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Happy New Year 2026! Happy Lohri and Happy Thai Pongal to all LFPA staff, pupils and their families! It is a festival for farmers as it is related to the harvesting of food grains and they come together to celebrate it. The entire nation of India welcomes the new season of harvest in different styles, according to their region, culture and tradition.

At the end of last term, a range of assessments took place and those students who have not made enough progress in their learning, have been allocated boosters for before and after school. Can parents/carers please ensure their child/ren attend the boosters weekly and punctually, otherwise the space could have been allocated to other pupils. This would also ensure that your child develops the drive and ambition to achieve their targets and goals which are important life skills. Parents' Evenings will be taking place on 10th and 11th February 2026 –please ensure you book an appointment slot when it goes live to discuss your children's progress in learning.

As we settle into the new term, we want to take a moment to highlight the importance of our partnership. Our goal is to create a safe, nurturing, and respectful environment for your children, and that starts with the interactions between the adults in our community. We kindly ask that you review our Home-School Partnership policy <https://www.lakefarmpark.academy/attachments/download.asp?file=283&type=pdf> which outlines the expectations for communicating with our dedicated staff. Key principles include: **Mutual Respect**: Treating all staff members with courtesy and professionalism. **Proper Channels**: If you have a concern, please schedule a time to discuss it rather than attempting to resolve complex issues during drop-off/pick-up or in public areas. **Modelling Behaviour**: Remember that children are often watching; positive adult interactions set the best example for them. Thank you for helping us maintain a supportive workplace for our staff and a positive environment for your children.

Book Amnesty Month—please see the attached poster. A book amnesty period is a goodwill gesture to welcome back materials that have been missing or overdue. During this time, pupils can return overdue books without facing the usual penalties as per the academy's charging and remissions policy. If we have to replace missing books and learning resources regularly, this would impact on the staffing and curriculum expenditure. So can I please urge all parents/carers for your assistance during the Book Amnesty month. Thanking you in advance for your support.

Warm regards



Ms. H. Buttar

Truth

Aiming high



Respect

Events—Curriculum and Special Days

9th January 2026—Year 5 Hampton court palace trip

30th January 2026 – Year trip to the Natural History Museum

02nd February 2026 – Year 2 Trip to Gurdwara

04th February 2026—Year 6 Trip to the Battle of Britain Bunker (only one class)

10th February 2026—Parents Evening

11th February 2026—Parents Evening

11th February 2026—Year 1 Animal Adventure day—Children come to school dressed as either Palaeontologist or their favourite animal

13th February 2026—Last day of term

Half term holidays from the 16th February 2026 to 20th February 2026

Children return back to school on the 23rd February 2026

24th February 2026—Year 6 Trip to the Battle of Britain Bunker (Only one class)

Class Assemblies at 2:45pm in the Main Hall

Friday 6th January 2026 – 4NT at 2:45 pm

Friday 22nd January 2026— 4MC at 2:45 pm

Friday 23rd January 2026— 4CD at 2:45 pm

Friday 30th January 2026—3CC at 2:45 pm

“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.” - Dr. Seuss



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Book Amnesty




What can you do help?

With our focus on improving reading experiences and outcomes across our school, we are calling upon all families to return any books that you may have at home that belong to Lake Farm Park Academy. Our library books should have a plastic cover, a sticker on the spine, a stamp and a barcode inside.

Please return the books to the class teacher who will ensure they are returned to the library.

Thank you!



 <p>3</p> <p>BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD</p>	 <p>28</p> <p>ACCESS TO EDUCATION</p>	 <p>29</p> <p>AIMS OF EDUCATION</p>
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I do believe something very magical can happen when you read a good book.

—
J.K. Rowling



WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

	Week Commencing 15/12/2025	%	Learning hours Lost
1	Year 6: Zaha Hadid	97.3%	30
1	Year 2: Otter	97.0%	30
2	Year 2: Fox	96.4%	37
2	Year 3: Maya Angelou	96.2%	37
3	Year 4: Marie Curie	94.8%	55
3	Year 6: Renzo Piano	94.6%	55
4	Year 4: Charles Darwin	93.3%	65
5	Reception: Grasshopper	92.7%	75
5	Year 5: Maryam Mirzakhani	92.2%	75
6	Year 3: Charles Dickens	91.8%	85
6	Reception: Ladybird	91.7%	85
6	Year 4: Nicola Tesla	91.7%	85
7	Year 5: Archimedes	89.4%	105
8	Year 2: Badger	88.8%	115
9	Year 5: Katherine Johnson	87.5%	125
9	Year 1: Rabbit Class	87.0%	125
9	Year 3: Cressida Cowell	87.0%	125
10	Year 6: Norman Foster	85.7%	142
10	Year 1: Squirrel	85.6%	142
11	Reception: Butterfly	82.9%	170
11	Year 1: Mole	82.8%	170

	Week Commencing 05/01/2026	%	Learning hours Lost
1	Year 4: Marie Curie	98.6%	20
2	Year 1: Rabbit	97.8%	30
2	Year 6: Zaha Hadid	97.6%	30
3	Year 4: Nicola Tesla	96.3%	37
4	Year 5: Katherine Johnson	94.9%	55
4	Year 4: Charles Darwin	94.7%	55
4	Year 6: Norman Foster	94.5%	55
4	Year 5: Archimedes	94.1%	55
5	Reception: Grasshopper	93.7%	65
5	Year 2: Fox	93.7%	65
6	Year 3: Charles Dickens	92.7%	75
6	Year 2: Otter	92.0%	75
7	Year 1: Mole Class	90.0%	95
8	Year 3: Cressida Cowell	89.8%	105
8	Reception: Ladybird	89.1%	105
9	Year 3: Maya Angelou	88.3%	115
10	Year 1: Squirrel	87.8%	125
10	Year 6: Renzo Piano	87.6%	125
11	Year 2: Badger	86.8%	135
11	Year 5: Maryam Mirzakhani	86.5%	135
12	Reception: Butterfly	85.9%	142

	Week Commencing 12/01/2026	%	Learning hours Lost
1	Year 5: Katherine Johnson	100.0%	0
2	Year 1: Mole Class	98.9%	20
2	Year 4: Nicola Tesla	98.6%	20
2	Year 4: Marie Curie	98.6%	20
3	Year 5: Archimedes	97.5%	30
3	Year 2: Badger	97.2%	30
4	Reception: Grasshopper	96.8%	37
4	Year 1: Squirrel	96.7%	37
4	Year 6: Renzo Piano	96.7%	37
5	Reception: Ladybird	95.9%	47.5
5	Year 3: Charles Dickens	95.8%	47.5
6	Year 1: Rabbit	94.7%	55
6	Year 2: Fox	94.2%	55
6	Year 6: Norman Foster	94.2%	55
7	Year 6: Zaha Hadid	93.8%	65
8	Year 4: Charles Darwin	92.1%	75
9	Year 3: Maya Angelou	90.3%	95
9	Reception: Butterfly	90.1%	95
10	Year 2: Otter	89.4%	105
10	Year 5: Maryam Mirzakhani	89.0%	105
11	Year 3: Cressida Cowell	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