



LADY BANKES PRIMARY SCHOOL

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ambition, togetherness, opportunity, respect, curiosity, happiness



Dear Lady Bankes families,

We hope that you enjoyed the extra long weekend, due to the bank holiday and VE day celebrations.

We have had an excellent class assembly from 2FM. The children retold the story of the Great Fire of London brilliantly through their acting and singing. We also enjoyed a fantastic class assembly from 2KB all about space. Well done to the children and all the staff involved in organising these assemblies and thank you to all the families who came along to watch, we hope that you enjoyed them.

4KS & 4MB have had brilliant trips to Pizza Express and had great fun making pizzas at the restaurant and eating them for their lunch. 4CF will be going after half term.

We welcome Miss Williams to our staff team who is working with pupils in Year 5 and Mr McNaughton who is looking after the school site.

Year 6 are working incredibly hard for their SATs tests beginning on the 12th May. We know that they will all do their best. They have some lovely activities to look forward to once their tests are over including a trip to Chessington World of Adventures and their school journey to PGL at Marchants Hill in Surrey as a reward for all their hard work and to celebrate the end of primary school.

PSD childcare breakfast and after school club has begun and the children who are attending are thoroughly enjoying it. Please contact them if you are looking for care for your child either now or in the future. Breakfast club starts at 7.30am and the after school club can look after your children until 6pm.

Our dance group competed in the London heat of the Great Big Dance Off national competition at Cadogan Hall in London on Tuesday 6th and did extremely well, we are very proud of them all and the hard work they put in learning the dance. Miss Mackerness had, again, devised a fantastic dance for the children to perform.

We have had a wonderful week celebrating the 80th Anniversary of VE day here in school. The children enjoyed their special picnic lunch as well and some exciting activities in class on the day. They looked great in their red, white and blue. Children in Years 5 and 6 were enthralled listening to a past parent, Ted Palmer, who shared with the his memories of VE Day as he was 6.

Year 4 had a lovely day out visiting Wembley Stadium, they were all very well behaved and enjoyed seeing behind the scenes.

FOLBA's next event is the circus on Friday 16th May. We look forward to seeing you all there. The children are thoroughly enjoying all the outdoor gym equipment that FOLBA have provided thanks to all the funds that they have raised through events such as this.

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing the children safely back to school on Monday 12th May.

Mrs Needs



Monday 12th May

Year 6 SAT's Week
Mental Health Awareness Week

Wednesday 14th May

3RG Ruislip Manor Walk (AM)

Friday 16th May

3SB & 3BH Ruislip Manor Walk (AM)
FOLBA Circus/Fair
NO AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS



Monday 19th May

School Council – Café Connect
Year 6 Trip to Chessington
Year 3 Trip to St Martins Church

Tuesday 20th May

Ark Farm Visiting Nursery

Wednesday 21st May

World Diversity Day
Year 1 Trip to Legoland
2ED Class Assembly @ 9.00am
Quad Kids All Day

Thursday 22nd May

World Cultural Diversity Dress Up Day, Whole School

Friday 23rd May

Staff Training Day – School Closed

Monday 26th – Friday 30th May

Half Term

Monday 2nd June

Term Begins @ 8.30am

Sporting Achievements

A huge well done to Frankie in 5BR. Frankie attends Hillingdon Athletics Club and recently took part in a competition at Banbury Harriers AC. Frankie took part in the 100m sprint where she came first, the 600m where she came second and her score in the long jump was 3.42m. She had a fantastic day even tho she said it was freezing cold! She won a medal a trophy and a certificate.

PARKING

Please do not park your car in the EYE Nursery driveway when you collect your child from an afterschool club. It is only for use of people collecting from the EYE Nursery. Also do not park in the staff car park without prior authorisation, we are monitoring this closely.

MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

If your child suffers from hayfever symptoms please ensure that they have their medication at home daily to prevent symptoms worsening while at school.



INHALER RECYCLING

Do you know?

You can recycle your inhalers and save the planet from pollution

1 Inhaler carbon footprint = 150 mile car journey



Where to recycle?

Collect your old inhalers and drop it in our **special recycling bins** in-

- **Paediatric Emergency department**
- **Bumblebee ward**
- **Outpatient department**

*Collect a sticker from team after you recycle your inhaler

“HELP THE PLANET BREATHE, RECYCLE YOUR INHALERS”



GAELIC KICK OFF

with Tir Chonail Gaels

Introducing girls and boys aged 5-17 to Gaelic Football
U5's to U11's @ 7pm to 8pm - U-12 to U-17 @ 7pm to 9pm
Commencing Friday 4th April 2025

Weekly Pre-Season training commences at;
Tir Chonail Gaels, Berkley Ave, Greenford, UB6 0NZ




Register your interest at: secretary.tirchonailgaelsonline@gaa.ie
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Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Parent /Carer Meeting

We will be teaching Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), along with Health Education as part of National Curriculum. As part of our school's wider Personal, Social and Health Education programme, your child will soon receive lessons on relationships, sexual health and personal safety. These lessons will be taught between June 2nd - 19th July 2025.

We have provided information that outlines what each year group will be teaching. Please read:

<https://www.ladybankes.school/page/?title=Relationships+and+Health+Education&pid=112>

In addition to this we would also like to offer parents/carers the chance to attend a presentation meeting, in which we will discuss the curriculum and what is being taught to each year group.

The meeting will take place:
EYFS/KS1 (Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)
 Date: Tuesday 20th May 2025
 Time: 8:45am - 9:30am

KS2 (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6)
 Date: Wednesday 22nd May 2025
 Time: 8:45am - 9:30am

If you would like to attend the meeting please fill out this google form below:

[Lady Bankes RSE Meeting 2025 - Google Forms](#)

We encourage you to visit the website on the link above, so you are informed of the content of the curriculum.
 Kind regards,

Mr Hagreen, Mrs Neagle and Mrs Cowley



Dear Lady Bankes families,

World Day for Cultural Diversity

We would like to take this opportunity to tell you about our upcoming and exciting World Day for Cultural Diversity at our school, which will take place on Thursday 22nd May 2025.

World Day for Cultural Diversity, is a global event led by UNESCO and supported by the United Nations. It enables people all around the world to reflect on what [diversity](#) is within our culture and cultural heritage. It's also a time to think about why cultural diversity continues to matter in today's world, and to discuss important issues affecting people of different cultures.



Celebrating culture is important to us as we are a diverse school with many different cultures in our Lady Bankes Primary School family. As part of our ongoing commitment to promoting the understanding of the cultural backgrounds of one another we are asking all children and staff to come in their traditional, cultural clothing to mark this day.

We do understand that not all children have their own cultural wear, therefore children can represent their culture in alternative ways, such as wearing the colours of their country's flag or wearing their national football shirt.

We look forward to seeing all the children dressed up and celebrating our different cultures with one another.

Best wishes

Mrs Neagle and Mrs Cowley



GREEN TEAM NEWS

Did you know that conventional dishwashing liquid has warn us that they cause harm to marine life?!



Warning

H319 - Causes serious eye irritation

H412 - Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects



The Green Team have worked hard to source a more environmentally friendly alternative, with a brand called Ecover. They have also just received confirmation of another bubblier version from the company Ineos!

They have been able to secure each bottle at a **bargain price of £2**, which is lower than the RRP!

These were sold through a pre order form, but can also be purchased at the Summer Fair on Friday 16th May.

The Eco Ambassadors have presented assemblies to the whole school, to help spread the message to the wider community.



So please support their cause and **DO YOUR DISHES AND SAVE THE FISHES!**

Nursery News

The Nursery children enjoyed attending the playground proms and the Easter Fair that was organised by F.O.L.B.A. They loved making their toast and adding marmalade as a topping just like Paddington Bear. The children were all excited to tell their news, on their return to Nursery after the holidays. This half-term is also going to be fun and amazing! Our key question is 'What animals live on the farm?' The children will learn all about farm life and 'Ark Farm' will visit us in May, where the children will gain first hand experience in feeding and looking after the animals.



Reception News

Reception has sprung into its final term with excitement and curiosity! Children returned after the Easter break full of energy and ready to learn. This half term, the focus is on how living things change – and what better way to start than with a magical surprise? The class planted a magic bean and were astonished to find it had grown into a beanstalk overnight!

The fun didn't stop there – Last Monday, Reception joined Nursery for a lively mini marathon on the school field. The track was filled with cheers and laughter as the children raced around with great enthusiasm. A fantastic start to an exciting term ahead!



Year 1

For the last two weeks, we have been starting our story writing unit. We have created magical boxes and will be writing our stories about finding them next week. On Tuesday, we completed our mini marathon. All the teachers were very proud of how far we ran and the enthusiasm we showed! In Maths, we have started multiplication and division by looking at grouping in 2s, 5s and 10s. During our Humanities lessons, we have started to look at our new key question, 'What would it be like if you were King or Queen and lived in a castle?' and cannot wait for our two upcoming trips to Legoland and Windsor castle. We have been working very hard in preparation for reading our phonic words to our teachers in June too. Have a safe and lovely bank holiday weekend 😊



Year 2

The children have settled back into school really well and we are all loving this summer sun! In History we have been finishing off our space topic and making final comparisons between Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus. The children have had to decide if they would rather explore land or space and the overwhelming answer was of course – SPACE! We finished off this unit by completing our D and T topic of 'Space Buggies'. This was a huge success, have a look at the pictures below! We have lots more exciting things coming this term, such as the arrival of our chicks, our trip to Whipsnade Zoo and class assemblies! 2FM did a fantastic class assembly this week and we are looking forward to 2KB's and 2ED's in the coming weeks 😊



Year 3

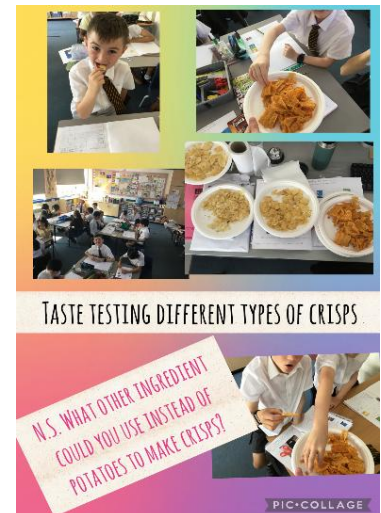
We're off to a fantastic start, and the children are enjoying the longer days and exciting learning opportunities ahead. Here's a look at what we've been up to so far.

🌿 Making Plantain Crisps – A Tasty Learning Experience!

As part of our DT and cultural studies work, Year 3 had the chance to make their own **plantain crisps**. The children loved peeling, slicing, seasoning, and baking the plantains – and of course, tasting the final product! It was a fantastic hands-on experience that helped them learn about healthy snacks and different foods from around the world. The classroom smelled delicious, and the crisp reviews were very positive!

🧠 A Visit from Lifebase – Learning About Ourselves

We were thrilled to welcome **Lifebase** into school this term. Their engaging session focused on personal development, well-being, and making healthy choices. Year 3 took part in thoughtful discussions about feelings, friendships, and growing up. The visitors were very impressed with the children's maturity and willingness to share their ideas.



Year 4

We have started the summer term focussing on our new topic; The Ancient Egyptians where we are working towards answering our new key question;

What were the achievements of the Ancient Egyptians and why was the River Nile so significant?

The start of the summer term has begun with some exciting trips! 4KS and 4MB recently visited Pizza Express where they discovered the origins of particular ingredients, the history behind where pizzas were made and then became pizza chefs! Did you know that the first pizza was actually made by the Ancient Egyptians!



4CF are looking forward to their trip in June.

The whole school celebrated VE Day on Thursday and completed lots of wonderful activities. In Year 4 we made a patchwork quilt which we will display in school to mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day. We also learnt about rationing and discovered that during the war a certain amount of food was given to families which they have to be resourceful with. To end our celebrations, we enjoyed a wonderful picnic on the field!



Year 5

Recently, Year 5 enjoyed their Life Base visits from SCARF. They learnt about how to keep themselves healthy and the harmful effects smoking and vaping has on the body. The coordinator commented on how enthusiastic and well-behaved the children were 😊

Year 5 commemorated VE day by baking scones. This recipe was adapted from one used with the rationing ingredients. We loved using skills such as measuring, rubbing, mixing, and cutting. They taste delicious! We then thought of ways of improving the recipe and what accompaniment we would have with it-the possibilities were interesting. We also enjoyed meeting Ted who told us a lot about his experiences of World War 2 and VE Day.

In maths, we have been learning about shape and we are enjoying our new book in English, 'Oranges in No Man's Land'. We are all really looking forward to starting our new topic of 'Crime and Punishment' next week.



Year 6

Year 6 enjoyed our picnic to commemorate VE Day yesterday.



We also had a lovely visit from Ted, who shared his experience of VE Day and World War Two.

