



The Acorn Partnership

Marston Montgomery Primary School
Lung Lane C of E Primary School

Newsletter – May 2025

Dear Parents,

The end of this half term is here, it has been a busy few weeks filled with a variety of learning experiences. I continue to be incredibly proud of the effort and enthusiasm our children bring to school each day. In this newsletter, staff have shared highlights from the term and upcoming events. Thank you for your continued support and help to make this term a success!

School Improvement Plan

In the April newsletter I shared how we have been developing the children's understanding of world faiths. This term I am going to share how we are developing their 'sticky knowledge'. It is important that children not only understand their learning in the moment of the lesson, in addition, they also need to have it stored in their long-term memory. In order to help children do this and to ensure it is consistent across our schools staff have selected animals for 'sticky learning'.



Last lesson lion...



Previous year kangaroo...



Last unit unicorn...



Previous year yak...



Last lesson lion – Will help us recall learning from the previous lesson.

Last unit unicorn – Will help us recall learning from the last unit in this subject.

Previous year kangaroo – Will help us recall learning from a previous year that is linked to our current learning.

Previous year yak – Will help us recall learning from a previous year.

Supporting our Children's Mental Health

Attached to the email is a poster with some conversation starters to use with your children to talk about mental health.



BC and ASC

Please make sure you have booked sessions for BC and ASC on the Parent Pay app. Please also email Mrs Murby and Mrs Lovett with the dates / times you have booked so that they can ensure staff know the sessions have been booked and can inform staff.

If you are having difficulty using Parent Pay please contact Mrs Murby and she will get back to you.

Please remember that **places need to be booked seven days in advance**, so that we can ensure we have staff for each session, for example if you need a session on Monday 14th it needs to be booked on Monday 7th. Thank you.

KiddiActiv at Marston Montgomery Village Hall

We are pleased to announce that Primary Stars are continuing to run a KiddiActiv Session in collaboration with us.

Sessions will continue after the half term holiday and are open to all children under 5. Please share with all your friends with under 5s. These sessions are free to attend.

Partnership – Events in Summer 1 2025

Primary Stars: KiddiActive Sessions – Thursday morning 9:15am to 10:15am

Our pre-school age visitors and our reception children at Marston are thoroughly enjoying these sessions. Please let anyone you know with pre-school age children know about them. They are free to attend.



SATs and RDSSP: Y6 Celebration Event Friday 12 to 16/05/25

We are very proud of the children in how they handled SATs last week. To mark the end of the tests the year 6s joined other year 6s from 34 other schools to celebrate the end of SATs week. They had a lovely day learning circus skills, fencing, cricket, dance, American football, Tai Chi, hooping, Tri-golf and the firm favourite an inflatable assault course!! The weather was beautiful and it was a perfect way to celebrate and let off steam from all their hard work. WELL DONE YEAR 6 😊



Joint Day – Sports Focus 23/05/25

Our enrichment day this term had a focus on Lacrosse and Boxing. The children enjoyed being together again across the partnership and learning new skills. Don't forget to follow both schools on Instagram and Facebook to see action shots of the day (and other things we get up to in a school day).



Wishing you all a sunny half term (fingers crossed)

Warm regards

Teresa Bosley
Executive Head Teacher



Long Lane – Events in Summer 2025

Garden Class Forest School at LLPS

This term at Forest School, the children immersed themselves in full creativity, teamwork and exploration. The sessions began with den building, it's wonderful to see cooperation, problem-solving, and imaginative thinking in action as each group brings their unique ideas to life.

Next, we moved on to nature painting. Using leaves, sticks and other forest treasures as tools, the children created beautiful artwork inspired by their surroundings.

Finally, we wrapped up the term with a scavenger hunt. With a list of woodland wonders to find — from feathers and pinecones to animal tracks and interesting textures — children explored the area with keen eyes and boundless enthusiasm. This activity encouraged observation, curiosity, and a deeper appreciation for the natural world.

Forest School continues to be a space where children can build confidence, independence, and a lifelong love for nature. We can't wait for the next adventure!

FOLL: Coffee and Cake 01/05/25

Huge thanks to all who attended and helped at the coffee and cake event. The weather was on our side and it was great that we could all enjoy our cake outside. The event raised £100.85 for FOLL funds.

VE Day – 09/05/25

This year was a very special celebration as we celebrated 80 years since Victory in Europe day. During the afternoon we learnt about what VE day was and decorated some plates and cups, and made a sandwich and decorated a cake. We then enjoyed a mini street party with our invited guests.



Long Lane – Events in Summer 2025

| Date | Event | Time | Where / Who |
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| Half Term – 26/05/25 to 30/05/25 | | | |
| Monday 02/06/25 | School reopens to children | 8:55am | Whole school |
| Friday 06/06/25 | Little Monkeys – Summer Theme | 1:30pm – 3:15pm | Garden Class |
| Tuesday 10/06/25 | Primary Stars: Sports Day | 9:30am – 11:30am | Ashbourne Rec – Garden Class |
| Wednesday 11/06/25 | Bike Ability Level 2 | 9:00am – 3:30pm | Year 6 children and their bikes will need to go to Marston |
| Wednesday 11/06/25 25/06/25 16/07/25 | Garden Class Forest School at LLPS | PM | Garden Class |
| Thursday 12/06/25 | Garden Class trip to Haddon Hall | All day | Garden Class |
| Friday 13/06/25 | Father's Day Breakfast | 9:00am – 9:45am | Whole school– look out for a letter after half term to book your place |
| Monday 16/05/25 23/05/25 | PSHE Day | All day | Whole school at Marston |
| Wednesday 18/06/25 | English Workshop | 9:00am – 9:45am | Whole school |
| Friday 20/06/25 | FOLL: Summer Fair | 5:00pm – 7:00pm | Whole school |
| Tuesday 24/06/25 | RDSSP: KS1 Athletics | 9:30am – 11:30am | Ashbourne Rec – Garden Class |
| Wednesday 25/06/25 | School Photographs | | At school |
| Thursday 26/06/25 | RDSSP: Orienteering Festival | 10:00am – 11:30am | Meadow Class |
| Wednesday 02/07/25 | Meadow Class trip to the Space Centre | 8am to 3:30pm | Meadow Class – more information to follow |
| Friday 04/07/25 | INSET Day – School closed to children | All day | Whole Partnership |
| Tuesday 08/07/25 Wednesday 09/07/25 | Year 6 transition to QEGS | All day AM | Year 6 attending QEGS |
| Tuesday 08/07/25 Wednesday 09/07/25 Thursday 10/07/25 | New starter transition at school. | | |
| Friday 11/07/25 | Joint Day – Sports Day | 1:30pm | Long Lane Whole Partnership |
| Monday 14/07/25 | Open Centre Trip | All day | Whole Partnership |
| Tuesday 15/07/25 | RDSSP: Dance Festival AM | 9:30am – 12:00pm | Anthony Gel: Whole school |

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| Friday 18/07/25 | FOLL: End of Year Party | 3:30pm – 5:00pm | Dalbury Lees Village Hall – Whole school |
| Monday 21/07/25 | DT Day 1 | All day | Whole Partnership |
| Tuesday 22/07/25 | DT Day 2 | All day | Whole Partnership |
| Thursday 24/07/25 | Celebration and Leavers’ Assembly | 9:00am – 9:45am | Church Whole school |
| Summer Holiday – 25/07/25 to 03/09/25 | | | |
| Thursday 04/09/25 | INSET Day – School closed to children | | Whole Partnership |
| Friday 05/09/25 | School reopens to children | 8:55am | Whole school |