



Summer 2 2024

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Summer is here! The children (and dare I say staff) are all ready for the well-deserved break ahead. It was lovely to see children experiencing their new classes with our transition days a couple of weeks ago, and what with the sports days last week, we've had a really nice end to the term. Thank you to everyone who attended to watch the races.

At the end of the term, it's nice to be able to reflect on all the things that have been happening recently in school...

Performing Arts



Year 5/6 production of Aladdin - children performed brilliantly in the end of term show under stage lights. Year 6s have had a trip last week to Pleasurewood Hills as part of the leavers treat and they have shared memories at their awards assembly

on the last day of term. They have been a fantastic year group and we will miss them all!

Our Y5/6 school choir performed at the community lunch club in the village hall. They sang songs from the past alongside some of the pieces from their Aladdin production. They sounded amazing and spread some community spirit to those attending.



Assessment results

Once again, we were incredibly proud of our academic achievements this year. Most pleasingly, for the second year running, our KS2 reading results were significantly above the national average and we've also had improved scores in KS2 writing, Early Years GLD and Y1 phonics checks. Well done to all the children and staff for their hard work.

KS2 SATs results:

	School % meeting expected standard	National % meeting expected standard
Reading	89%	74%
Writing	77%	72%
Maths	69%	73%

Early Years (Good level of development)

	School %	Suffolk LA %
% of children who reached GLD	68.3%	67.6%

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

	School %	National %
Passed screening check	76%	79.9%



Sporting Success



LCPS are the Suffolk County CHAMPIONS for orienteering! Out of over 300 Suffolk schools, we came out on top! Well done to the children in 5/6 that represented us in both the local and regional competitions.



Our Panathlon team reached the County finals and came 5th overall in Suffolk. They competed against all the other regional winners in Bury St Edmunds earlier in the term. Also, our netball team reached the county finals coming 7th in the region.



We have also had teams represent us in Boys and Girls cricket and Y3/4 children took part in a multi-sports competition.



Fundraising Thanks



Staff and pupil fundraiser - Thank you to everyone who has sponsored us on our 'Run to Paris' to celebrate the Olympics. Between staff, we ran the 308 miles to Paris and have so far raised nearly £1,000. Of course, Mrs Fox is also fundraising with her Zip Wire in Wales later this month. Her Justgiving page can be found here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/theflyingfox>

All the money will be going on experiences for the children at school.

Trips and Experiences:



Children in Early Years had a great role-play experience when 'Little City' came to visit.

KS1 went on a fab trip to Duxford and loved seeing the various planes and old transport. Meanwhile, our Year 5s went on the annual trip to London, visiting the Science

Museum and experiencing the London Eye.



Year $\frac{3}{4}$ had a great day out at Colchester Castle and the Year 6s had a 2 night stay at Eaton Vale, taking part in various activities including: canoeing, climbing, archery and camp-fire cooking.





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Other news:



We were delighted to welcome back the hens we hatched last year. We now have 3 pet chickens and the children love feeding them and collecting eggs each day.

To coincide with the general election, children voted for captains and vice-captains to represent their family groups. Children in Year 5 put themselves forward to lead in September and presented why they should be voted in a hustings.



Important Dates for the diary:

- Friday 19th July: Last day of term
- Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September PD Days (children not in school)
- Wednesday 4th September: Children return to school
- Tuesday 10th September: Parents/Carers coffee and chat session
- W/B 23rd September Y6 Bike-ability
- 23rd October - School photos
- W/B Monday 28th October: Half Term

Wishing everyone a lovely summer holidays!

Yours sincerely,

Michael Tingey



THE HISTORY OF OUR SCHOOL – CAN YOU HELP?

We have decided that before we leave this building to move to the new school site, we would like to put together as much information as we can about the history of the school, the changes it has seen since it was built in 1878 and some of the memories of pupils and staff who have spent time here over the years. (This is being co-ordinated by some of our Governor's and former staff in conjunction with Lakenheath Heritage Group.)

We need your help!

Many of our current pupils will have parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles and even great-grandparents who came to this school. We would like their memories and also, if they are willing to share, any **photos** they may have.

Here are a few questions to think about or to ask your relatives:

- What did you like most (or least!) about school?
- What lessons do you remember?
- What did you do at playtimes?
- What is the most memorable thing that happened during your time at school?

(These are just a few ideas; we would love to hear any stories about schooldays at Lakenheath).

To make it easy for people to send in their memories, we have set up a special e-mail address: historyproject@lakenheath.suffolk.sch.uk. If you prefer, hand written memories can be dropped in at the school office (please mark envelope 'School History Project').

If sending photos, please scan them or take a photo on your phone. If you are not able to do this just send us an email message and we will arrange to get them scanned at school.

If you have any questions about this project, just send an email to the above address.

And finally....

Can you help solve the 'MYSTERY OF THE BELL TOWER'?



This is an old picture of the school. Some time over the first 50-60 years, **the bell tower disappeared!** Some say it blew down in a storm in 1919. Others think it was taken down during renovations in the 1930's. Maybe, something completely different happened to it. Can anyone in your family help solve this puzzle once and for all?