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NEWS

WELCOME BACK – READING CHALLENGE

It has been fantastic to welcome the children back to the second term of the year. The children have settled well back into school and the classrooms are calm and purposeful. In some of our assemblies we have been discussing learning behaviours and what effective learning looks like. I have also been discussing the importance of reading with the children. This is something we talk about frequently and promote often with the children and with you as parents. Reading underpins all learning and is an essential life skill. We expect children to read frequently at home – ideally daily, but this is not always possible, so I have set them the challenge of reading at least 5 times a week at home. In order to judge this accurately it is essential that you or your child record every time they have read. **Every child that reads 5 times a week will receive 3 House Points in recognition of the effort they have put in.**

PARENTAL MENTAL HEALTH

Parenting Mental Health aims to support parents who are supporting a child with poor mental health. They have informative guides, creative counselling videos, and chat and connect sessions twice weekly. PMH is one of the few charities in the UK that specifically helps parents who are supporting a child with mental health challenges and whose needs and impact for positive change are all too often overlooked.

Web: <https://www.parentingmentalhealth.org/>

LOST PROPERTY

We have some lost property (NON-UNIFORM clothing) in the office (coats/hoodies/hats/sportswear). Please contact us if your child is missing something. The items will be disposed of in two weeks if unclaimed.

STUDYBUGS

Laburnum has introduced a new, more efficient and secure system for reporting your child's absence due to illness, called Studybugs. Many parents have already downloaded the app, which enables you to log the reason for your child's absence directly without phoning the school office. Please get the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child's ill and unable to attend school.

[Get the app or register now \(https://studybugs.com/about/parents\)](https://studybugs.com/about/parents)

Top 3 reasons to use Studybugs:

1. It's integrated with our systems so we know right away if your child is unaccounted for.
2. It's quick and easy to register and use and automatically reminds you to keep us posted.
3. You'll be helping the NHS and other public health organisations [improve children's health.](https://studybugs.com/about/schools)

Whether you have the app or not you will receive messages (in the app or via email) and these will update you when your child's attendance falls below each threshold (97%, 92% and 90%) or improves and rises above a threshold.

SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

Just before the Christmas break we took delivery of 3 new trees and 25 hedgerow plants. These were funded by a tree grant from Central Bedfordshire Council. Today these were planted by our gardeners, supported by Mrs Tyler and some of the children who have been attending Forest School activities. The hedgerow plants have been planted along the fence in the quiet garden and will quickly establish in the spring to create a new wildlife habitat and also provide screening from the road. The trees have been planted in the forest school area on the field and now brings our total number of trees to 7 (originally there was just one tree). The forest school/wildlife area has also got the beginnings of a hedgerow growing to provide a barrier from the field, with more hedgerow plants arriving next week – all thanks to successful bids from the Woodland Trust and Earth Restoration Service.



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See what illnesses are going around

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AWARDS AND CELEBRATIONS WEEK ENDING 12th January 2024

ATTENDANCE TARGET 97%

Beech	95.5%	1 late mark
Elm	98.9%	3 late marks
Cedar	89.4%	5 late marks
Chestnut	94.7%	1 late mark
Willow	96.6%	2 late marks
Sycamore	96.2%	1 late mark
Oak	94.4%	4 late marks

THE GOLDEN MILE



This week the Golden Mile trophies were awarded to:

EYFS & KS1

KS2

Elm

Chestnut

HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK



373



330



354



374

WEEKLY CLASS C.A.R.E.S AWARD CERTIFICATES

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APPLE	BEECH	ELM	CEDAR
C - Jovi A - Emily R - Hutton E - Georgia S - Theodore CARES - Freddie	C - Aaryan A - Harper R - Tia E - Zachary S - Ruby CARES - Delilah	C - Alivia A - Imogen R - Tomy E - Toby S - Lawson CARES - Joseph	C - Leo A - Mason R - Roman E - Freddie S - Teddy CARES - Vinnie
CHESTNUT	WILLOW	SYCAMORE	OAK
C - Joshua A - Millie R - Sophia E - Zain S - Leila CARES - Charlie	C - Lottie A - Lana R - Tex E - Nadia S - Eryk CARES - Becky	C - Charlie A - Lara R - Olivia E - Milo S - Rhys CARES - Rory	C - Ethan A - Tristan R - Bobby E - Connor S - Regina CARES - Edvinas

WHOLE SCHOOL CARES AWARD



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C.A.R.E.S AWARD

CONGRATULATIONS!

Reception
Beech Class
12th January

WHOLE SCHOOL LUNCHTIME AWARD



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Year 5
Sycamore Class
12th January

CLASS DOJO

Messages sent to families

354

245 Last week



Photos and videos shared

41

29 Last week



Positive feedback %

100%

100% Last week



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January

Tuesday 16th	All Day	Year 2 to Shuttleworth	
Friday 19 th	All Day	Y6 Young Voices	The O2 Arena, London
Friday 26 th	All Day	Y3 & Y4 Bikeability Level 1	

February

Friday 9 th	All day	CHUMS Shine Bright, Wear Bright	
Monday 5 th	9-10:00am	Oak (Y6) Class Parent Lesson Drop-in	Oak Classroom
Tuesday 6 th	9-10:00am	Cedar (Y2) Class Parent Lesson Drop-in Sycamore (Y5) Class Parent Lesson Drop-in	Cedar Classroom Sycamore Classroom
Wednesday 7 th	9-10:00am	Elm (Y1) Class Parent Lesson Drop-in Chestnut (Y3) Class Parent Lesson Drop-in	Elm Classroom Chestnut Classroom
Thursday 8 th	9-10:00am	Apple (N) Class Parent Session Drop-in Beech (YR) Class Parent Lesson Drop-in	Apple Classroom Beech Classroom
Friday 9 th	9-10:00am	Willow (Y4) Class Parent Lesson Drop-in	Willow Classroom
Monday 12 th	3:00-3:30pm	Pupil books available for Parents/Children to view together (books also available for in-school Parent/Teacher Meetings)	Classrooms
Tuesday 13 th		Parent/Teacher Meetings	Virtual and in-school appointments available
Thursday 15 th		Parent/Teacher Meetings	
Friday 16 th		School closes for half term break	
Monday 26 th		School opens for Spring 2	
W/C 26th	Mon-Fri	FLS Mother's Day Present Room	

March

Thursday 7 th		World Book Day	
Tuesday 12 th	10:00-11:00am	Nursery 'stay and play' session (April admission children/parents by invite)	Apple Classroom
Thursday 14 th	1:30-2:30pm	Nursery 'stay and play' session (April admission children/parents by invite)	Apple Classroom
Friday 15 th		Red Nose Day	
Thursday 28 th		School closes for Easter Break	

April

Tuesday 16 th		School Opens for Summer Term: Reception-Y6 Pupils return to school Nursery 1:1 New Parent & Child Meetings	
Wednesday 17 th		Nursery Pupils return to school	
Wednesday 17 th – Friday 19 th		Year 4 – Grafham Water Activity Centre	

May


Monday 6 th		May Day Bank Holiday: School Closed	
Mon 13 th -Thurs 16 th		Year 6 Statutory Assessments (SATs)	
Mon 20 th		SCARF Life Education Visit to Laburnum	
Friday 24 th		School closes for half term break	

June

Monday 3 rd		School opens for Summer 2	
Wednesday 5 th		Yr 5/6 Faith Tour, Queens Park, Bedford	
Mon 3 rd – Fri 14 th		Year 4 Multiplication Check window	
Mon 10 th – Fri 14 th		Year 1 Phonics Screening Check week	
Tuesday 25 th	10:00-11:00am	Nursery 'stay and play' session (September admission children/parents by invite)	Apple Classroom
Thursday 27 th	1:30-2:30pm	Nursery 'stay and play' session (September admission children/parents by invite)	Apple Classroom

July

Friday 12 th		Annual Pupil Reports to Parents	
Monday 15 th		School Sports Day (Times to be confirmed)	
Weds 17 th - Thurs 18 th		Class Transition Days (Children in new classes)	
Friday 19 th	2:20pm	Year 6 Leavers Assembly School closes for summer break	






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Football Development Centre

Sandy Sports Centre – SG19 1BL
by 4 Corner Coaching






Individual skills **UEFA coaches** **Team play**

High Quality Football Coaching by very experienced coaches.

Developing - **Technical skills** – **Physical skills** – **Psychological skills** – **Social skills**

Start Back Date - Friday 12th January 2024
£4 per session – 10 week block of Development

Times/ages: 5-6pm = ages 5 - 9 & 6-7pm = ages 10 - 16 & **Girls Only** = ages 9-15

UEFA B coaches – Youth Award Level 3 - Enhanced DBS - Safeguarding
BFAS (Basic First Aid for Sport)

Contact: **Natasha – 07957980492 – natasha@4cornercoaching.co.uk**
www.4cornercoaching.co.uk





Free health MOT

Come and get your blood pressure and BMI checked out. Just 15 minutes of your time could be time well spent to help you spot early warning signs, reduce your risks and keep you fit and healthy. Over 18s only.

Monday 15 January
9.30am - 5pm

Quince Court
Engayne Avenue
Sandy
Bedfordshire
SG19 1BW

For more information email
healthandwellbeing@guhg.co.uk





Formerly Helen O'Grady Drama Academy.
New name, new logo, same GREAT programme.

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TRIAL
CLASSES
AVAILABLE

Dear Parents and Carers,

If you'd like your child to gain tremendous **confidence**, excellent **communication** and **language skills**, whilst developing their **creativity**, ability to **perform** AND have **fun** and **make friends**, look no further! With over **100,000 children** attending our **international Drama Academy** each week, we teach from a **curriculum** written by experts and perfected over **40 years**. Our teaching team all hold an **Enhanced DBS**, undergo regular training making us experts in our field and have **First Aid** qualifications.

Classes take place **weekly** in the following areas;

**RADLETT ST ALBANS BASSINGBOURN STOTFOLD BIGGLESWADE ROYSTON
HITCHIN HARPENDEN CAMBOURNE LETCHWORTH HEMEL HEMPSTEAD
CAMBRIDGE STEVENAGE**

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Drama Kids – Cambridgeshire & Hertfordshire

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Our imaginative curriculum provides the opportunity for children to develop:

- * Confidence and self-esteem
- * Verbal communication and English language skills
- * Self-awareness and emotional intelligence
- * Creativity and lateral thinking skills
- * Public speaking and presentation skills
- * Enthusiasm, energy, and a positive approach to life
- * Teamwork and leadership skills
- * Performance and theatre skills
- * Physical coordination and expression
- * Social interaction skills and life-long friendships

We provide an **inclusive environment** in which each student is given the opportunity to grow and develop. We do not hold auditions and no experience is necessary. We offer payment plans and discounts for siblings. Most importantly, **our classes are lots of fun!**

Parent Testimonials

*All three of our boys attend Drama Kids and absolutely love it! It has engendered a real love of drama in all of them! The sheer freedom and fun of it allows them to unwind and has helped build their confidence leaps and bounds. Thank you Drama Kids for helping our boys feel comfortable in their own skins'. **Harpenden Parent***

*'My kids have loved being a part of Drama Kids, they have different personalities, and it has brought out the best in all of them! Drama Kids gives every child the opportunity to take part equally and shine'. **Cambourne Parent***

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Do you need a September 2024 starting school place for your child?

Admission Tours
Booking Now

All tours are led by the Head Teacher and you will visit all classrooms and key areas of the school.

We currently have availability in Nursery (sessions are flexible) for an immediate start (3yrs+). We also have places in some other year groups – please contact the school office for more information.

To visit Laburnum contact the School Office to arrange a suitable time.



Come and meet our team and see our school in action...

Phone or E-Mail the school office to book onto one of our tours or to arrange an alternative time.

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Want to feel more confident to talk to your child about the challenges they face and how to keep themselves safe?

Then, join our:

'Parenting 24' webinar

This 45-minute online session will help you to learn more about violence against women and girls (VAWG), how it can start and develop and how to discuss this with your child (male or female).

Thursday 25th January at 4pm

Tuesday 20th February at 6.30pm

Monday 18th March at 1pm

Specifically aimed at parents with the purpose of:

- Understanding what VAWG is, who is affected and how
- Providing a space and platform to discuss why it is a problem
 - Learning how to talk to our children about VAWG
 - Raising our girls and boys in 2024

To reserve your place and register for the Zoom link, email: jo@lawc.org.uk

This webinar is fully funded by the Home Office in conjunction with Bedfordshire Police as part of the Safer Streets 5 initiative.



Tackling VAWG across Bedfordshire schools

Luton All Women's Centre (LAWC) has been commissioned by Bedfordshire Police's Safer Streets 5 initiative to raise awareness of violence against women & girls (VAWG) with young people and adults across Bedfordshire.

By providing educational programmes that focus on changing attitudes and behaviour towards VAWG, we will increase understanding of why it happens and how it affects us. We also aim to give children and adults the confidence to prevent it from happening and responding to it safely and effectively.

LAWC can support your school by providing:

- VAWG workshops for Y5/6
- VAWG workshops for Y7/8
- Staff training to build knowledge, understanding and confidence to tackle VAWG within schools
 - Online VAWG 'Parenting 24' webinars
- Online 'Raising Boys' webinars to develop male allyship and help keep boys safe

To find out more or to book sessions email jo@lawc.org.uk

There is no cost as all initiatives are fully funded by the Home Office in conjunction with Bedfordshire Police as part of Safer Streets 5.



Want to feel more confident raising your sons?

Then, join our:

“Raising Boys” webinar

This 45-minute online session will help you to gain more understanding of violence against women and girls (VAWG), the challenges boys might face around this and develop your confidence to discuss the topic with them

Tuesday 30th January at 1pm

Monday 26th February at 4pm

Thursday 28th March at 6.30pm

Specifically aimed at parents with the purpose of:

- Understanding male roles and new challenges
- Providing a space and platform for discussion
- Understanding the pressures that boys & men face
- Learning how we can change our narrative to help

To reserve your place and register for the Zoom link, email: jo@lawc.org.uk

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Sandy Tiger's: Tiger Cubs

Tiger Cubs is for kids showing an interest in football at an early age.

Your child will be coached by UEFA B and Module 3 Age Appropriate FA Qualified coach and given the very best start to their footballing life. This will also put your child in the best position to move to one of our teams at U7(school year 2)

Cubs sessions will be run on periods of time in line with the school timetable and split into half term segments. Payment for these will be requested in advance. Details as below.

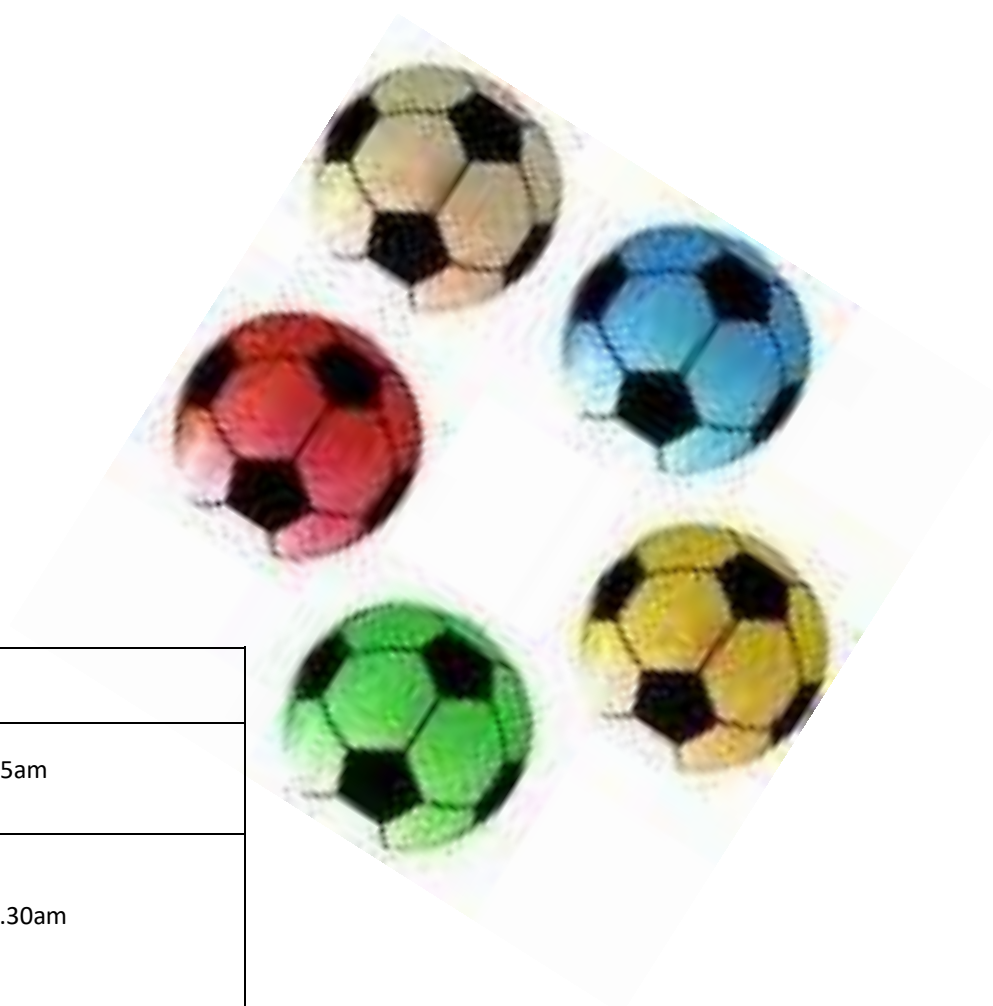
Because demand for places in Tiger Cubs is likely to be increased and spaces are limited, you will need to register your child in advance and details of the first series of sessions are shown below.

Location

The venue will be at Sandy Secondary School although this may be subject to change if the ground becomes unavailable (you will be notified of any change in advance).

Dates

13/1/2024
20/1/2024
27/1/2024
3/2/2024
10/2/2024



Times

Age Range	Times
Nursery and Reception (U5)	9.30 -10.15am
Year 1 (U6) and Year 2 (U7), Year 3 and 4s (U7)	10.30 - 11.30am
Wildcats – Girls Only 5-11 year olds	

Costs

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The total cost for each period will vary depending on the number of weeks in the period however it will be based of £3.00 per session. £15 for the 5 week period. All session will need to be paid in advance. (If a child misses a session through illness or holiday or bad weather etc no refund will be made).

More Information and Booking

If any further information is required or to book then please contact Natasha at archie@virginmedia.com or 07957 980492

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Name:

Age:

DOB:

Medical Information:.....

Year Group:

Parent / Guardian name:

Contact number:

E-mail address:

Payment included:

