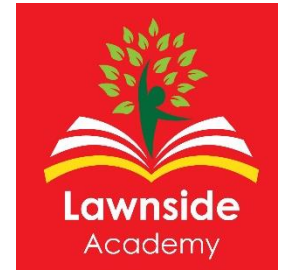


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Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

Please can we politely request that you do not let your children play on the pirate ship, trim trail or field before and after school. These are wet and slippery in the morning, therefore dangerous, and children are bringing wet / muddy feet into school.  
The gates are opened at 8:40am, and the bell is rung at 8:50am. This only gives children 10 minutes before school; where they need to be fully supervised by parents, please.  
Children are not permitted to climb the trees at any point during the day at Lawnside.

📣 School Nursing Team Parent Talk:

📅 Thursday, 27 November

🕒 9:00am

📍 School Hall

We are pleased to invite all parents and carers to a special talk led by the School Nursing Team. This session will cover important information to support your child's health and wellbeing.

Parents from all year groups are warmly welcome. There will be a raffle (£1 per strip) and refreshments (monetary donation).

We look forward to seeing you there!

Children's Artwork Displayed at Biggleswade Health Centre in Saffron Road:

We are delighted to share that some of our children's wonderful artwork is now on display at Biggleswade Health Centre in Saffron Road. The staff were thrilled to brighten their waiting area with the children's creative pieces, and visitors have already commented on how uplifting the display is.

We are so proud of the effort, imagination, and confidence our young artists have shown. If you happen to visit the surgery, do take a moment to enjoy the artwork – it's a lovely celebration of our school community.



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### A Reminder about Lawnside road – Please Walk, Not Drive:

For the safety of all our children and families, we kindly remind everyone not to drive up or down Lawnside road at drop-off and pick-up times. This road becomes very busy and narrow, and vehicle traffic creates significant risk for pedestrians – especially our youngest pupils.

Please walk up and down Lawnside road whenever possible. Choosing to walk helps keep the area safe, reduces congestion, and sets a positive example for our children. Thank you for your continued cooperation in helping us keep our school community safe.

### ★ Children in Need – Thank You! ★:

We are delighted to share that our school community has raised £255.01 for Children in Need. A huge thank-you to all our pupils, families, and staff for your generosity and enthusiasm. Your support helps make a real difference to children and young people across the UK. Well done, everyone!

### Attendance Guide for Parents / Carers

#### **What YOU must do:**

- Try to telephone the school before 8.50am each day of your child's absence.
- Tell the school in advance, of any medical appointments and bring in appointment cards/letters.
- Please do not book holidays in term-time as these will be unauthorised (and you may be fined), unless in exceptional circumstances.
- If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival.
- Have a backup plan for if you have transport issues, call on a family member, neighbour or friend.
- If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance then talk to us as a first step so we can help!

#### **What WE will do:**

- Check your child's attendance every day.
- Phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you.
- Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.
- If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then we may make a welfare home visit.



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## Free School Meals (FSM)

Your child will get a free school meal if you receive a qualifying benefit, and your child is:

- at school
- studying in further education
- at a sixth form college

The qualifying benefits to receive free school meals for children are:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and you have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

If you think you meet the free school meals eligibility criteria, please call Central Bedfordshire Council on 0300 300 8306. When you call to apply for free school meals, please have the following information ready:

- National Insurance numbers and dates of birth for you and your partner
- dates of birth for your children
- if you receive support from the National Asylum Support Service, your NASS number

*Registering your child as eligible for FSM will bring more money to the school to help your child achieve. There are other benefits which may be available for children registered as eligible for FSM, i.e. help with the cost of music lessons or school trips and free access to CBC's holiday activities and food (HAF) programme.*

Yours sincerely



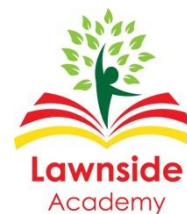
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Diary Dates:



Date:	Activity:
Friday 21 November	Non-Uniform Day for PTA Christmas Fair donations
Friday 21 November	School Nurse - Year 6 heights / weights, Reception hearing screening
Tuesday 25 November (6pm - 7pm)	Open Evening for Reception 2026 Intake
Thursday 27 November (9am)	<b>**NEW**</b> Parent Talk from School Nursing Team
Thursday 27 November	<b>**NEW**</b> Year 3 / 4 Tag Rugby @ Biggleswade Academy
Thursday 4 December	<b>**NEW**</b> Year 5 / 6 Dodgeball @ Stratton
Thursday 4 December (12pm - 3pm)	<b>**NEW**</b> Flu Vaccinations
Friday 5 December (3:30pm - 5pm)	PALS PTA Christmas Fair*
Tuesday 9 December	Year 4 and Year 6 First-Aid Training
Wednesday 10 December	Christmas Jumper Day / Christmas Dinner Day*
Thursday 11 December (9:30am / 2pm)	<b>**NEW**</b> Reception Christmas Performances*
Friday 12 December	<b>**NEW**</b> Rock Steady Concert (by invitation, only)
Monday 15 December (2pm)	<b>**NEW**</b> Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Christmas Performance*
Tuesday 16 December (9:30am / 2pm)	<b>**NEW**</b> Year 1 Christmas Performances*
Wednesday 17 December (9:30am)	<b>**NEW**</b> Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Christmas Performance*
Thursday 18 December (9:30am / 2pm)	<b>**NEW**</b> Year 2 Christmas Performances*
Friday 19 December	Last-day of term
Tuesday 6 January	Children return to school

\*More details to follow



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