

Hello everyone!

Last week I received a letter of commendation from the Secretary of State for Education, Bridget Phillipson:

Dear Harshindar,

Congratulations to you and your team on the excellent outcomes the disadvantaged pupils at Lake Farm Park Academy achieved at the end of the 2024/25 academic year. Your school's performance places it among the very best nationally, and this is a significant achievement.

The rest of the letter is on the following pages. Well done to all the pupils and staff who have worked diligently to achieve such amazing results—the Federation, Academy Council, parents and I are really proud of this impressive achievement and recognition!

Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people, and to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively. Safer Internet Day 2026 is on 10th February and will be celebrated with the theme 'Smart tech, safe choices—Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI'. In school, children will have focused lessons, assembly and more details will be shared on Google Classroom.

A guide has been produced by Parentkind and endorsed by the DfE and Ofsted. Parents and schools share the same goal: supporting children's education. Sometimes questions or concerns arise. This guide gives you clear steps to share your views and resolve issues quickly and positively. Hopefully you will find the guide useful as it gives step by step guidance and also the responsible use of AI in this digital age. *Best wishes—Ms. H. Buttar*

A message from Bridget Phillipson



Dear Harshindar,

Congratulations to you and your team on the excellent outcomes the disadvantaged pupils at Lake Farm Park Academy achieved at the end of the 2024/25 academic year. Your school's performance places it among the very best nationally, and this is a significant achievement.

This success reflects the dedication of your staff and the hard work of your pupils. It shows what can be achieved when ambition and commitment come together. Thank you for everything you do to give children the best possible opportunities to succeed.

Your school's achievements demonstrate what is possible, and I hope you will continue to share your experience and best practice with others. Even the strongest schools can go further. We encourage you to lead the way as a system leader - sharing effective practice, championing networks, supporting collaboration, and helping raise standards across the sector.

There are real opportunities available for you to support improvement for a wider group of pupils including through:

- engaging actively with [your region's RISE networks](#) and partnering with nearby schools and trusts;
- contributing to regional roundtables and professional communities to spread the approaches that are working in your context; and
- sustaining excellence by continuing to focus on disadvantaged pupils

Please pass on my thanks and congratulations to your staff and pupils. I look forward to working with you as we strive together to raise standards for all.

Bridget Phillipson

Secretary of State for Education

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Parent guide to school complaints

Your checklist to resolving concerns quickly,
easily and positively with your school

2025/26

Click on the link for more information :

<https://www.parentkind.org.uk/assets/parents-resources/Parent-Guide-to-School-Complaints.pdf>

Events—Curriculum and Special Days

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 Adventures 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)

Important events around the world :

Week of the 2nd February National Storytelling Week & Children’s Mental Health week

10th February 2026 Safer Internet Day

17th February 2026 Chinese New Year

18 February 2026 to 19th March—Ramadan starts

1st March 2026—St. David’s Day

Class Assemblies :

6th February 2026—Year 3—Maya Angelou

13th Friday 2026—Year 3—Charles Dickens

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



Top Attendance for the Week commencing 19/01/2026

	Week Commencing 19/01/2026	%	Learning hours Lost
1	Year 4: Nicola Tesla	99.5%	10
1	Year 4: Charles Darwin	99.1%	10
2	Year 6: Zaha Hadid	98.4%	20
2	Year 4: Marie Curie	98.1%	20
3	Reception: Grasshopper	97.6%	30
4	Year 3: Maya Angelou	96.7%	37
4	Year 6: Norman Foster	96.6%	37
4	Year 2: Fox	96.2%	37
4	Year 5: Archimedes	96.2%	37
5	Year 1: Mole	95.6%	47.5
5	Year 1: Rabbit	95.6%	47.5
5	Year 3: Cressida Cowell	95.6%	47.5
6	Year 6: Renzo Piano	94.1%	55
7	Year 3: Charles Dickens	93.5%	65
7	Reception: Ladybird	93.3%	65
7	Year 2: Badger	93.3%	65
7	Year 5: Katherine Johnson	93.2%	65
8	Year 2: Otter	92.0%	75
9	Year 5: Maryam Mirzakhani	87.8%	125
9	Year 1: Squirrel	87.7%	125
10	Reception: Butterfly	84.4%	152

Top Attendance for the Week commencing 26/01/2026

	Week Commencing 26/01/2026	(%)	Learning hours Lost
1	Year 3: Cressida Cowell	100.0%	0
2	Year 4: Nicola Tesla	98.6%	20
3	Year 5: Katherine Johnson	97.3%	30
4	Year 4: Marie Curie	95.7%	47.5
4	Year 6: Norman Foster	95.5%	47.5
4	Year 4: Charles Darwin	95.4%	47.5
4	Year 6: Zaha Hadid	95.2%	47.5
5	Reception: Ladybird	94.8%	55
5	Year 2: Fox	94.7%	55
5	Year 1: Squirrel	94.2%	55
5	Year 1: Rabbit	94.2%	55
6	Year 2: Badger	92.9%	75
6	Year 2: Otter	92.3%	75
7	Year 6: Renzo Piano	90.8%	95
8	Year 3: Charles Dickens	89.7%	105
8	Year 5: Maryam Mirzakhani	89.1%	105
9	Reception: Grasshopper	87.8%	125
9	Year 1: Mole	87.4%	125
10	Reception: Butterfly	85.8%	142
10	Year 5: Archimedes	85.4%	142
11	Year 3: Maya Angelou	84.2%	152.2

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