



**The Acorn Partnership**

Marston Montgomery Primary School  
Long Lane C of E Primary School

## Newsletter – July 2024

Dear Parents,

I can't believe this year is nearly at an end. As always, it has been jam packed with all sorts of events, trips, joint days and the classroom learning the children have been doing.



The staff, governors and I would like to thank all our parents for their continued support this year. We wish you all a lovely summer, filled with family, friends and fun. Fingers crossed the sun shines for us all!

As Winnie the Pooh would say, make the most of every day!

### **Term Dates**

School closes on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024 and will reopen to children on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September. Term dates and INSET days can be found in the document attached to this email.

Information on events in the next academic year will be shared in September.

### **Support in the Summer Holidays**

The PowerPoint attached to this email is from the '5-19 Public Health Nursing Team' about the support they can offer to families over the summer holiday.

### **Information from the NSPCC**



It is important to know who to turn to especially during the holidays. You have the right to stay safe and speak out. Here are some useful links from the NSPCC to help children get the help when they need it and for Parents/carers to get support too.

- It is up to all of us to keep children safe. Take our free, 10-minute digital training and learn what to do if you're ever worried about a child or their family: [Listen up, Speak up | NSPCC](#)
- Online safety workshops for parents/carers: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/free-online-safety-group-workshops/>
- Online Safety information packs for parents/carers [Help keep children safe online with Techosaurus! | NSPCC](#)
- Support for parents hub: [Support & advice for parents | NSPCC](#)
- SEND Support: [Online safety for children with SEND | NSPCC](#)
- Right from birth, every time you play with your child, use silly voices, or even sing, you are not just bonding, you are building their brain: [Look, Say, Sing, Play - Brain-building tips | NSPCC](#)
- [Singing Day | Look Say Sing Play | NSPCC \(youtube.com\)](#)
- Talk PANTS with your children: [Let's talk PANTS with Pantosaurus! | NSPCC](#)

## **Online Safety: Online Safety Tips for Summer**

The information below is taken from 'Webwise'. For more information click [HERE](#)

During the summer holidays children and teenagers may spend more time online connecting with their friends, playing games, sharing videos and to be entertained. Help your child to have a safe and positive experience, and to strike a healthy balance.

### **Online Safety Tips for Summer**

#### **1. #TalkListenLearn**

The summer holidays are a great opportunity for parents to engage with their child or teenager's life online. The most effective online safety strategy, regardless of age, is to talk to your child about what they are doing online, to listen to what they have to say, and to learn about the benefits and the challenges they face.

The #TalkListenLearn online Topic Generator is a really effective way for families to sit down together and to have a chat about the online world in a fun, non-judgemental, way!

[Get started here.](#)

#### **2. Friendships online**

During the summer holidays, young people may want to stay in touch with their friends through social media or online games. Ask your child about the websites and apps they use, and encourage them to review the privacy settings on the services they use so that they are only sharing information with people they trust. If your child or teen is using an app or game you are not familiar with, our [Explainer Guides for parents](#) will keep you up-to-date on how many popular platforms work, why children like them, and what risks to look out for.

The Internet is a great way to stay connected with their friends, but children may also use it as a way to broaden their circle of friends and to connect with people who have shared interests and hobbies.

These Talking Points are good starting point for parents to discuss some important [issues around making friends online](#).

#### **3. Striking a healthy balance.**

From connecting with friends to gaming or watching videos, with more free time during the summer months children and teens may spend more time online and [managing screen time](#) can be a common concern for parents.

How much is too much? Unfortunately, there is no magic number. Children use the Internet and devices for lots of different reasons – to learn, to play, and to socialise. It is important to remember that children often welcome time-off from social media and games, so agree a clear set of rules about technology use in the home. This simple [Family Agreement template](#) is a useful way of starting the conversation, agreeing on the rules together, and striking a healthy balance!

#### **4. Sharing online.**

Lots of activities happen during the summer holidays and it can be important to young people to share these with their friends online. It's a good time to have a chat about what they think is [ok to share](#), and remind them that anything that appears online can be shared regardless of the privacy settings they are using.

[Many young people carefully curate their online lives](#), can place a lot of value on the interactions they have, but it can also create unrealistic benchmarks to compare their own lives with. These Talking Points for parents are a great starting point to chat to your teen about [positive self-esteem online](#).

#### **5. Be Kind Online!**

[Promote self-confidence, respect for others](#), and the importance of being a good friend online. Reassure your child that you are there to help and support them if they encounter something that bothers them online. The [Webwise Parents' Hub](#) has videos from experts in parenting, technology, education and psychology who provide practical tips and advice about talking to your child or teenager about respectful online communication, and what to do if something goes wrong online.

#### **6. Lead by example**

[Leading by example](#) is one of the most powerful ways to influence your child's behaviour. If you have agreed rules as a family, it is important that you model good behaviour and follow these yourself! For example, the summer holidays can be a great time for making memories and if you want your child to only post photos online when they have permission from the people in it, then set a good example by asking permission from your child before posting pictures of them online.

#### **Attendance**

We always talk about attendance as a percentage. I am aware that when we talk about 90% attendance this sounds good, if you got 90% in an exam you would be delighted! A pupil with 90% attendance though has actually missed 19 days of learning out of a potential 190 days. The table below has more information to help put the percentages into context.



# Every Day Counts

## School and future success starts with good attendance!



<b>Very Good and Good Attendance</b> The best chance of success in learning and with friendships.		<b>Concerning Attendance</b> Less chance of success. A reduced chance of making academic progress and maintaining friendships.		<b>Seriously Concerning Attendance</b> Your child will find learning more difficult, academic progress will be minimal and friendships are more difficult	
No Absences	10 days of missed learning	19 days of missed learning	25.5 days of missed learning	29 days of missed learning	38+ days of missed learning
190 days of education	180 days of education	171 days of education	164.5 days of education	161 days of education	152 days of education
<b>100%</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>80%</b>

There are 365 days in a year. A school year is 190 days. This leaves 175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping and appointments.

<b>Daily lateness equates to...</b>	<u>5 minutes per day</u> 3 days of lost learning over the year	<u>10 minutes per day</u> 6 days of lost learning over the year	<u>15 minutes per day</u> 10 days of lost learning over the year
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## Summer Term 2 2024

### **Meadow Class Trip to EIS (04/06/24)**

During the first week of term, our Meadow Class children visited the English Institute of Sport (EIS) where they took part in a variety of track and field athletic events, using the state-of-the-art facilities.

They were successful in a combined Acorn Partnership effort in winning a silver medal in long jump; a gold medal in shot put and a gold medal in the relay. We were really proud of them!



### **Meadow Class Residential (17 to 19/06/24)**

The children had a fantastic time on the residential at Whitemoor Lakes. They took part in lots of fun activities. This included: rock climbing, abseiling, a leap of faith, kayaking, raft building and a sensory team building walk. Children performed admirably and all gave it their best shot at everything they did even when nerves began to show. The children had lots of fun and had lots of laughter – and thankfully lots of sleep!!! They pushed themselves to overcome fears and try brand new experiences. Some children unlocked new talents and it was lovely to see the two schools as one. Many happy memories were made! (A snapshot can be found on Facebook)



### **Garden Class Trip to Peak Farm (09/07/24)**

After an exciting start to our journey on the coach!!! We arrived at Peak Wildlife Park. We began our day by looking round part of the park and enjoyed seeing a whole range of animals including meerkats, wallabies and penguins. After a brief stop for lunch we continued our walk seeking the polar bears, who we saw in the distance, a zebra and her three-week-old foal and some deer.

We then made our way back to the African village tepee where we met our host who took us on an African adventure. This involved making our passports, playing some games and then after learning about the meerkats, we went to see them again. It was a great day.



### **Transition Days (02, 03 and 04/07/24)**

It was wonderful to welcome our new reception children into school, they had busy mornings playing alongside their new friends. All our children moved up a year group on these days too. Our new Year Three children enjoyed being part of the Meadow Class, they are going to fit right in!

Our Year Six children enjoyed their visits to their new secondary schools and are definitely ready for the new challenges that this move will bring, we wish them luck as they move on.

### **Sports Day (12/07/24)**

Due to the unpredictable weather, we held this year's Sports Day in the village hall at Marston. The children did brilliantly, competing in the different events well and cheering their friends on. The sale of strawberries and cream also made £42.00 for the school. 😊

Well done to Bluebell Team for winning!



Warm regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "T. Bosley". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Teresa Bosley  
Executive Headteacher

**Summer Holiday Events:** Please see below information on events that the National Trust have organised.

### Summer Events at National Trust: Ilam Park



## Summer of Play

There's plenty to do at Ilam Park this Summer, come along and get involved!

### Outdoor Yoga - Book online

Monday nights and Thursday mornings  
July - August  
£10

### Festival of Archaeology

13th - 28th July  
History Hunting Self Led Trail  
£2 suggested donation

### Drop in craft: Make a Roman pot

23rd July 11am - 2pm  
£3 suggested donation

### Drop in craft: Design your own viking shield

31st July 11am - 2pm  
£3 suggested donation

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## Summer of Play

### Animalmpics - Drop in

Get active and go wild on our wildlife themed activity stations dotted around the park. 20th July - 1st September

### Mini Acorns Mondays - Book online

Nature activities and crafts designed for ages 2-5, book online  
22nd July, 5th August, 19th August

### Wild Kid Wednesdays - Drop in

Nature activities and crafts designed for ages 5-15, £3 suggested donation  
24th July, 7th Aug, 21st Aug,

### Outdoor Theatre - Book online

**The Secret Diary of Henry VIII**  
Family friendly historic comedy, that will make you lose your head laughing!  
4th August

Please see the website for more details:  
[www.NationalTrust.org.uk/Ilam](http://www.NationalTrust.org.uk/Ilam)

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# The Secret Diary of HENRY VIII

★★★★★  
"RIOTOUSLY FUN...  
"RUGELY ENJOYABLE!"

★★★★★  
"GREAT FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY.  
MY KIDS ARE STILL TALKING ABOUT IT"

★★★★★  
"SO ENTERTAINING...  
...LAUGH OUT LOUD FUNNY"

**Ilam Park – National Trust**

**4 August | 7pm**

Outdoor performance. Gates open from 6pm. Picnics welcome.

Tickets at [www.threeinchfools.com](http://www.threeinchfools.com)

£18, with reductions for under-18s and families. Early-Bird discounts available until 15th May.  
Please bring your own seating (blankets/camping chairs etc) and dress for the weather.



[WWW.THREEINCHFOOLS.COM](http://WWW.THREEINCHFOOLS.COM)



## Monday Mini Acorns

First event on the 17th of June, then every third Monday of the month

Bring your Mini Acorns along for a morning of nature based craft, discovery and play. Every month will be a new theme and a new experience for our Mini Acorns. Creative and nature based activity mornings for tiny tots aged 2-5.

Book online [NationalTrust.org.uk/Ilam](http://NationalTrust.org.uk/Ilam)

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# Long Lane C.E. Primary School



## Long Lane – Events in Summer 2 2024

### FOLL Colour Run (07/06/24)

Our first colour run was a huge success, the children had a great time while raising lots of money for our school. In total £545.20 was raised to buy benches for the children. FOLL kindly paid the running costs for the event. Thank you to all those who helped organise the event, those who attended and anyone who sponsored the children.



### Reading Workshop for Parents (10/06/24)

It was wonderful to have so many parents join us to learn about how to support children become confident, happy readers.

### FOLL Meeting (10/06/24 at 3:30pm)

Thank you to everyone who attended this meeting. FOLL planned the summer fair.

### Star Foundation Drama Workshop and Clothes Collection (12/06/24)

This was a fantastic workshop that both classes thoroughly enjoyed. The Garden Class, used their best “listening ears” and were able to follow instructions to develop their drama skills in becoming all sorts of different animals. It was brilliant to watch the children’s different interpretations of different wild animals. We had tall, elegant giraffes, mischievous monkeys and slippery snakes taking over the classroom! Star Foundation are a fantastic charity that do a lot of work with schools we have been very lucky to have connected with them!

### Little Monkeys (28/06/24)

For our final Little Monkeys of the year, we planned a seaside afternoon. After a glorious week of sun, as per traditional English seaside holidays, the weather turned just in time, but we still braved the slightly cloudy sky to enjoy an afternoon of outdoor learning. We had great fun playing in the sand, exploring the bark pit and building with the large construction. During the afternoon we also designed and made some delicious ice cream sundaes and enjoyed watching a traditional Punch and Judy show. Finally, for those brave enough, socks were removed and a paddle enjoyed in a very cold pool!

### FOLL Meeting (01/07/24 at 3:30pm)

Thank you to all who attended the meeting. Final plans for the summer fair were made and events for next year were added to the calendar!

### FOLL Summer Fair (05/07/24 at 5pm)

This was a huge success, it was great to see lots of our families enjoying the fair and raising money for the school and the sun shone! £449.75 was raised for our school.

A huge thank you to everyone who attended.

**FOLL: End of Term Party (19/07/24, 3:30pm to 5pm)**

The sun shone for the FOLL end of term party so the children enjoyed time playing outside on the climbing frame.

Thank you to FOLL for organising this fun event.

**Celebration and Leavers Assembly (23/07/24 at 9am)**

Today we will say goodbye to Year Six and wish them luck as they start the next stage of their learning journey.