



Lytchett Matravers Primary School and Preschool

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Friday 3rd October 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

Many thanks to all of the families who attended the PTFA's annual general meeting last Friday: we are very grateful for the support. During the meeting, key positions were confirmed (as of last year) with the committee for the group also ratified. We send our sincere thanks to all those standing for positions of responsibility for taking on roles that offer so much to our children out of the goodness of their hearts.

There are a large number of events coming up that are being run by the PTFA this term:

Halloween Disco on Friday 24th October

Fireworks Evening on Friday 7th November (new!)

Christmas Fair on Friday 5th December

Whole School Pantomime Trip on Thursday 18th December (new!)

I am sure that everyone will appreciate the hard work that goes into organising these events and that they will be well supported by the community. As I mentioned at the meeting, it is an absolute pleasure to work with such a committed, innovative and positive group who support our children so well.



As part of our school vision of 'Thriving Together' we continue to welcome close partnership work with all families and the wider community. It is a key strength of our school that there is such strength in this respect at LMPs and the benefits to the children in fostering their sense of belonging are significant. Where children feel part of something and the security that this brings to them, they gain self-confidence, emotional grounding and develop wider emotional resilience.

With warmest wishes as always,

Mr Vernon
Headteacher



Applying For Secondary Places

The deadline for applying for a secondary place for any child in Year 6 is Friday 31st October. If you have a child in Year 6, applications will need to be made through your home address council website:

[Starting secondary or upper school - Dorset Council](#)

[Apply for a secondary or upper school place | BCP](#)

School Nurse Drop In 22nd October

The school nurse will host a drop in session in the school hall on Wednesday 22nd October from 8:45. Support is available in key areas, such as supporting with sleep, anxiety and toileting. All welcome!

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to Miss Wells for organising a wonderful week of cakes in the school staff room last week. We raised over £200 for Macmillan as well as tucking in on some wonderful treats!

Facing Defiance Course

We have been shared details of a course that can be booked to support any parent facing defiance at home from their child:

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**



Are you struggling with a defiant child?



Facing Defiance

A six part online course for parents that you can complete in your own time. A step by step guide through a specific strategy aimed to support parents of children aged between 5 to 12 who are displaying very challenging behaviour, including children with ADHD, ODD and PDA.

go to **facefamilyadvice.co.uk**

Book online £48

on the **Online Parenting Courses** page

FACE October Timetable	
All sessions delivered live online via zoom, 90 minutes long	
£24 each or FREE with School Membership	
Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk	
Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)	
Understanding The Teenage Brain	6 Oct 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	6 Oct 7pm
Supporting A Child With ADHD	13 Oct 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	13 Oct 7pm
Autism Improving Communication	14 Oct 10am
Improving Family Communication	14 Oct 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	20 Oct 10am
Facing Defiance	20 Oct 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	21 Oct 10am
Understanding Anger	21 Oct 7pm
FREE - Raising Self-Esteem	23 Oct 7-8pm
Anxiety Explained	27 Oct 10am
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	27 Oct 7pm
What Is ACT?	28 Oct 10am
Introduction To OCD	28 Oct 7pm

Parking

We know that it can be challenging to park around the school site at drop off and pick up times, but continue to ask that you are respectful when doing so. Local residents should not be restricted from accessing their properties and please do not park in front of the school gates as emergency access is required at all times. We have requested further support from Dorset Council in providing parking enforcement officers, who do attend the area outside school regularly.

LMPS Showjumping Team

Congratulations to the newly formed Lytchett Matravers Primary Showjumping Team who had a really successful first National Schools Equestrian Association event last week. Our Year 2 pupil won the 40cm lead rein class and Year 4 pupil won her 40cm event. Congratulations also to our Year 5 pupil who came 4th in their first affiliated competition which is an excellent achievement. We also gained a 6th place in the 50 cm event. Thank you also to our Year 5 groom for your teamwork on the day!

All children have now qualified for the Regional Championships in January at Moreton and the Grassroots show jumping championships at Hickstead in August 2026. We are so proud of you!



Spreading Kindness!

Thanks to the inspiration from one of our Year 6 pupils, we now have a kindness box in the corridor for children to place kind messages to staff in. These messages will be read during Celebration Assembly on a Friday to encourage all members of the community to 'Choose Kindness and Work Together'.

We have already received a huge number of kindness comments from the children which will help to maintain the positive environment that we have at school.



Kindness is a gift
everyone can afford
to give.



Hall Hire

The school hall is able to be hired on request for a relatively modest fee. If you would like to book for a party or event, please contact the school office.

Dancing Awards

Congratulations to all of the children from Vivian Theatre School who recently took ISTD ballet exams. We are absolutely thrilled with their achievements, many receiving Distinctions and high Merits! Congratulations – you should be very proud of yourselves!



Mrs Fowles

We would like to thank Mrs Fowles for everything that she has done for our children over the last 9 and a half years. She has always had the children's interests at the front of her mind in all she has done to help and support in the hall and the playground.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance for the last two weeks was 96% - right on target so please do keep it up everyone! 😊

The class with the highest attendance this week was Honeybee with 98.9% - congratulations!

