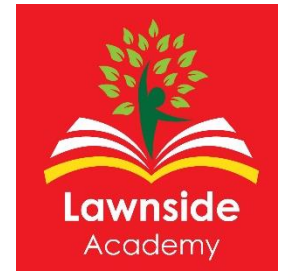


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Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026

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.

Welcome back from the Easter break. I hope you all enjoyed a restful holiday and had the chance to spend time with family and friends. The summer term is always a special one in the school year. With longer days and (hopefully!) brighter weather, we look forward to making the most of outdoor learning, school events, trips, sports activities and the many opportunities this term brings.

### Pupil Artwork on Display at the Doctor's Surgery

We are delighted to share that a selection of our pupils' artwork is now on display at the local doctor's surgery. The children have worked incredibly hard on these pieces, and it's wonderful to see their creativity showcased in the community.

If you are visiting the surgery over the next few weeks, do take a moment to look at the display. The staff there have already commented on how bright and uplifting the artwork is.

Well done to all the children involved – we are very proud of you.



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## Sublime Science, Teddy Tombola Fundraising and Plants for the Wildlife Garden

The children had an amazing day with the Sublime Science workshops - "It was the best day ever!" and an assembly at the end of the day. Thank you again BEST for funding this experience day.

Thank you all for your generous contributions so far, we will be labelling the teddies over the next week with the intention of selling them in two weeks' time. We still need more teddies!!! Please bring these in the morning and leave them at the drop off in the bandstand.

Over the next few weeks we will be designing the layout for the wildlife garden at the front of the school. We would really appreciate some non-toxic plants and wildflower seeds. Please could these be given to the office.

Thank you again for your support.



## Fundraising Update

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our recent fundraising events.

**Red Nose Day:** We raised an impressive £192. Your generosity helps support vital projects across the UK and beyond.

**Scholastic Book Fair:** Thanks to the fantastic turnout, the fair raised £1,471.54, which gives the school £800 to spend on new books for our classrooms.

We are incredibly grateful for the support of our families and community. These funds make a real difference to our pupils' experiences and learning.

## Admissions Policy - September 2027

The admissions policy for September 2027 has now been formally determined and published. Families can view the full policy via:

<https://www.lawnsideacademy.org.uk/page/?title=BEST+Admissions+Policy&pid=89>



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## Head Bump & Concussion – Updated Parent Guidance

We have recently reviewed our procedures for managing head bumps and potential concussion in school. Most bumps are minor, but symptoms can appear later, so it's important that parents know when and how we will contact you.

### **We will phone you immediately if your child shows any of the following:**

- Loss of consciousness, seizure, or repeated vomiting
- Severe or worsening headache
- Confusion, unusual behaviour, or balance/vision problems
- Clear fluid or blood from the ears or nose
- A high-impact fall or collision

### **For minor bumps (with no concerning symptoms):**

- Your child will be monitored in school
- You will receive a written notification

If your child experiences a head bump in school, please keep an eye out for the following over the next 48 hours:

- Worsening headache
- Vomiting
- Unusual sleepiness or changes in behaviour
- Problems with balance, vision or speech
- Seizure
- Clear fluid or blood coming from the ears or nose

If any of these symptoms appear, please seek medical advice.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep all children safe and well.

## 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



Cheryl Johnson  
Head Teacher



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Diary Dates:



Date:	Activity:
Monday 30 March – Monday 13 April	School Closed for Easter Holiday
Tuesday 14 April	First Day of Summer Term
Thursday 23 April (3pm)	KS2 - Fundraising Assembly – Belle (The Little Princess Trust)
Wednesday 29 April	Reception Theatre Visit – Radlett Theatre
Monday 4 May	School Closed for Bank Holiday
Tuesday 5 May	KS1 - Wrap Workshop
Monday 11 May – Thursday 14 May	Year 6 - SATs Week
Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May	School Closed for Half-Term
Monday 1 June - Friday 12 June	Year 4 - Multiplication Tables Check
Wednesday 3 June	Quadkids – Years 3 to 6
Monday 8 June - Friday 12 June	Year 1 - Phonics Screening Check
Wednesday 10 June – Friday 12 June	Year 6 - PGL Visit
Friday 19 June	Year 5 - Visit to Space Centre
Thursday 25 June	Tennis – Years 5 and 6
Friday 26 June	Year 3 and Year 4 - Visit to Bletchley Park
Thursday 2 July	Girls' Football – Years 5 and 6
Monday 6 July	Year 1 and Year 2 - Visit to Ramsey Rural Museum
Monday 13 July (10am – 12pm)	Year 6 - Health & Wellbeing Workshops



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