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**Hello everyone! Happy Spring solstice! The Northern Hemisphere welcomed Spring 2025 on March 20, also known as the vernal equinox. The jump into spring has come with celebrations and traditions of rebirth around the world for centuries. The Nursery and Reception pupils had first hand experience of observing the chicks hatching from eggs and growing as part of their curriculum.**

**At this mid-year point in the learning journey of all students it is worthwhile for parents/carers to discuss the following with their child/ren:**

- **Check that you are progressing toward your targets**
- **Review your successes so far**
- **Reflect on what is and isn't working**
- **Identify knowledge and skills gaps**
- **Determine your next 6 months actions**

**The teachers would be doing the above in the Data Challenge Meetings with me and the above steps would have been shared with you in the parents evening earlier this term. Thank you for your cooperation and support as we work together to Aim High for every student here at Lake Farm!**

*Best wishes—Ms. H. Buttar*

## Events—Curriculum and Special Days

17th March 2025—Reception Year and Year 4 Pedestrian training

18th March to 25th March 2025—Book Fair

26th March 2025—Wembley trip

28th March 2025—Year 5 & Year 6 at the Federation football tournament

2nd April 2025—Easter Bonnet Parade

We asked, you said, we did it!

### Parents Workshop/Coffee Morning with the Principal

28th March 2025— Maths workshop for Reception Parents

### Class Assembly :

27th March 2025—SRP Assembly

28th March 2025—Rabbit class at 2:45pm

4th March 2025—Squirrel Class at 9am

## Getting organised

One of the most important study skills that your child can learn at primary is how to organise their work for independent study. At primary school, most of your child's work is allocated by their class teacher and so they don't often get the chance to manage their own workload. When it comes to studying at home however, your child needs to be able to organise their studying on their own.

As a parent, you can help your child develop organisation skills by encouraging them to plan ahead and document their tasks. Creating study planners, mind maps, to-do lists and using diaries are all good ways to help your child plan their work.

You should also make sure that they have all the resources they need to study outside the classroom. For example, creating a quiet space at home that has all the books and stationery that they'll need can provide them with a good starting point.

## Note-Taking Skills

Note-taking is an essential skill that your child will use throughout their academic career. You can help your child develop these skills by encouraging them to identify important information and pick out keywords and phrases.

Encourage your child to be an active listener and to decide what information is the most important. The number one mistake that students make when note-taking is writing down every single word. By encouraging them to abbreviate and use symbols, they'll be able to take down notes much quicker and they'll be able to understand them afterwards.

It's also a good idea to encourage your child to focus on the quality of their handwriting. Because note-taking can be time-sensitive, students have a tendency to scribble down notes without paying much attention to legibility. If your child can take legible notes quickly, they'll have a far easier time when it comes to revising them after.

## Research Skills

Every now and then, your child will come across a topic or concept that they don't quite grasp. And if they're studying at home, they won't have the luxury of being able to ask their teacher for help. This is where having good research skills comes in useful.

Encourage your child to use the resources they have to hand. This could include you, as a parent, books, textbooks, the internet, or friends. Likewise, you should encourage your child to use more than one source of information. By double-checking facts and figures against various sources, your child will be far more likely to arrive at the correct answer or methodology.

Whether your child is preparing for a primary school exam, or simply revising for a class test, helping them develop effective study skills will benefit them now and in the future.

## Revision and Studying Skills

- Start studying early. The more time your child has to study, the more material they'll be able to cover before the day of the test.
- Revise little and often. It can be tempting to allocate large chunks of time to studying in the run up to a test, but breaking down study time into smaller chunks will help your child retain information better.
- Record revision notes. Encouraging your child to read their written notes aloud into a voice recorder can help them remember important information. It also encourages them to take good notes in the first place, knowing that they'll be referring to them again later.

## Time Management

Most primary school kids are used to being told what to study and when, so it's no surprise that they often find it difficult to manage their time when studying or revising on their own. You can help your child improve their time management skills by helping them allocate specific time periods to certain tasks.

For example, if they're studying for the Year 6 Sats, you might suggest that the first night, they allocate half an hour to Maths and half an hour to SPAG, followed by half an hour of Reading and Arithmetic Maths the following night.

Using practice exam papers can also help develop your child's time management skills, especially if they take them under timed conditions. By encouraging your child to do practice papers under exam conditions, they'll be able to identify what types of questions take longer and therefore

- Use revision games. Exercises like Teacher Roleplay and quizzes can make learning that little bit more fun and help your child retain information in a more relaxed mindset.
- Do the hard stuff first. It's natural for primary kids to procrastinate on difficult tasks but encouraging them to tackle the hard stuff first will make the rest of their studying more enjoyable.

# WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



## Top Attendance for the Week commencing 10/03/2025

	Week Commencing 10/03/2025	%	Learning hours Lost
1	Year 5: Archimedes	99.0%	10
2	Year 5: Maryam Mirzakhani	98.9%	20
2	Year 6: Norman Foster	98.7%	20
3	Year 3: Cressida Cowell	98.4%	20
4	Year 1: Squirrel Class	97.4%	30
4	Year 5: Katherine Johnson	97.3%	30
5	Year 2: Otter	96.8%	37
5	Year 4: Nikola Telsa	96.7%	37
6	Year 6: Renzo Piano	95.7%	47
6	Reception: Butterfly Class	95.7%	47
6	Year 4: Charles Darwin	95.7%	47
6	Year 3: Charles Dickens	95.0%	47
6	Year 2: Fox	95.0%	47
7	Year 4: Marie Curie	93.8%	65
7	Year 3: Maya Angelou	93.6%	65
7	Year 6: Zaha Hadid	93.0%	65
8	Year 2: Badger	92.1%	75
8	Year 1: Rabbit Class	92.1%	75
9	Reception: Grasshopper Class	90.7%	95
9	Year 1: Mole Class	90.0%	95
10	Reception: Ladybird Class	89.7%	105

## Top Attendance for the Week commencing 17/03/2025

	Week Commencing 17/03/2025	%	Learning hours Lost
1	Year 3: Maya Angelou	98.9%	20
1	Year 3: Cressida Cowell	98.5%	20
1	Year 5: Katherine Johnson	98.1%	20
1	Year 4: Nikola Telsa	98.0%	20
2	Year 6: Renzo Piano	97.1%	30
3	Year 5: Archimedes	96.9%	37
3	Year 4: Marie Curie	96.6%	37
3	Year 2: Badger	96.1%	37
4	Year 1: Squirrel Class	95.9%	47
5	Year 2: Otter	94.8%	55
5	Reception: Grasshopper Class	94.5%	55
5	Year 6: Norman Foster	94.3%	55
5	Year 2: Fox	94.3%	55
6	Year 1: Rabbit Class	93.8%	65
6	Year 6: Zaha Hadid	93.7%	65
6	Year 3: Charles Dickens	93.6%	65
7	Year 4: Charles Darwin	92.7%	75
8	Year 5: Maryam Mirzakhani	91.7%	85
8	Reception: Butterfly Class	91.3%	85
9	Reception: Ladybird Class	88.0%	115
10	Year 1: Mole Class	87.8%	125

## Attendance Reminders

Lake Farm Park Academy has high expectations for every student from the moment they join our school. Children have the right to a high quality education and we provide this at Lake Farm Park Academy. High attendance is necessary to ensure that your child benefits fully from the learning opportunities on offer and to ensure they leave school having developed positive lifelong habits and as well rounded individuals.

## Medical Appointments

Appointments, where possible, should be made outside of school hours or in the holiday period. This includes routine dental appointments. If this is unavoidable, your child should still attend school before or after the appointment where possible. Any session missed that was deemed reasonable to attend will be marked as unauthorised leave.

## Absence Requests

Absence requests will only be considered for exceptional circumstances and these are dealt with on an individual basis.

### What to do if your child cannot attend school:

**Absence must be reported on a daily basis.** You must contact the school (**before 9.00am**) on the first day of absence. This can be done by emailing

lfpaoffice@theparkfederation.org or by calling the school number 02085732622 option 1. Please leave the Child's name, class and the reason why they cannot attend school. If they are ill, please give a clear explanation of their condition. **For a prolonged absence due to illness, medical evidence will be requested.** This can be in the form of a prescription, medical paperwork or an appointment card/letter.



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## PUNCTUALITY

How does this affect children?

If your child arrives late in school, he / she misses the teacher's instructions and the introduction to the lesson. They also disturb the learning of other students as the teacher has to acknowledge the lateness and go through the lesson with the child. Did you know how much learning children might miss out due to lateness?

Minutes late per day during school year	Equal days of teaching lost in a year
5 minutes	3.4 days
10 minutes	6.9 days
15 minutes	10.3 days
20 minutes	13.8 days
30 minutes	20.7 days

What can we do to help?

Ensure your child arrives on time. Children are able to come onto the school grounds at 8:30am or book them in the breakfast club through Get Active

Prepare for school the night before, including your book bag, lunch and uniform etc.

Punctuality is important for children to start the day well but also a good habit for life. If you need support or advice about punctuality please contact Miss. Dickerson or email

lfpaoffice@theparkfederation.org