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LARKRISE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Families

Welcome back to the new school year! I hope you have all had a lovely time making memories with your families over the summer months and are ready to get stuck in to learning. This week staff and children have been working hard on getting to know each other and developing relationships, which I think you will agree, is so important to everyone.

We have already started to 'Meet the Teachers' with our Year 3 and Year 4 families meeting their new class teachers on Wednesday and Thursday. Year 5 is happening today at 2.45pm. The schedule for the rest of the classes is below. Please come to the school reception where you will be led up to the classroom to start promptly at 2.45pm. Apologies to the many that are respectful, but can I please remind parents to be respectful to our staff during these sessions.

Monday 8 th September at 2.45pm	Year 6
Tuesday 9 th September at 2.45pm	Year 2
Wednesday 10 th September at 2.45pm	Year 1

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 you for your co-operation.

READING

Children will all now have a new reading record for this academic year. Please encourage your children to read EVERY night. Reading for pleasure is more likely to determine whether a child does well at school than their social or economic background. Reading improves academic attainment in more areas than just English. It increases vocabulary, spelling ability and improves comprehension, concentration and cognitive development. Help your child to succeed by reading with them, to them or having them read to you.

Watch this clip - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rW2r5uStgG0>

SCHOOL UNIFORM

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours.

Uniform Details

AUTUMN/WINTER

- Grey or black trousers (boys or girls) (Reception children can wear black jogging bottoms)
- Grey or black socks
- Grey or black school skirt or pinafore
- Grey or black tights or $\frac{3}{4}$ length charcoal grey, black or white socks
- Blue shirt or blouse or blue polo shirt, blue jumper or cardigan with optional school logo on (which is available from One Stop School Gear)

- Plain black shoes or trainers, no logos.

SUMMER

- Grey or black shorts
- Grey or black socks
- Blue and white gingham dress with white socks
- Plain black shoes or trainers, no logos

*NB. Trousers and shorts worn in school for uniform must be appropriate uniform style material and 'cut', i.e. tailored style, **not** sportswear or fashion styles.*

Character clothing, colours other than black, blue or white and heavily branded clothing, including football shirts, are not part of our uniform.

All uniform items can be purchased from One Stop School Gear, however items of school uniform can also be purchased at local supermarkets, or high street shops, meaning they can be much more affordable for families. The logo'd uniform, especially the jumper, is a popular choice but is not compulsory.

'The Hive' has a pre-loved uniform shop. Contact our Child and Family support worker or come to a drop-in to find out what's there.

FOLS NEWS

Welcome back to everyone and hello to our new parents.

SEND COFFEE MORNING

On Friday 12th September Mrs Pattullo will be hosting our first coffee morning at 9am. Come straight after drop off to the Hive and have a tea or a coffee, perhaps even a biscuit or two!

IROCK

IRock begins again on Monday 8th Septmber. This time we have a new band coach and he will be coaching on a Monday afternoon. If you are interested in your child joining, 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.



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9 -10 am	Pre-loved uniform shop open (Cash only)		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 079562111932.

PHILOSOPHY FOR CHILDREN

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

'Would you rather go to school or be on holiday?'

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

FAMILY FRIDAY

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.

BIRTHDAYS

A very happy birthday to the following children for this week and for over the summer holidays; Alyssa, Oscar P, Ayaz, Elliott, Saikrish, Buster, Donne-Ray, Corey, Rafat, Dominic, Joy, Miriam, Layla, Elodie, Samuel, Marley, Aoife, Amelia and Matteo.

Many happy returns!

Have a lovely, restful weekend.



Ms Allen
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Larkrise Primary School



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URGENT ACTION REQUIRED by Friday 12th September.

Dear Great Baddow Residents

Join the appeal to get a pharmacy back into the Vineyards.

Why? Boots pharmacy in the Vineyards closed over 15 months ago. Since then, many of you have shared, with your Parish Councillors and your local MP, how difficult it has been to access medicines and pharmacy services. In April 2024 an application was made for an NHS pharmacy contract to restore this essential service, but unfortunately the application has been **refused**. We now have **only one opportunity to appeal this decision**. To strengthen the case, we must provide **real examples** of the problems residents are facing since the closure. **The appeals authority is particularly sympathetic to' real stories**, so your personal experience could make a vital difference.

What to do? Please write a short letter or email, in your own words, explaining the difficulties you or your family are facing, such as:

- Long queues at other pharmacies.
- Problems for elderly, disabled, or less mobile patients having to travel further.
- Difficulties with parking or using public transport to reach pharmacies.
- Transport issues at weekends when it is even harder to access medicines.
- Carers having to leave vulnerable loved ones alone for long periods while waiting in queues/travelling to distant pharmacies.
- Delays in getting prescriptions filled, sometimes requiring multiple trips.
- Missed/delayed services such as vaccinations because of access issues.
- Having to use the A&E department of the hospital instead of GP services or consulting a pharmacist.
- Any other challenges that have made obtaining medicines/advice stressful or unsafe.

How?

- Please create a **new email** and send it to: nader1302@gmail.com – **please do call at the Parish Hall by Friday the 12th September if you need assistance**
- In the **subject line**, write: *Great Baddow Pharmacy application*
- In your email, please include **your postcode only** (no need to give your full address).

Your comments need to arrive no later than **15th September 2025** to be included in the appeal. Every single story will make a difference. This is our community's one chance to secure a much-needed pharmacy. With your help, we can show the NHS the real impact this closure has had on patients, residents and carers.

Great Baddow Parish Council - on behalf of the applicant, **Nader Siabi, the Pharmacist.**

Email: admin@greatbaddowparishcouncil.gov.uk
Website: www.greatbaddowparishcouncil.gov.uk
Clerk of the Council: Mrs Louise Flavell

