of Community Grants.

