



LARKRISE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Learning Together - Achieving Excellence



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Dear Families,

What a world book day we have had! The villains and baddies had a wonderful day yesterday doing activities to do with books they had read in class, visiting the Hive to see the 'Read a room' display to provoke some fantastic writing, dressing up in fantastic costumes and decorating doors which I have to judge this afternoon! I will post pictures of each door on the Facebook page so you can see the great things that the children have been doing.

Thank you all so much for getting into the spirit of the day and sending your children in dressed as all kinds of baddies and villains – I saw 'Puss in boots', 'Cruella de Vil', 'Burglar Bill' and the 'Queen of Hearts' amongst other wonderful costumes. The staff team did an amazing job of being villainous baddies too. Well done to all and we hope you had a day to remember!

PARENT SURVEY

Thank you to those parents and families who have sent back their parent surveys after the reports were sent out before half term. We have had some wonderful responses where parents are overwhelmingly agreeing with the statements. I will do an in depth analysis before the end of the term so that you have more time to get your surveys back to us. For now, here are a few of the positive comments that we have received:

'The teachers are good at teaching and understand their subjects'

'The school has an amazing learning and improving attitude. The staff and Headteacher are welcoming, caring and supportive. Thank you'

'Friendly staff'

'I appreciate the support given to the children and the positive atmosphere at the school.

Dedicated staff and a safe, supportive environment'

'Larkrise to me is a lovely community school that have always supported myself as well as my child'

I will share more with you before the end of this term.

POLLING STATION – CLOSURE OF SCHOOL

An important date for your diaries – **Thursday 7th May** is a polling day where Larkrise will be used as a polling station. This means we will be closed to children on this day. On **Thursday 7th May school will be closed.**

WALK FOR AUTISM

One of our mums is trying to raise £500 for the 'Walk for Autism UK' charity:

'Walk for Autism is a fundraising challenge run by Autism Initiatives Group. Autism Initiatives Group is working towards a world where every autistic person has the support they need to thrive, every opportunity to fulfil their potential and a supportive, inclusive community to live in.

I'll be walking 10,000 steps a day from 26th March to 2nd April to raise money for this fantastic charity. Please sponsor me.

Any donation big or small is greatly appreciated 😊

Click the link below to help Courtney reach her goal.

[Walk for Autism - Courtney Norrington](#)

DOJO/PHONE CALLS FOR TEACHERS

Just a reminder that dojos and phone calls to parents from and to class teachers can only happen when the teacher is NOT TEACHING. We are happy for you to send messages via dojo at any time, but please do not expect immediate answers or phone calls back when teachers are teaching the children. If you have an emergency, then please leave a message with the office staff and they will find an adult who can respond more immediately if it is needed. Thank you for your understanding.

BREAK TIME SNACKS

Can we please remind you that snacks for break time need to be fruit or veg or crackers and cheese? Crisps and sweets are not acceptable snacks for break time, or for breakfast, so please do not give these to your children. Many thanks.

IROCK

We have a new band coach, Ben, and he will be coaching on a Monday afternoon. If you are interested in your child joining IRock to play the drums, the keyboard, the guitar, or sing, please do let us know or contact IRock at info@irockschool.com or phone 0330 1742655. Their website is www.irockschool.com if you would like to find out more. A dojo went out inviting children to a taster session – please have a look if you are interested.

CLUBS – SPRING TERM 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lego Club EYFS/Yr1 /Yr. 2 15 Places Miss Phillips	Choir Club KS2 (Yrs. 3, 4, 5 & 6) 15 Places Miss Bowers	Dodgeball Club KS2 (Yrs. 4, 5 & 6) 26 Places Mr Thomas	Math's Club (TTRS) Yrs. 3, 4 & 5 10 Places Miss Horne	
Sewing Club Yrs. 2 & 3 8 Places Mrs Bacon			Craft Club KS1 (Yrs. 1 & 2) 12 places Mrs Lane	
Gymnastics Club Yrs. 5 & 6 12 Places Miss Uzzell			Movie Club KS1 (Yrs. 3, 4, 5 & 6) 1 st Half Term 20 Places Ms Hawkins	
			Strength & Fitness Club KS2 (Yrs. 3-6)	

Club applications for this term have now closed but I have kept this in the newsletter so that you are aware of which clubs are happening when.

COLLECTION OF CHILDREN FROM THE PLAYGROUND

For parents of year 2 – 6 who collect their children from the top playground, please can you stand back and away from the pathway leading up to the playground. We do need access to allow the classes to get to their circles so that the teachers can easily dismiss the children to you. Thank you for your co-operation.

FACEBOOK

Please have a look at our Facebook page where we try to upload photos from each of the classes across the school weekly to share what we have all been up to. Please like and comment too!

PARKING

Can parents please be mindful of where they are parking to drop off and collect children at the start and end of the school day. We have residents and resident only parking in several places around the school and we have already received several complaints. Our neighbours have not been able to access their parking spots or their cars, and parents have been particularly rude to them. Please show some kindness and responsibility and park your car in a sensible place if you do indeed need to bring your car.

I must also reiterate that the staff car park is for staff only. Unfortunately, we do not have parking spaces for parents. Please respect this as some of our staff are not able to park in the mornings and are then not on time to start their day with the children. There are neighbouring streets that can be parked on which only require a short walk to the school entrance – please use those. Many thanks for your cooperation.

DIARY DATES

Thursday 12 th March	Y5 WOW Day – Plant a flower day
Tuesday 17 th March	Y1 WOW Day – Junk modelling Castles – parents invited
Wednesday 18 th March	Y1 Class Assembly 2.45pm
Monday 23 rd March	IRock concert at 2.30pm – parents of children with IRockers only
Tuesday 24 th March	Y2 WOW Day - Springtime
Wednesday 25 th March	Reception WOW Day – Easter Fun Day
Wednesday 25 th March	Y3 WOW Day - Romans
Thursday 26 th March	Y4 WOW Day
Friday 27 th March	Last day of term
Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April	EASTER BREAK
Monday 13 th April	Children return to school
Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May	HALF TERM
Monday 1 st June	Children return to school
Friday 8 th May	Y4 WOW Day – Stone Age inspiration box

VOLUNTEERS – HELPING HANDS

Do you have some free time on your hands and would you like to come and help out at Larkrise? We are looking for parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles etc. who have some free time who might be able to help us out in the coming months. This could involve;

- reading with the children
- attending educational visits
- cutting and sticking work into books
- helping to make displays around the school
- running small clubs after school or at lunchtimes
- or any other skill you may have that you would like to share with the children.

If you are interested, please get in touch with Trish Hill in the office, or your child's class teacher, and we will give you some more information. Thank you!



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9 -10 am	Pre-loved uniform shop open (Cash only)		Coffee morning Pre-loved uniform shop open (Cash only)	Pre-loved uniform shop open (Cash only)	
10 – 12am	Mel available for 1:1 conversations		Mel available for 1:1 conversations	Mel available for 1:1 conversations	
1 – 4pm	Mel available for 1:1 conversations		Mel available for 1:1 conversations	Mel available for 1:1 conversations	

1:1 conversations – I am always happy to talk to parents 1:1. Where possible, can you text me for 1:1 conversations so I can ensure my availability, however, if something unexpected has happened and you need to talk about it on the day, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Mel Pointon, Child and Family Support Worker, will be available in 'The Hive,' our parent hub which is in the bungalow situated on the school driveway, every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday to meet with parents and carers. This is also where our pre-loved uniform is available for a small fee. Please feel free to go across on any of these days and Mel will help you out. Mel can also issue food bank vouchers should you need them. Mel can also be contacted on 07956211932.

WORKSHOP – Understanding your child's anxiety workshop for parents. Taking place in 28/1/26 at 9am until 10.30am. See the poster at the end of the newsletter for more details.

FOLS NEWS

EYFS CAKE SALE - TUESDAY 10 MARCH - See poster attached

If anyone would like to bake or buy some lovely treats for us to sell that would be much appreciated. Please bring into school on the Morning Tuesday 10 March.

We hope you can all join us.

FRIDAY 13 MARCH - Someone Special Gift Shop - See poster attached

Reply slips have been sent home, these are needed if you are paying cash. Please hand into the school office or Elaine Carline.

The event is open for ticket sales on Classlist (no slip required) Please remember to fill in who the gift/gifts are for. Closing date for payments is now Tuesday 10 March. If you do need an extension on this date, please let Elaine know asap.

Here is the link if you are not yet signed up to classlist -

<https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/view/1408410686>

If anyone has any ideas for events or raising funds for the children and school, please do let us know and if anyone has any free time and would like to volunteer to help us, please do get in touch.

Contact Details - familiesoflarkrise@hotmail.com

Facebook page - Families and friends of Larkrise Primary School,
Classlist or alternatively, look out for us on the KS2 playground.

Thank you to everyone for supporting us and we hope you all have a lovely weekend.

The FOLs Team

PHILOSOPHY FOR CHILDREN

Our 'P4C question of the week' that we'd like you and your children to discuss is this:

'Would you rather read a book or watch a film?'

The important thing to ask is 'why?' Do let us know what you and your children discuss.

FAMILY FRIDAYS

Parents and carers are welcome to come into school at 8.40am **every Friday**, alongside their child, to read in their classroom. We will do this **EVERY Friday** so please do come along and join in. If children see us working together, they will do so much better in their learning! Please do come in, if only for 10 minutes! Younger siblings are welcome to come too as long as you keep them close to you whilst reading. We ask you all to have left the classroom by 9am so the children can then proceed with their class learning.

ATTENDANCE NEWS

Attendance was a reason that Larkrise did not reach the 'outstanding' grade from Ofsted last year. There are too many families who fall under the 90% attendance bracket and are so deemed to be 'persistently absent'. Children should be attending school every day. Your child can only miss school if they are too ill to attend or school have given advance permission. Can you please ensure you contact the school office to explain any absence from your child **on the day they are going to be absent before 9am**. The national attendance target is **95%** and we would really like to achieve that this year.

Reception –	86.4%
Year 1 –	81.5%
Year 2 –	89.5%
Year 3 –	91.6%
Year 4 –	95.7%
Year 5 –	94.4%
Year 6 –	92.7%

CERTIFICATES

Class	Stars of the Week	Mathematician of the Week
Reception (EYFS)	Harrison, Eliana	Thomas
Year 1	Indiana, Freddie	Skyla
Year 2	Tahir, Davina	Imogen
Year 3	Oscar, Aria	Alfie
Year 4	Logan, Megan	Lewis
Year 5	Daisy, Brooke	Paityn
Year 6	Leyton, Alice	Whole Class

BIRTHDAYS

A very happy birthday to the following children for this week:

Ogechi, Arthur, Gabriella

Many happy returns!

Have a great weekend!

Ms Allen



Headteacher

Larkrise Primary School



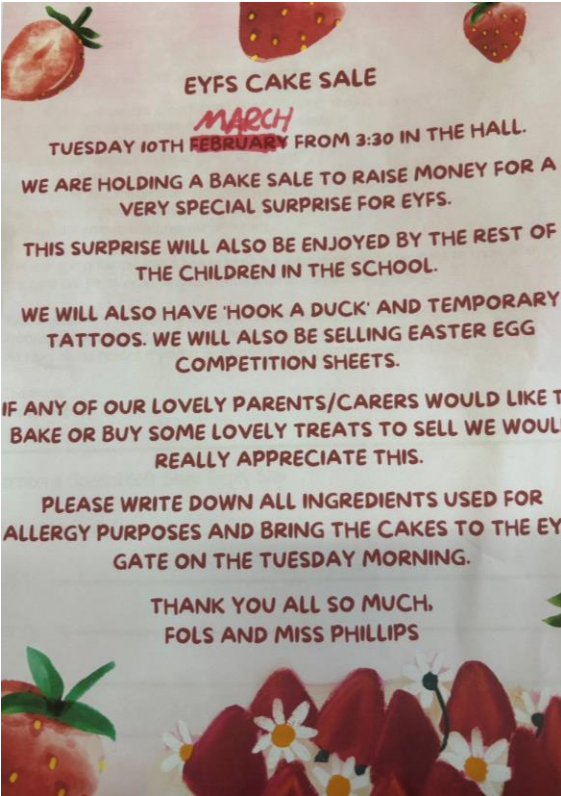
**FOLS Someone Special
Gift Shop is back!**

We would like to offer the children an opportunity to select a gift for the special lady/ladies in their lives, each gift is £3 per item

The children will visit the FOLs gift shop in school on Friday 13 March 2026

Reply slips for cash payments will be sent home after half term. Payment event will be set up on claslist. Please return cash & payment slips to the office or a FOLs member

Closing date to return slips and money and purchase online is Monday 9th March 2026
Any questions, please ask FOLs



EYFS CAKE SALE

TUESDAY 10TH ~~FEBRUARY~~ ^{MARCH} FROM 3:30 IN THE HALL.

WE ARE HOLDING A BAKE SALE TO RAISE MONEY FOR A VERY SPECIAL SURPRISE FOR EYFS.

THIS SURPRISE WILL ALSO BE ENJOYED BY THE REST OF THE CHILDREN IN THE SCHOOL.

WE WILL ALSO HAVE 'HOOK A DUCK' AND TEMPORARY TATTOOS. WE WILL ALSO BE SELLING EASTER EGG COMPETITION SHEETS.

IF ANY OF OUR LOVELY PARENTS/CARERS WOULD LIKE TO BAKE OR BUY SOME LOVELY TREATS TO SELL WE WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE THIS.

PLEASE WRITE DOWN ALL INGREDIENTS USED FOR ALLERGY PURPOSES AND BRING THE CAKES TO THE EY GATE ON THE TUESDAY MORNING.

THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH,
FOLS AND MISS PHILLIPS

WE ACCEPT CHILDCARE VOUCHERS & OFFER TAX-FREE CHILDCARE!

MEGA CAMPS

KIDS DAY ACTIVITY CAMPS

CHILDCARE FROM 8am - 6pm

AGES 4 - 14

EASTER CAMP 2026

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30TH MARCH - 17TH APRIL
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OR CALL 0 533 012 4376

ALL OUR STAFF ARE DBS CHECKED

MEGA CAMPS

2026 CAMP DATES

EASTER*
30TH MAR - 17TH APR

MAY
26TH MAY - 29TH MAY

SUMMER
21ST JUL - 28TH AUG

OCTOBER & CHRISTMAS DATES TBC
Visit: www.megacamps.net
for your locations exact dates & more details

NERF GAMES & LASER TAG

CAMP HOURS 9am-4pm
EXTENDED HOURS 8am-6pm

SPORTS

ARTS & CRAFTS

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MAKING MEMORIES

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*DATES VARY DEPENDING ON LOCATION