

Lytchett Matravers Primary School and Preschool

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Gaining pupil voice about different elements of school is something that we do regularly within our daily interactions with children as well as during more formal opportunities, such as the school council. We also asked all of the children in years 1-6 last week to complete a survey about how they are feeling in a multitude of different areas.

The children's answers were very positive and reassuring in relation to how they are feeling – some examples below (the children marked between 1 and 5 stars)!

I enjoy school. 4.48

I know how to keep myself healthy 4.67

Adults at the school care about me. 4.71

It is important to come to school. 4.8

I feel I get enough help from adults when I need it. 4.35

I feel safe at school. 4.63

School Trips and Experiences are fun and help me learn my topics. 4.71

I enjoy my learning. 4.46

My teachers care about me. 4.61

My school encourages me to treat everyone equally and fairly. 4.7

My school encourages me to look after my physical health. 4.48

I am kind and helpful to others: I choose kindness. 4.68

As you might expect, some children's responses showed some worries and specific question responses demonstrated lower satisfaction ratings. For this reason, all of the teachers spent this week's staff meeting analysing the results in order to formulate action plans to address specific areas. Some of these centred around individual children and others around whole class activities, for example, curriculum adaptation around specific areas. I am sure that the enactment of these plans will further impact on the positive learning environment that we have at LMPS.

With warmest wishes as always,

Mr Vernon, Headteacher



Vigilance During Drop Off and Collection

We ask that all members of the community maintain vigilance before and after school to ensure the safety of all children and adults. We can do this by:

- Reporting any people that appear to be acting in a suspicious manner to school staff
- Encouraging children to walk to and from school with a friend
- Verifying that your children have got home safely if walking
- Ensuring that we park respectfully
- Manoeuvring cars with care and attention

Toys and Items From Home

We have noticed that more children are bringing toys and other items into school. To confirm, we ask that children do not do this due to the potential for upset that it causes in school. Items can become lost or damaged, can cause jealousy and relationship challenges as well as resulting in distraction to learning. We have shared this with the children during assembly today as well as explaining that we would have to take items from children if they bring them into school, before returning them at the end of the school day.

Fund Raising

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the metal donation fundraising in the school car park which raised over £1000 for the Beavers, Scouts and Cubs.

Sports Day

As per previous communication, Sports Days are confirmed for the following dates:

- EYFS and Key Stage 1 Sports Day: Tuesday 19th May, 9.00am – 11.00am
- Key Stage 2 Sports Day: Wednesday 20th May, 1.00pm – 3.15pm

On Tuesday 19th May, EYFS and KS1 will complete their track events in the morning, with parents invited to watch. Gates will be open at 8.45am, with events starting at 9.15am. We consider that the track events will run for a maximum of 2 hours.

On Wednesday 20th May, KS2 will compete in their field events in the morning and then their track events will run from 1.15pm until 3.15pm. Gates will be open from 1.00pm.

What will your child need?

- School PE kit (as per school guidelines).
- Please ensure that you child wears their house-coloured T-shirt.
- Water bottle
- Sun cream (weather permitting)
- Hat (weather permitting)



Competition Winners!



Thanks to our PTFA entering us into a competition with the 'Chicken and Blues' restaurant chain, we have now been selected as the 'School of the Month', as part of their local community initiative.

As a result of this recognition, families are being offered a complimentary C&B Juniors Meal - available for either dine-in or collection at their Christchurch, Winton or Ashley Cross restaurants.

The initiative forms part of the launch of the group's new C&B Juniors Activity Sets, designed to keep children entertained while dining, and we're very grateful to be included in this celebration.

To redeem your complimentary meal, simply follow the link below and register - your reward will then be added to your account.

<https://pitcy.com/CcJxWO>

Chicken & Blues are also supporting Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity throughout 2026, donating from every Juniors Meal sold to help fund specialist nurses supporting seriously ill children and their families.

We hope you enjoy this kind gesture and thank Chicken & Blues for supporting our community.

Bournemouth Echo Competition

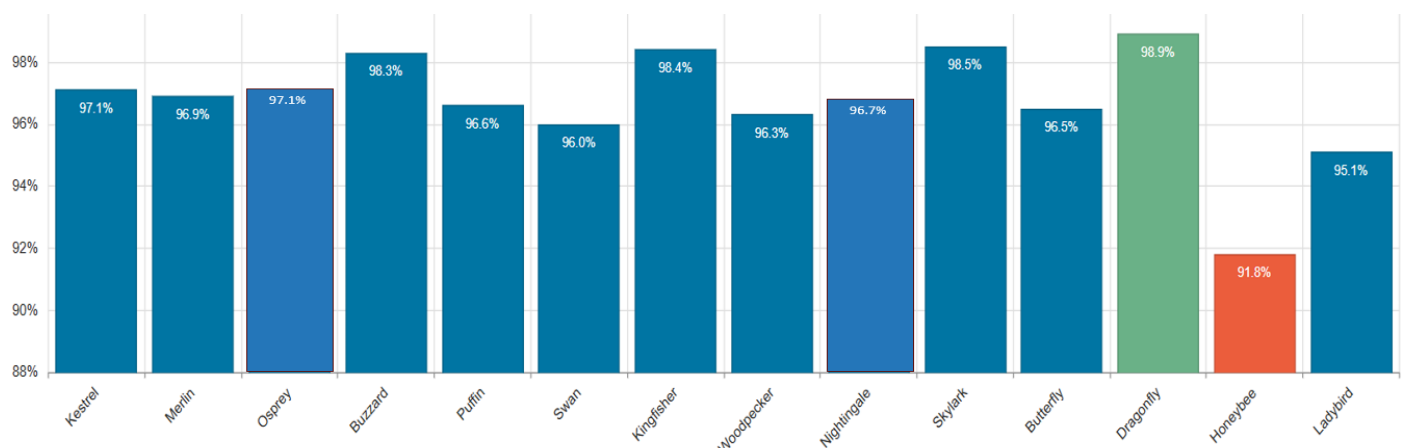
We have signed up to the *Vouchers for Schools 2026* competition from Bournemouth Daily Echo, launching on 11th May and running until Friday 3rd July. All people have to do is collect tokens in the paper and drop them off to school.

The school that collects the most tokens per pupil will be the winner!

Thank you in advance for your support!

Attendance

Congratulations to Dragonfly class for achieving the highest attendance over the last 2 weeks – into the green! 😊



DAILY ECHO

Help Your Local School WIN EQUIPMENT!

Get ready to participate in our exciting token collect competition and help your school stand a chance to win amazing prizes.

Collecting Tokens Here

Drop your tokens to reception!

Collect tokens printed in the Bournemouth Daily Echo from Monday 11th May until Friday 3rd July 2026.



Terms and Conditions: Newsquest terms and conditions apply. Visit Newsquest Prize Competition Rules and Newsquest Privacy Policy for more information. No Photocopies Accepted: Only original tokens will be counted. Only registered schools can enter, and no two schools can combine their token collections. Prizes are non-transferable and no cash alternative is available.

Children in the Starlight

The recent performance from Vivian Dance School to celebrate their 25th anniversary was an incredible spectacle that showcased a wide array of dancing talent from many children from our school. The performances varied from ballet to tap to modern and even included some thigh-slapping country numbers!

Every performer should be so proud of their performances and count themselves lucky to be part of such an amazing theatre school!



