

May 2026

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the May newsletter.

We have had a busy half term and are proud of the children and their attitude to learning.

A special mention for all our Year Six children! Well done, to them all! They all worked incredibly hard and showed real determination, resilience and focus throughout their SATs. Completing them is a big achievement, and they should all feel extremely proud of themselves.

Wishing you all a half term filled with fun and sunshine.

Warmest regards
Teresa Bosley
Executive Headteacher



The Acorn Partnership

Manston Montgomery Primary School

Long Lane C of E Primary School



School Information

School Business Officer

We are pleased to announce that we have successfully appointed a School Business Officer. We are hoping that Mrs Day will join Team Acorn on Monday 1st June.

We will continue to receive support from Mr Hopkinson, Mrs Redmond and Miss Baldwin while Mrs Day becomes familiar with our two schools.

In this period of transition, please continue to email any queries to both myself and Mrs Day.

Mrs Day's email address will be –
cday@acorn.derbyshire.sch.uk

Absence procedures

If your child is too unwell to attend school, please contact school by telephone or email before 9.00am and inform us of the reason for their absence and when you expect them to return to school.

From 1st June, if you are emailing to inform us of an absence please include ALL of the staff below, -

Both schools	cday@acorn.derbyshire.sch.uk tbosley@acorn.derbyshire.sch.uk
LLPS	lnorcross@acorn.derbyshire.sch.uk jlovet@acorn.derbyshire.sch.uk
MMPS	lthomas@acorn.derbyshire.sch.uk nsheen@acorn.derbyshire.sch.uk

Attendance

Attendance

As always, attendance continues to be a focus for schools. At both of our schools we have reviewed our target for overall attendance to 97%. Our attendance for the year so far is shown below.

	LLPS	MMPS
Autumn	96.39%	98.21%
Spring	95.44%	94.5%
Summer 1	95.98%	98.12%
Total	95.97%	97.15%

Individual Absence

As part of our aim to support our children to improve attendance we are introducing a new system.

In school, over the last few weeks, we have begun to monitor individual attendance closely. This has included a focus on children whose attendance is below 95%.

After the half term holiday, we will inform parents if their child's attendance has fallen below 95% this will allow us to work with you to improve attendance.

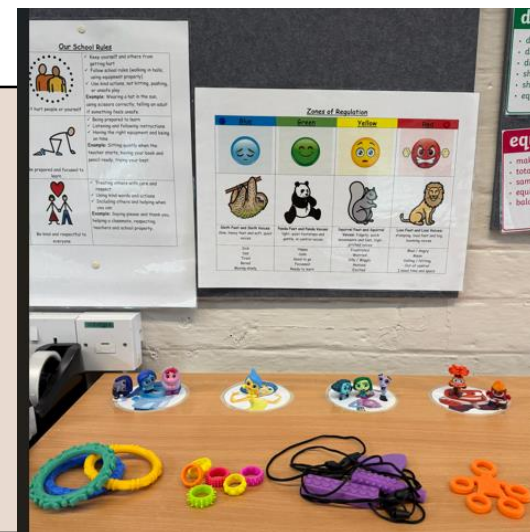


Regulation Stations



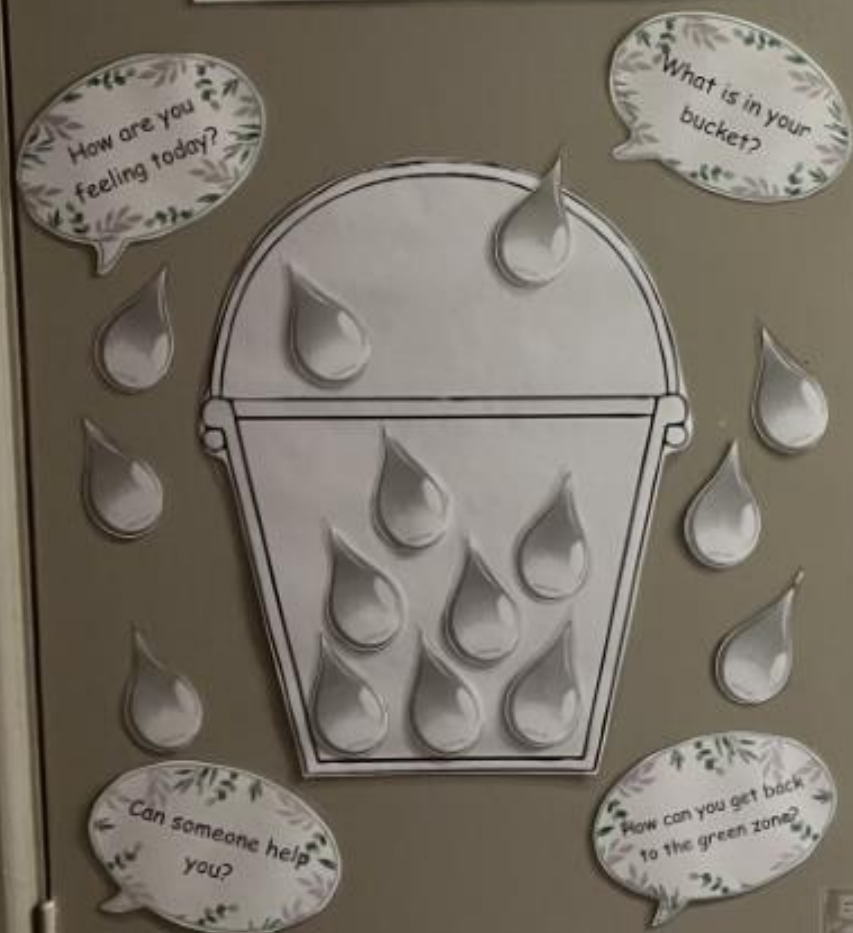
As part of our work to develop a relational approach to behaviour we have introduced regulation stations in each classroom.

The regulation stations include different emotions, stories and regulation resources. All children have access to these spaces. In school we are increasingly talking about how children are feeling.



Stress Bucket

Stress Bucket



Another part of our work to support the new behaviour policy was thinking about our stress and / or anxiety.

In collective worship and assembly Mrs Bosley introduced the idea of our 'Stress Buckets'. We talked about, -

- The different things that can cause us stress. For example, feeling rushed in the morning getting ready for school, completing work in school you find tricky.
- How everybody's bucket is different. Our buckets are different sizes and have different things in them. What makes you stressed or anxious will be different to your friend.
- How we can empty our bucket. For example, this might be talking to someone, breathing calmly, going for a walk.

Warmer Weather

As the weather is due finally going to warm up, please find on this page and the next information on keeping children safe in the heat.



Beat the heat

Plan ahead



Check the weather forecast and the news



Plan ahead to avoid the heat



Schedule activities to cooler times of the day

Keep yourself cool



Drink plenty of fluids and avoid excess alcohol



Wear sunscreen, a hat, and sunglasses



Cool your skin with water and slow down

Find somewhere cool



Close blinds and curtains during the day



Go indoors or outdoors, whichever feels cooler



Avoid closed spaces like stationary cars

Be safe



Be on the lookout for signs of heat related illness



Look after yourself and check in with others



Stay safe when swimming



Get help. Call NHS 111 or in an emergency 999

For more information go to: gov.uk/ukhsa/beat-the-heat

Keeping children safe in the warm weather

Babies and young children can become ill during very hot weather. Their health can be seriously affected by:

- dehydration
- heat exhaustion and heatstroke
- sunburn

Babies and toddlers

- Babies less than 6 months old should be kept out of direct sunlight
- Older babies should also be kept out of the sun as much as possible, particularly in the summer and between 11am and 3pm, when the sun is at its strongest.
- If you go out when it's hot, attach a parasol or sunshade to your baby's pushchair to keep them out of direct sunlight
- Apply a sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 30 to your baby's skin. Make sure the product also protects against both UVA and UVB rays
- Make sure your child wears a sunhat with a wide brim or a long flap at the back to protect their head and neck from the sun.

Keeping cool

- Playing in a paddling pool is a good way of keeping babies and children cool. Keep the pool in the shade during very hot weather and supervise children carefully at all times.
- Run them a cool bath before bedtime
- Keep your child's bedroom cool during the day by closing blinds or curtains
- Keep nightwear and bedclothes to a minimum
- A nursery thermometer will help you monitor the temperature of your baby's room. Your baby will sleep most comfortably when their room is between 16C and 20C.



Avoid dehydration

Like adults, babies and young children need to drink plenty of fluids to avoid becoming dehydrated.

0 to 6 months

- Fully breastfed babies do not need any water until they've started eating solid foods. During hot weather they may want to breastfeed more than usual
- If you're bottle feeding, as well as their usual milk feeds, you can give your baby a little cooled boiled water

From around 6 months

Once you have started to introduce solid foods, you should offer your baby sips of water from a cup or beaker with meals. Remember that breastmilk or infant formula should be their main drinks during the first year. In hot weather, you may need to offer some additional water outside of mealtimes.

From 12 months

- Water, breast milk or whole cows' milk should be your baby's main drinks. In hot weather, you can try giving them frozen lollies made from plain water or from very diluted fruit juice to help keep them hydrated
- For older children, give them plenty of fruit and salad to help keep their fluid levels up



www.derbyshire.gov.uk/staycool

Warmer Weather

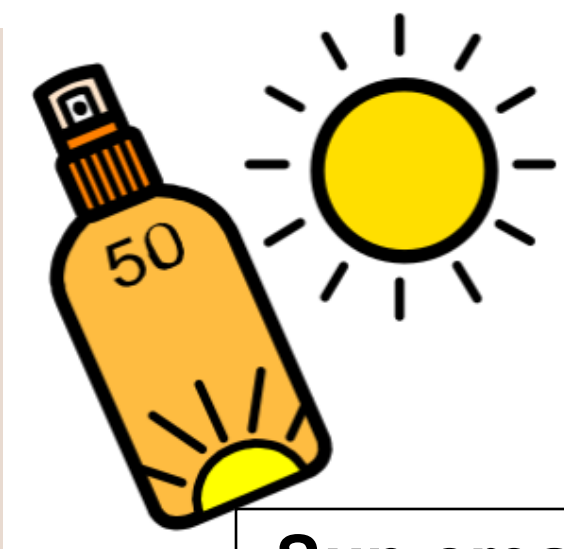
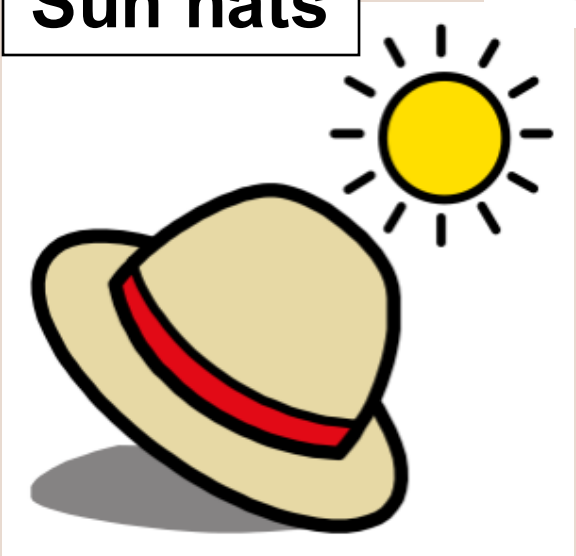
I am hopeful that the warm weather will continue after half term. Please make sure children have what they need for warmer weather, thank you.



Water bottle



Sun hats



Sun cream

Primary Stars PE

Primary Stars have worked with our schools for several years, delivering PE lessons in both schools on a weekly basis.

This image highlights the achievements of our children and the progress they are making in PE.

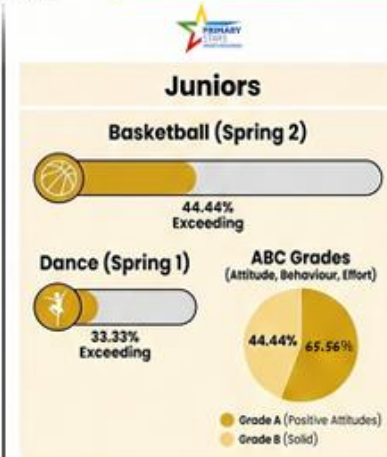
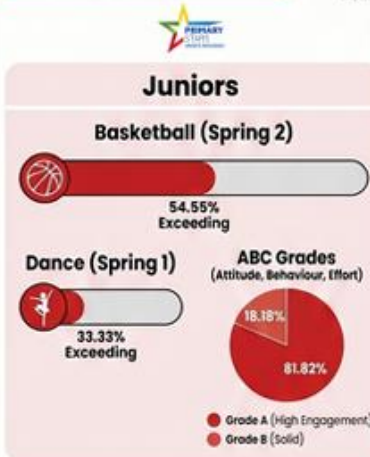
It is brilliant to see this, well done to all children.



Marston Montgomery Primary School



Long Lane C of E Primary School



Community & Skills: KiddiActiv

Weekly Gym'n'Activ Sessions

Dedicated fundamental physical skills programme for younger learners.

Thursday Mornings: 9:15 – 10:15 am.
Consistent development and engagement for infant cohort.

SNAP STREAK
97

SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

With over 800 million active monthly users and billions of 'Snaps' sent each month, Snapchat is a popular messaging app among children and young people. It allows users to share fun, spontaneous pictures and videos with friends and family while using playful filters. One of Snapchat's unique features is that pictures, videos and messages are only viewable for a short period of time.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Snapchat's use of artificial intelligence (AI) includes features like the 'My AI' chatbot and AI-powered filters, offering interactive experiences that can be fun but also pose risks. These tools may share unfiltered or inaccurate responses, promote unrealistic beauty standards, and collect personal data. Advanced filters and deepfake-style lenses can distort reality, potentially leading to manipulation, impersonation, or inappropriate content.

SCREEN ADDICTION

Snapchat boosts user engagement and daily use with features like streaks (daily Snapchat exchanges between you and a friend). When a streak's been going for a few days, users will see a 📧 emoji. The number alongside it shows the number of days, but if users miss a day and break the streak, the only way to restore it is to pay. This encourages daily use habits, and frequent notifications can keep users returning to the app even more often.

SEXTORTION

Because Snapchat's disappearing messages feature may foster a sense of safety, users may become targets of sextortion. For example, a predator may pressure someone into sending nude images, then somehow capture these images to threaten and intimidate the victim. This might involve claiming they will share the images with friends or family unless money is paid.

SNAPCHAT+

Snapchat+ is the platform's premium subscription service, offering early access to new and exclusive features. In June 2025, Snapchat introduced a new tier called Lens+, giving subscribers access to hundreds of lenses and AR experiences for playing, creating, and sharing snaps. These paid features may encourage young users to spend money to access exclusive content, increasing the risk of overspending or feeling pressured to make in-app purchases.

ACCESSIBILITY

Snapchat is now accessible from a web browser, meaning children can use it on a laptop or tablet without downloading the app. This can make activity harder to monitor, reduce the effectiveness of parental controls, and increase the risk of unsupervised communication or exposure to inappropriate content.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's disappearing messages feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ACCESS THE SNAPCHAT FAMILY SAFETY HUB

Created with guidance from Common Sense Media, Snapchat has developed a Family Safety Hub that explains how the app works and how to use its in-app protections for teens. It's recommended that you review this guidance before allowing a child to download Snapchat. Remember, the app is only intended for children aged 13 and over.

ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. Talk about scams and blackmail before letting children sign up. If they're lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgmentally about sexting, emphasizing its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular 'challenges' on the platform can have harmful consequences.

ONLINE SAFETY

Please read this useful guide to keeping children safe on Snapchat.

What have we been learning in the Garden Class?

Reception have been comparing the seaside now and in the past and the class absolutely loved watching Punch and Judy. This inspired the children to create their own puppets and perform their own plays



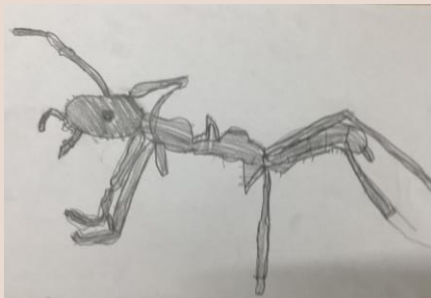
This half term our English theme has been the story Charlie and the lighthouse Keeper, which has run alongside the reception theme of the seaside. The children created some fantastic innovated plans which really helped them with their story writing

In art we have been looking at and exploring sculpture. Here are our box model monsters.

Time phrase once upon a time	place action man character Amy	family member Jory	food potcorn straw orange	who is food for? [drawing]
Time phrase Next	place action tunt crypt	setting [drawing]	animal swan	food eaten food hidden [drawing]
Time phrase after that	place action hill	setting [drawing]	animal murgy	food eaten food hidden [drawing]
Time phrase then	place action ran road	setting river	animals x3 fish	crumbs eaten food hidden [drawing]

Time phrase Once upon a time	man character Clever Rosie	family member mum	food bag of sweets jar of honey chocolate bar	who is food for? [drawing]
Time phrase Next	place action tunnel walked	setting beehive	animal bees	food eaten food hidden honey [drawing]
Time phrase Then	place action bridge ran	setting pond	animal goose	food eaten food hidden sweets [drawing]
Time phrase After that	place action crevice rolled	setting pen on a farm	animals x3 chicks	crumbs eaten food hidden chicken seeds [drawing]

What have we been learning in the Garden Class?



During SAT's week Garden class joined Meadow class for an art project where we looked at minibeasts. During the week we completed some really detailed pencil sketches, some 'complete the snapshot' pictures and some mosaic. Here are some examples of the Garden Class work.



What have we been learning in the Meadow Class?

Geography

Medow class have learnt about how to be more sustainable and how we can help look after the planet. They planned out how areas of the school could be changed to rewild them.

Year 6

Year 6 have worked hard all year but especially this half term in preparation for their SATs, well done year 6.

Art

The children completed an art project, where they used different media such as drawing and collage to portray insects.

Science

Year 3/4 have learnt handling electrical equipment safely, how to create open and closed circuits and they enjoyed making a wire buzzer game using their new knowledge.

Year 5/6 have looked at how to draw scientific circuits, using the correct symbols. They have also investigated how to use switches to make a set of traffic lights.

Friends of Long Lane

FOLL NEWS



Fundraising

Thanks to the support of our families and fundraising events, FOLL have been able to contribute to a range of projects and activities for the children. Funds raised have helped support school trips, fund IT resources, Easter Eggs, Christmas gifts, and the FOLL School Christmas Party. For the remainder of this this year we have plans to fund gardening supplies, playground equipment and the End of Term Summer Party.

Thank you
 For all your support

Next FOLL Meeting

MON 8TH JUNE 7PM @THE FARMHOUSE

Our next committee meeting will be held at The Farmhouse, Mackworth.

We are always looking for new members and volunteers to help support our amazing school community. Whether you can give a little time occasionally or become more involved throughout the year, every contribution makes a big difference to our small school. From helping at events and fundraising raising activities to sharing skills and ideas, there are many ways to get involved. We'd love to see you there.

At the meeting in June we'll be finalising the details for the forthcoming Summer Fair. If anyone would like a stall or knows anyone who would, please get in touch via FOLL@acornfed.derbyshire.sch.uk



Upcoming

PIZZA PARTY

THURS 11 JUNE 3.30PM - 5PM

We would like to invite Long Lane pupils to enjoy a Pizza Picnic in the field. Pizza and refreshments will be provided by FOLL. RSVP Slips will be sent out soon. If any parents would like to attend to help with the event we'd love for you to join us.

NON UNIFORM DAY

FRI 12 JUNE

Any donations for the Raffle and Tombola will be greatly received, in readiness for the Summer Fete.

SUMMER FETE

SUN 28 JUNE 11AM - 2PM

We would like to invite friends and family to join the children at the annual Summer Fete. There will be a BBQ, Games, and Stalls along with the traditional Raffle and Tombola.

END OF TERM SUMMER PARTY

SUN 17 JULY 3.30PM - 5PM

We would like to invite Long Lane pupils to the End of Term FOLL/School Summer Party, which will be at Dalbury Lees Village Hall. There will be an entertainer, music, refreshments and a light tea provided.



PIZZA PICNIC
THURSDAY
11 JUNE 2026
3.30 PM - 5.00 PM

Pizza and Refreshments to be provided by Friends of Long Lane

Please bring a picnic blanket or something to sit on

*Weather Dependant. If wet - indoor games

RSVP TO SCHOOL OFFICE

Long Lane Church of England Primary School Summer Fete

Sunday 28th June
 11am-2pm
 Everyone is welcome to join us for our school summer fete.

BBQ
 Cake sale
 Raffle
 Hook a duck
 Tombola
 Games
 And much more.



Summer 2 2026 Events

25/05/2026 – 29/05/2026		School closed for half term	
01/06/2026	School reopens	8:55am	
02/06/2026	QEGS to visit Year 6		Staff from QEGS will meet Year 6 and Mr Lovett
04/06/2026	Brownlee Triathlon		Meadow Class to attend a triathlon event at Moorways
09/06/2026	Garden Class school trip to National tramway museum	9.00am – 15.30pm	
11/06/2026	FOLL Picnic night	15.30 – 17.00	More information to follow
12/06/2026	FOLL: Non-uniform		Children may wear non-uniform in return for donations of raffle and tombola prizes
16/06/2026	New YR transition	10:00 to 12:30pm	Children spend the morning and parents and children stay for lunch
19/06/2026	Father's Day breakfast	9.00 – 9.45	Dads, Grandads, Uncles etc are welcome to join us for breakfast and games
26/06/2026	New YR transition	10:00 to 12:30pm	Children spend the morning and stay for lunch. Parents collect at 12:45pm
28/06/2026	FOLL Summer Fair		More information to follow
03/07/2026	INSET Day		School closed
06/07/2026	INSET Day		School closed
08 to 10/07/2026	Meadow Class Residential		
17/07/2026	Sports Day	9am - 11am	Sports Day will be in the morning. Children will need taking to Marston and we will transport them back to Long Lane for the end of the day.
17/07/2026	End of Year Reports		Reports will be sent home today
17/07/2026	FOLL Party	15.30 – 17.00	More information to follow
20 & 21/07/2026	Joint School Days - DT		All children at Marston Montgomery for DT
23/07/2026	Leavers Assembly	14.30 – 15.30	
24/07/2026		School closed for summer holidays	

PE days

25/05/2026 – 29/05/2026		School closed for half term	
04/06/2026 11/06/2026 18/06/2026 25/06/2026 02/07/2026 09/07/2026 16/07/2026	Primary Stars – lunchtime club and PE	12.30 pm	Children will need to have their PE kits in school on these days.
24/07/2026		School closed for summer holidays	

Summer 2 2026 Events - Dates to share

Please share details of these events with friends and family who have pre-school children, thank you.

Everyone is welcome – the more the merrier!

Long Lane – Events in Summer 2 2026			
05/06/2026	Little Monkeys –	1:30pm to	Pre-school children and a family member / carer are welcome to come and join the Garden Class for these fun weekly sessions
19/06/2026	Outdoor session	3:15pm	
12/06/2026	Little Monkeys –	1:30pm to	
26/06/2026	Indoor session	3:15pm	
10/07/2026			
Marston Montgomery – Events in Summer 2 2026			
01/06/2026 to 23/07/2026			
04/06/2026	KiddiActiv	9:15am to 10:15am	These excellent session are led by Primary Stars staff and are located in the Village Hall behind the school.
11/06/2026			
18/06/2026			
25/06/2026			
02/07/2026			
09/07/2026			
16/07/2026			
04/06/2026	Marston Tots – Outdoor session	1:30pm to 3:15pm	Pre-school children and a family member / carer are welcome to come and join the Garden Class for these fun weekly sessions
18/06/2026			
02/07/2026			
16/07/2026			
11/06/2026	Marston Tots – Indoor session	1:30pm to 3:15pm	
25/06/2026			
09/07/2026			