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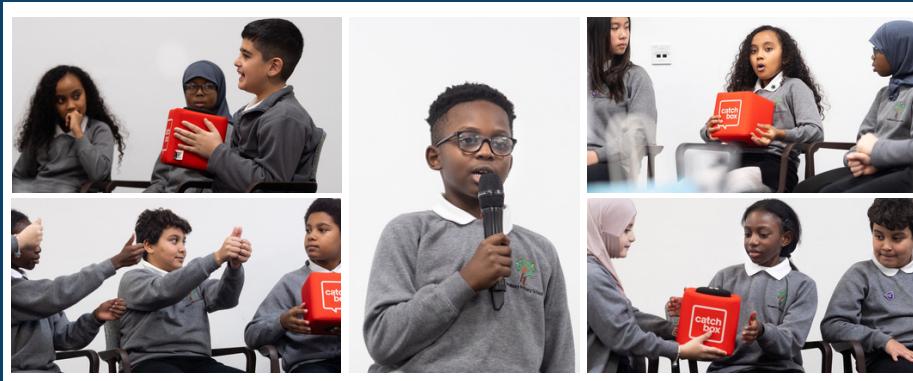


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## Message from the CEO

Welcome back to the Spring Term 2026. We hope that you enjoy reading the updates from each of our schools highlighting the excellent learning opportunities and experiences that took place last term. The Autumn Term marked an incredibly positive start to the academic year across CET, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and partnership working.

Across the Trust, stakeholders continue to work closely together, driven by our three core values: **collaborative, supportive and ambitious**, to agree and set a shared vision for our work together. One of the key collective decisions made by leaders is the implementation of the Voice 21 approach to Oracy across all of our schools over the next few years. Oracy is the ability to articulate ideas, develop understanding, and engage with others through effective speaking, listening and communication. At its heart, it is about learning to talk, through talk, and about talk, helping pupils to build confidence, critical thinking skills and strong relationships for success in school and life beyond.



Staff Feedback from the Inspiration Event November 2025:

*'There's an excitement around the Oracy project'*

*'How much we do together as a trust! So excited and full of ideas for Oracy!'*

*'Inspired and ready for new challenges going forward, including Oracy'*

*'Brilliant to hear from all schools and leadership. The presentation (especially from the children) around Oracy was great!'*

When we came together as one Trust for our annual Inspiration Event on 3<sup>rd</sup> November, we officially began our Oracy development journey. We were privileged to hear from a Voice 21 Centre of Excellence about their journey so far, as well as the positive impact this has had on school culture, teaching and learning. A particular highlight was the opportunity to hear directly from pupils at Hazelbury Primary School, who attended and proudly showcased their learning and experiences.

During this, the first year of implementation, staff across our schools will be undertaking their training and each CET school will have a personalised plan for roll out. So please do look out for future communication about this from Headteachers.

Best wishes,  
Sarah Mitchell

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# CONSIDERING A CAREER CHANGE?

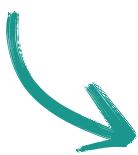
Our School Centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT) programme, in partnership with Bellevue Place Education Trust, offers a hands-on route into teaching. You'll be based in the classroom from day one, gaining practical experience while working towards your qualification.

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# BOURTON MEADOW NEWS



## Lest we Forget

On 11 November, children, staff, parents, carers, and local community members gathered for Bourton Meadow's Remembrance Service. Y6 pupils shared moving poems, and the House Captains proudly laid their wreaths. Four pupils also represented the school with dignity during the Remembrance parade in Buckingham. The respect and maturity shown by all the children made the school incredibly proud.



The term brought fantastic sporting success, highlighted by the Year 6 mixed football team winning a local tournament without conceding a goal. It followed a busy schedule including the Year 5 swimming gala, the Year 3/4 football tournament, and the Year 1/2 multi-skills festival. Pupils showed excellent behaviour throughout and loved the chance of competing alongside other schools.



Since welcoming Mrs Freeman, the school's music specialist, pupils have enjoyed an exciting range of musical opportunities. More than 70 children joined the KS2 choir, with 60 preparing to take part in the Young Voices event in Birmingham. Year 3 pupils impressed families by showcasing their developing recorder, violin, and African drumming skills, and even the staff formed their own choir. The term ended on a high with the school receiving a Music Mark from Buckinghamshire Music Trust, recognising its commitment to high-quality music education. Well done to everyone involved!



It was a busy and exciting first term for the Reception children, who settled into school beautifully. They enjoyed a range of visits linked to their theme, People Who Help Us, meeting a nurse, a police officer, and members of the fire service. Parents also joined them for the first Stay and Play session, which proved a great success. The school now looks forward to welcoming families to the upcoming Reading Cafés.

## Magical Time of the Year

The Friends of Bourton Meadow elves were especially busy this year with the much anticipated return of *Elfridges*. Children were delighted to take part, choosing surprise gifts for their families. Their smiles, laughter, and wide-eyed excitement made the whole event truly shine.



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# GEORGE GRENVILLE NEWS



## Amber's Garden

GGA school community came together to open Amber's Memorial Garden, marking one year since the loss of their much-loved friend. The garden has been created in Amber's favourite colours, pink and blue, and features a special Stitch theme that reminds everyone of her bright personality. Children from Amber's class helped paint colourful pebbles to line the paths, each one a heartfelt tribute. It's a beautiful space where the whole school community can remember Amber with love, and celebrate the joy she brought to school.

## George Grenville Remembers

Throughout November, pupils took part in a range of Remembrance activities both in school and the wider community. Each class created a wreath, designing poppies to show respect and gratitude. A Remembrance ceremony was held in the playground, with parents and carers joining for a moment of reflection. Pupils listened thoughtfully and showed real maturity. The school was also represented at the Buckingham Remembrance Sunday Parade, where four pupils laid a wreath at the war memorial. Their respectful participation made the school proud, and thanks are extended to all families who supported the events.



## Y6 Team Building

Y6 made a dynamic start to the year, combining strong curriculum work with team-building sessions that strengthened collaboration and problem-solving. Weekly visits from Sixth Form students at The Royal Latin School supported deeper mathematical thinking, and the pupils met every challenge with enthusiasm and determination, showing impressive growth as learners and leaders.



Last term, pupils had their artwork showcased in the BAFA Art Show, themed 'Shadows'. They explored light, contrast, and shape through drawing, painting, collage, and digital media, producing a striking range of creative pieces. It was a wonderful celebration of their imagination and a proud moment for the school. Here are a few examples from the exhibition.

## Outdoor Learning at Grenville



GGA's Reception and Y1 teams redeveloped their outdoor spaces last term to enhance exploration, play, and hands-on learning. Children are enjoying new opportunities for role-play, nature study, and early STEM, with outdoor learning continuing to support confidence, curiosity, and a love of the natural world.

# LACE HILL NEWS



## Diwali at Lace Hill

Year 4 children led LHA's first class assembly of the year when they celebrated Diwali. There was drama, dancing, storytelling and even a quiz!



## LHA Making Music



Year 2 visited Warwick Castle as part of their history learning. The children were fascinated by the intriguing facts they learnt about roles and jobs within a castle.

Year 1 took a trip to MK Museum where they learnt about toys from the past, as well as experiencing a Victorian classroom. They much prefer school nowadays as the Victorian classroom was very strict!



Lace Hill Academy have been presented with the Music Mark of Recognition for Dedication and Improvement by Bucks Music Trust. This is to recognise their commitment to Music Education and for making a significant contribution to the music education landscape in our county. This is wonderful news!



In October, a group of children visited Lace Hill Manor Care Home to take part in the Happiness Programme alongside the residents.



Lace Hill's nursery children had a wonderful time learning about Diwali within their setting, including making Rangoli patterns and trying coconut ladoo.



Well done to Lace Hill's ten Year 5 children who were selected to have their artwork displayed at the Buckingham Arts For All (BAFA) exhibition. The theme was 'shadows'.

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# LUMBERTUBS NEWS



## Mrs Cook

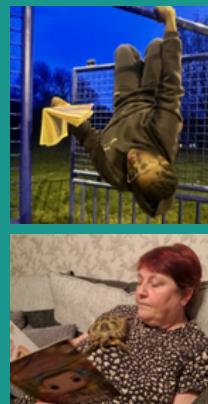
Mrs Ceri Cook is retiring after 35 wonderful years at Lumbertubs Primary. Ceri has taught at Lumbertubs since 1990 and has been Headteacher since 2009. She has influenced and taught many children over her time at the school, even inspiring past pupils to return and to work at Lumbertubs. She has had a very happy and rewarding career but now it's time for her to relax and enjoy time with her family. Everyone will miss her very much but wish her a very happy retirement!



Nursery children did some excellent fundraising for the Guide Dog Appeal. They decorated cakes and biscuits, made paper dogs which they took for a walk and held a competition to win a cuddly toy! Well done Nursery children!

LTP took part in some fantastic fundraising during the Autumn Term. A cake sale for MacMillan raised £116, a raffle for Royal Papworth Hospital raised £207 and everyone dressed in Pyjamas for Children in Need and raised an amazing £153. Well done all!

## Guide Dogs



## Extreme Reading

Over October half term children (and staff) took part in an extreme reading challenge. They were challenged to find the strangest places they could to enjoy reading. They had lots of entries with children reading in the bath, on top of a fridge, at the woods and even Shelby the tortoise joined in!

## Remembrance Day

Reception children made Poppies and learnt about the importance of Remembrance Day. They enjoyed stamping the different shapes onto paper as well as adding the leaf and stem. The whole school joined together and were very respectful during the 2-minute silence.



## Maths Mania

Pupils took part in the first Maths Mania day of the year. Children had a fantastic time designing games based on place value and the 4 operations of number in teams. In the afternoon they collaborated with their partner classes to explain and play their games. It was a brilliant day full of maths fun.



# MOORLAND NEWS



## M & M Productions Visited Moorland



Everyone was treated to a live performance of "Beauty & The Beast"

## Children and Staff Celebrated Diwali



Bright colours were worn and School Council made Diwali biscuits and shared them with staff.

## Hello Yellow!



To promote children's mental health, Moorland raised money for Young Minds.

## Show Racism the RED card

From Yellow to Red, MPS stood together against racism as a whole school.



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# SPRING LANE NEWS



## Lots of Trips Supporting Learning

Y6 visited Bletchley Park to extend their understanding of codebreaking and World War II. Y4 visited Castle Hill Church and the Gurdwara as part of their learning about different faiths. Y1 carried out a local area study, and Y5 completed a one-night residential with a focus on outdoor and adventurous activities. Y3 enjoyed a Pantomime at the theatre and SLP were really proud to take the Pupil Parliament children to visit the Houses of Parliament. They had the opportunity to meet and interview MP Lucy Rigby, who was so impressed by the children and is very keen to visit the school in the future.



## Visitors were Welcomed into School

SLP welcomed a number of visitors who supported learning across phases. Nursery received a visit from local police officers, who shared information about their role and allowed pupils to explore the police vehicle. Y2 had a Victorian Day, with experts in school to lead. The local PCSOs visited to support assemblies on topics such as internet safety and staying safe in the community. The Mental Health support team delivered workshops on body image for Y6 and positive mental health sessions for Y3 and Y4.



Spring Lane has been offered the Healthy School Bronze Award in recognition of the school's work to promote the wellbeing of pupils and staff. The school has also received the Digital Innovation Award from West Northamptonshire Council following a year-long outdoor learning pilot, which used an orienteering-based platform to support active, curriculum-linked learning.



## and in other news.....

Regular parent community events continue to feature on the calendar. 'Walk in Wednesdays' has been introduced for reception parents which has been a great success. Y6 led a Remembrance Day assembly, and Black History month learning was shared through the Y5 Class assembly. A mufti day was held for Children in Need with £189 raised. The recent book fair was well attended and generated £90 in rewards to be used for purchasing new books for classrooms.