

Lytechett Matravers Primary School and Preschool

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Tuesday 21st July 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope that everyone enjoyed the Summer Fayre a week ago as much as I did: the soaking was actually fairly refreshing given the weather conditions! Seeing all sections of the community coming together and having fun is such a pleasure to witness and once again shows the strength of the Lytechett community.

This would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of our PTFA, which has gone from strength to strength this year. The actions of the group in organising communal activities and events has brought members together and cemented cohesion in the community, as well as raising money for the school and, of course, providing a lot of fun for the children!

Our overall school vision of 'Thriving Together' is, again, demonstrated through this partnership. We value this connection as well as the regular cooperation between home and school and genuinely appreciate the support that we received from parents and carers. This was highlighted by the amazing response from the Year 6 parents when the children had to be collected early from their residential trip due to circumstances beyond our control.

In the interests of this partnership, I would now like to offer parents / carers the opportunity to provide feedback about the school uniform as this policy is due for review. Therefore, please complete the following survey to share your views. We have had communication in relation to pinafore dresses over the past two weeks: if the community confirm that these should be an option for Reception to Year 2 then we will add to the policy promptly and this will be in place for September. We would also allow those children wearing pinafores in Years 3-6 to wear these until the children grow out of them, up to the end of the next academic year.

Uniform Survey July 2026



[Uniform Survey July 2026 – Fill in form](#)

I wish you a restful and relaxing summer break and look forward to opening the doors to the children on Thursday 3rd September.

With warmest wishes as always,

Mr Vernon, Headteacher



Staffing For September

We have a few changes to the staff team from September. As previously communicated, Mr Hill will be leaving us for fresh adventures, Jody from preschool is departing for a new challenge and Mrs Farwell is looking forward to her retirement.

There is, therefore, some movement within our staffing team. Miss Harris and Miss Luke join the teaching team and will be the teachers for Osprey and Ladybird classes. Mrs Murphy will take on the position of a HLTA, covering classes during the week including in music and Mrs Kerley will also complete these duties on a casual basis, for example covering for staff absences. Miss Downs and Mrs O'Connor will become part of our teaching assistant team, continuing with the positions that they have been carrying out highly effectively this term.



Miss Harris



Miss Luke



Mrs Murphy



Mrs Kerley



Miss Downs



Mrs O'Connor

Walking Home

As previously communicated, please be aware that children in Year 4 will not be allowed to walk home on their own from September and will need to be collected from school.

Keeping Children Safe

Please find below contact details for where you can report any concerns that you might have about the welfare of a child in the community. We must all take our role in supporting any family experiencing challenges which impact on the safety or wellbeing of a child.

For Dorset residents:

Family Support and Advice Line (01305) 221000

[Worried about a child - Dorset Council](#)

For BCP residents:

Children's First Response Hub (01202) 123334

[Children's First Response Hub for child abuse or neglect concerns | BCP](#)

NSPCC:

To report worries about a child (0808) 8005000

[Contact us | NSPCC](#)

The safeguarding team will still be checking emails throughout the Summer holiday, should you have any urgent safeguarding concerns, please email the emails below and a member of our Safeguarding team will get back to you:
head@lmpsddorset.co.uk or deputy@lmpsddorset.co.uk



Final House Points

Last year's winning house, Arundel, have lost their crown this year. Although we have a final count on Monday, this is unlikely to change the result: congratulations to Maltravers for seizing the crown! Although there has been some fluctuation, they have been ahead for the vast majority of the year and this is a well-deserved win.

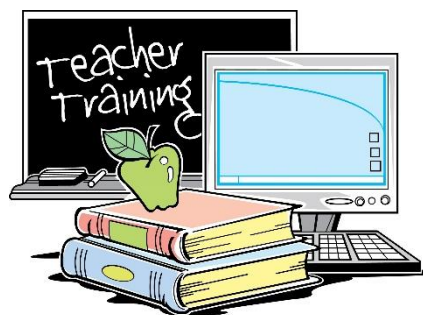
Arundel	Maltravers	Trenchard
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INSED Days

All INSED Days are now confirmed and on the school website: [School Term & INSED Dates | Lytchett Matravers](#)

School will be closed to children on these days:-

- INSED Day 1: Tuesday 1st September 2026
- INSED Day 2: Wednesday 2nd September 2026
- INSED Day 3: Friday 18th December 2026
- INSED Day 4: Monday 4th January 2027
- INSED Day 5: Thursday 25th March 2027
- INSED Day 6: Monday 7th June 2027
- INSED Day 7: Tuesday 8th June 2027



Holiday Activities

Holiday activities are still available within the local area to book. These continue to be funded by the DfE to provide free places (and hot meals) for children who receive benefit-related free school meals (FSM). Bookings for activities are now live with some still available! Parents/carers can click here to book spaces:

[Holiday activities and food \(HAF\) programme - Dorset Council](#)

FSM families need to pre-register to receive a passcode via text/email. This code should then be shared when booking activities.

Please register by emailing holidayactivities@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk and providing your child's name, date of birth and school, or by calling 01305 221157.

All holiday activities that are taking part in Summer in Dorset are also open to fee-paying families and the majority are accessible to children of all abilities.

This summer, Stars Holiday Club will be running a club at LMPs during most weeks of the holiday with discounts available for LMPs pupils! Booking details are available on their website:



[Home - Stars Holiday Club](#)

Online Safety

The Hamwic Online Safety Hub offers a wealth of information about how you can keep your child safe online and will be available throughout the holidays should you be in need of any advice or guidance. [Online Safety Hub - Hamwic Education Trust](#)

Cricket Event

We have attached a flyer from Dorset Cricket inviting girls to participate in the skills session during the Women's Showcase Event on July 31st.

This skills session will take place from 12:00-13:00 with coaches from the community team and pathway delivering a rotation of batting, bowling and fielding games. Participants will also be given the option to be flag bearers for the main event!



To participate, the organisation require the participants to book onto the skills sessions and the adult accompanying to purchase a FREE Showcase Game ticket. Use discount code Skills26 when paying to gain your free ticket!

Dorset Showcase Game Website- <https://www.dorsetshowcase.co.uk/>

Registration form link - [Dorset Cricket Girls Skills Activation Morning Registration Form – Fill in form](#)

Parking and Environmental Safety

Please do be mindful of others and the local community when parking for pick up. We know that space is tight, but local residents should be able to access their property without obstruction whenever they choose to do so. Additionally, we would ask those of you with petrol or diesel cars to turn off your engines and not leave them running when waiting for the end of the school day. Many cars with idle engines contributes to a build up of pollution which directly affects the health of all members of the community, including the very young and those with breathing difficulties.

Road Crossing

As part of Dorset Council's ongoing commitment to improving road safety and accessibility for children, families and the wider community, works to install a new dropped kerb and tactile paving crossing point will take place during the school holiday period. The team have secured road space for the week commencing 27th July, allowing the works to be completed while minimising disruption to pupils and school traffic.

In addition, the new TAC-Grid surface treatment will be installed and ready for use by the start of the new school term in September. This high-friction surfacing will further enhance the visibility of the crossing location and support safer vehicle approaches. These enhancements are designed to make it easier and safer for pedestrians to cross the road, particularly school children, and form part of the wider programme of measures to support active travel and improve road safety.

We would like to join Dorset Council in thanking Lauren the School Crossing Patrol for her continued dedication and professionalism while managing the crossing under the existing temporary arrangements. Her commitment has been invaluable in helping children and families cross safely each day.

Cheerleading Success!

Congratulations to one of our pupils for achieving most improved Cheerleader at the recent 'Cheerfest' cheerleading festival. You trusted in yourself and never gave up and thought creatively – well done!

Lyme Disease

Vikki Slade, our local MP, has provided us with information to share about Lyme Disease:



Lyme Disease can have a devastating impact and I am working alongside Lyme Disease UK to raise awareness and to do all we can to help prevent further cases of Lyme Disease this summer:

Basic facts:

- Lyme disease can be transmitted by the bite of an infected tick.*
- Ticks can be as small as a poppy seed. Bites are normally*

painless, so can easily be missed.

- Not everyone with Lyme disease develops a rash. It is important to look out for symptoms as well.

- The rash can appear up to 3 months after being bitten by an infected tick, but usually appears within 1 to 4 weeks. It can last for several weeks.

- Early symptoms can include fatigue, headaches, flu-like illness, facial palsy, migratory muscle and joint pain, nausea, and a stiff neck.

You can find more information and resources by visiting the Lyme Disease UK website: [Tick Bite Prevention - Lyme Disease UK](#) On the 'prevention' page there is a short video that explains how to prevent tick bites and what to do if bitten.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email and for helping to raise awareness of tick bites and Lyme Disease especially during peak season.

Attendance

Provided that they make it in for the last few days, 27 children maintained full attendance this year – well done to you all! They will graduate to the '100% club' during the final assembly on Tuesday.

As a school, our end of year attendance, subject to change on the last couple of days, was 95.4%. This is a rise of 0.7% when compared to the end of the last academic year (94.7%), equating to 550 additional school days attended! The number of children with attendance of under 90% has also fallen from 10.3% to 7.3%, meaning that 12 fewer pupils are defined as 'Persistently Absent'.

**Every
day
Counts**

Well done everyone for your hard work in ensuring that the children come into school and please keep it up next year!

Arts Week

This week's Arts Week has been a fantastic opportunity for the children to think creatively and use their imagination. They have produced some wonderful compositions and also learned information about the countries where this artwork is from. A special thanks to the Arts Week team, led by Miss Wells, who worked so hard to enable this to happen!

