



Lostock Gralam Church of England Primary School

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Date: Thursday 9th November 2023

Children are at the heart of everything we do and Christ is the light that guides us.

John 8:12

Weekly Message

I hope you have enjoyed our very special poppy display on the front of school, we have also been flying the flag from the British Legion. Our Year 6 children have done a brilliant job selling poppies, thank you for supporting such a special cause.



Odd Sock Day – Monday 13th November

Children and staff are invited to wear odd socks to school today as part of Anti Bullying Week. This celebrates our differences and uniqueness.

Something lovely from Mrs Esling!

Be the pond- mindfulness

Starlings have enjoyed this short video that explores the different feelings we may experience. Feelings come and go, and we can observe them, without getting swept up by them. We learnt that our mind is like a pond full of fish. The fish are our feelings and if we remember to be the pond, and not the fish we can try and let the feelings that trouble us swim by!

Anti-Bullying Week Monday 13th November – 17th November

This year, the theme is 'Make a noise about bullying.' Through worships and class PSHCE lessons, we will explore how we can support each other with friendships and feeling happy. We will also introduce our Well-being Ambassadors who will undergo a training programme where they will develop strategies to help others when they are feeling sad or worried.





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Phonics Meeting for Parents – Reception and Year 1

Just a reminder that on **Tuesday 14th November**, we will be having a Reception and Year 1 parent meeting regarding how to support your child in early reading at home. We will be sharing example lessons, resources and giving support on the correct pronunciation of sounds. There will be a meeting at **2:45pm** and **4:30pm**; these sessions are for parents only. Please email admin@lostockgralam.cheshire.sch.uk by **Friday 10th November** to let us know whether you will be attending so we have an idea of numbers. Thank you for your support with this.

Book Swap – Friday 10th November

Our lovely librarians, Gracie and Hannah, will be on the playground after school on Friday for another book swap. Bring a book or 2 to swap for another and help share our passion for reading, as well as saving the planet.



Children in Need – Friday 17th November

As always, we will be supporting this wonderful cause with a non-uniform day, donations can be given on the day or sent to the link below! Thank you!

<https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

Friday 15th December – we will be finishing at 1pm and there will be no Fun Foxes. A party lunch of burger and chips will be available from the school kitchen.

Messy Church

Lostock Gralam Parish

Messy Church

Sunday November 12th 2023

2.00 – 3.30 pm

Church Hall

Station Road

Lostock Gralam.

Craft activities for all the family based on the theme of Remembrance.

No charge. All are welcome.



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Clothes Donation

We would really appreciate donations of outgrown socks, tights and jogging bottom for children aged 3-8. Please bring them to Miss Dalby (Reception Classroom) - thank you in advance!

Online Safety

To help keep your children as safe as possible online, please click [here](#) to access an interactive guide. It gives you practical instructions on how to set parental controls on the most common devices children use.

Diary Dates

This will be added to each week!

13th November	Years 3 & 4 worship in Church led by Vicar Andrew – parents welcome to join Odd socks day for anti-bullying week
15th November	Robins trip to Beeston Castle
16th November	Flu immunisations in school
17th November	Non-uniform day to raise money for BBC Children in Need
20th November	Years 1 & 2 worship in Church led by Vicar Andrew – parents welcome to join
21st November	Skylarks trip to Lion Salt Works
22nd November	Swallows trip to Titanic Museum
28th November	KS1 Christmas play – 9:30am and 2pm
29th November	KS1 Christmas Play – 2pm
1st December	Christmas jumper day for St Luke's and Elf run
6th December	KS2 play – 1:30pm and 5pm. Children to return to school at 4:30pm.
7th December	KS2 play – 5pm. Children to return to school at 4:30pm.
8th December	Christingle
12th December	PTA non uniform day for a donation for Xmas Fair. KS1 children to bring in chocolate gifts and KS2 children to bring in bottles for prizes.
13th December	Panto & PTA Christmas Fair - Party lunch – sausage roll and chips!
14th December	Christmas Lunch Christmas Carol Concert. Parents to join us on the playground for carols at 2:45pm.
15th December	Party lunch (Burger and chips!) and school finishes at 1 pm – No Fun Foxes
10th January	Toucans trip to the Imperial War Museum
17th January 2024	Goldfinches trip to Chester Grosvenor Museum
12th March 2024	Swallows Trip to Fox Howl Centre, Delamere
8th May 2024	Skylarks Trip to Tatton Park
3-5th June 2024	Toucans Residential Petty Pool Centre



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Worship

We hope that you enjoy our poppy planters at the front of school which have been lovingly made by our children and Miss Johnson.





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Remembrance Day

This year, all children will meet at the war memorial in our church grounds with Vicar Andrew as we commemorate the sacrifices, love and hope past and present armed forces have and continue to dedicate to us. All children will learn about the significance of the poppy in a whole school worship then will reflect on this in classes, making a contribution for our worship table. Year Six pupils will lead parts of the worship. Thank you so much for your milk bottle lids, we have made a beautiful poppy using them.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. We will remember them.

Sunflower Award Children

Owls (Reception)	Ada	Ada has shown great perseverance in phonics and we are so proud of the progress she has made. She comes to each lesson with such a joyful attitude!
Starlings (Y1)	Finn	For showing respect for other children's opinions during a discussion about Nibbles!
Swallows (Y2)	Tobey	For perseverance with artwork this week and constant respect in worships. We are really proud of you.
Robins (Y3)	Gabriel	For shining his light on his wisdom and for putting 100% effort into all his work in class. A pleasure to teach!
Goldfinches (Y4)	Josh	For being a shining example of kindness and respect.
Skylarks (Y5)	Bella	For showing perseverance and resilience when faced with a challenge in maths this week. Well done, Bella!
Toucans (Y6)	Taylor	You show consistent determination and hard work in all that you do. You have shone in your growing knowledge of your times tables in maths. Well done!

'Top Table' children for wonderful manners at lunchtime

Owls (Reception)	Savannah and Theo
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Before & After school clubs – Autumn Term

Name	Day/Time	Key Stage
Dodgeball	Monday 8-9am	Years 1-6



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Starlings (Y1)	Fern and Annabel	Girls Football	Monday 3.15-4.15pm	KS2
Swallows (Y2)	Katie and Corey	Hockey/Basketball	Wednesday 8-9am	Years 1-6
Robins (Y3)	Peggy and Sophie	Football	Wednesday 3.15-4.15pm	Years 1,2,3
Goldfinches (Y4)	Arnold and Joe T	Athletics/Benchball	Friday 8-9am	Years 1-6
Skylarks (Y5)	Evan and Bobby	Football	Friday 3.15-4.15pm	Years 4,5,6
Toucans (Y6)	Violet and Destinee			



Happy Birthday!

To Lily in Swallows, Nathan and Naomi in Skylarks

Lunch Menu – Week 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Beef Burger served in a bun with potato wedges & vegetables or baked beans	Macaroni cheese served with crusty Bread & Seasonal Vegetables	Roast Gammon served with Roast/Mashed Potatoes, roasted parsnip, carrot and sudee & Gravy	Chicken Tikka Masala served with Rice, Naan Bread & Seasonal Vegetables	Cheese & Tomato Pizza served with chips and peas/beans
Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings Served with a Side Salad	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings Served with a Side Salad	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings Served with a Side Salad	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings Served with a Side Salad	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings Served with a Side Salad
Deli Choice of Breads with a filling choice of ham, cheese or tuna	Deli Choice of Breads with a filling choice of cheese,	Deli Choice of Breads with a filling choice of ham, cheese or tuna	Deli Choice of Breads with a filling choice of ham, cheese or tuna	Deli Choice of Breads with a filling choice of cheese or



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Served with a Side Salad	ham or tuna Served with a Side Salad	Served with a Side Salad	Served with a Side Salad	tuna Served with a Side Salad
Fruit crumble & custard	Chocolate crunch	Toffee Apple sponge	Jam & custard biscuit	Golden crunch cookie

TERM DATES September 2023/August 2024

	Date of Closing	Date of Re-Opening
Christmas 2023/2024	Friday 15 th December school finishes at 1 pm – No Fun Foxes	Tuesday 2nd January
Spring Half-Term 2024	Friday 16 th February	Monday 26th February
Spring Break 2024	Wednesday 27 th March	Monday 15 th April
May Day Weekend 2024	Friday 3 rd May	Tuesday 7th May
Summer Half-Term 2024	Friday 24th May	Monday 3 rd June
Summer break 2024	Friday 19 th July school finishes at 1 pm – No Fun Foxes	Monday 2 nd September

INSET DAYS (Teacher Training) – 5 in total for 2023/24

Thursday 28th March 2024

Monday 22nd July 2024

Tuesday 23rd July 2024

Wednesday 24 July 2024

HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

Pupils are discouraged from taking holidays in term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. It is very rare that any holiday would be authorised. Good attendance is key to pupils making good progress and taking time out to go on holiday can significantly hamper progress. Where a holiday is unauthorised



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the LA is informed. A Fixed Penalty Notice will then be issued in accordance with section 444 of the Education Act 1996. The current rates payable by parents are £60 where the amount is paid within 21 days and £120 where the amount is paid within 28 days. The charge is per parent/carer per child. If the Fixed Penalty Notice remains unpaid this could lead to prosecution in the Magistrate's Court.

For the DfE statutory guidance on school attendance please click on the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence>

Attendance

Attendance is crucial for all children in order that they will achieve and is monitored closely by school. We are always happy to help any families who are struggling for any reason. Emily Leather our family support worker is in school Monday, Tuesday and Friday and is always keen to help.

"Central to raising standards in education and ensuring all pupils can fulfil their potential is an assumption so widely understood that it is insufficiently stated – pupils need to attend school regularly to benefit from their education. Missing out on lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind. Children with poor attendance tend to achieve less in both primary and secondary school." School Attendance DfE May 2022

If your child is ever unwell, please do let us know the reason for the absence by 8:45am on 01606 668270 (a message can be left on the school answer phone).