

## CALENDAR DATES 2025

13 <sup>th</sup> JUNE	PTA Bring a bottle for the Summer Fair – Non Uniform Details to follow
16 <sup>th</sup> JUNE	PTA Bring a plant for the Summer Fair Details to follow
20 <sup>th</sup> JUNE	PTA SUMMER FAIR
24 <sup>th</sup> JUNE	EARLY YEARS – THE GREENSAND TRUST WORKSHOP See details below
7 <sup>th</sup> JULY 4:30pm to 6pm	PTA – Summer Picnic/AGM Details to follow
8 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> JULY	YEAR 2 – FIRE SERVICE VISIT
11 <sup>th</sup> JULY Time TBA	YEAR 4 LEAVERS DISCO Details to follow
16 <sup>th</sup> JULY 2-3pm	YEAR 4 PERFORMANCE Further information regarding tickets to follow
17 <sup>th</sup> JULY 6-7pm	YEAR 4 PERFORMANCE Further information regarding tickets to follow
18 <sup>th</sup> JULY 1:45pm to 3pm (time change)	YEAR 4 LEAVERS ASSEMBLY Parents/Carers of Year 4 are invited into Beaudesert
18 <sup>th</sup> JULY Finish at 3pm	WHOLE SCHOOL LAST DAY OF TERM **Note change of date as per email sent 3.4.25**

## Challenge Champions 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025



**Lynx: Rex**

**1M: Poppy**

**20: Daniel**

**3DR: Oliver**

**4P: Sienna**

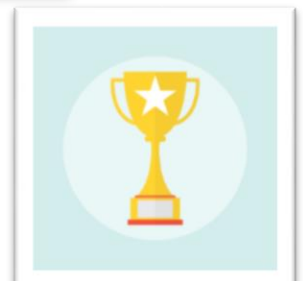
**Bobcat: Hannah**

**1P: Lily**

**2M: Oliver**

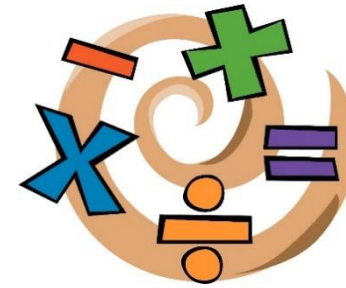
**3J: Jax**

**4G: Henry**

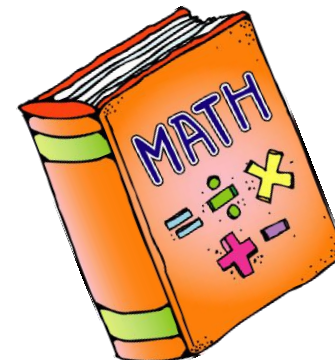
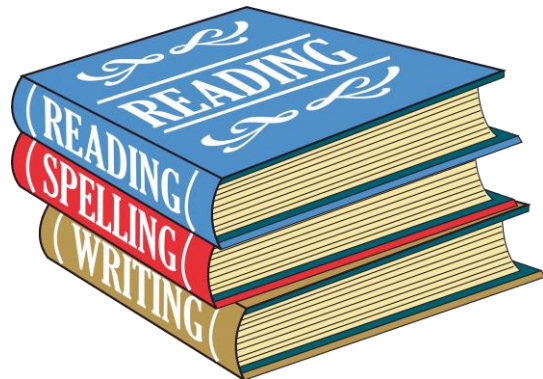




**English Champion of the Week**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025**



**Maths Champion of the Week**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025**





# Cluster Sports Festival – Brooklands Middle School



Some children from Year 2 were invited to take part in the local schools 'Cluster Sports Festival' this week.

As you can see they had a great time trying all the sporting activities!







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**BIG WALK AND WHEEL**  
 24 March–4 April 2025

**We're taking part in the Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel 2025 challenge.**

Join in by walking, wheeling, scooting or cycling to school between 24 March–4 April.

- ✓ Be active and feel more energised
- ✓ Help the environment by replacing a car journey
- ✓ Help us win some fantastic prizes

[www.BigWalkAndWheel.org.uk](http://www.BigWalkAndWheel.org.uk)

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## **WINNER!**

One child from each class was able to win a goodie bag from the 'Big Walk & Wheel' event.

Here is Chloe from Year 20 with her goodie bag!





# **Healthy Lunch Box Ideas & Healthier Food Swaps**

## **Stuck for ideas?**

### **How do I put less sugar in my child's lunch box?**

**The NHS website has an abundance of information and ideas to help you...**

### **Healthier lunchbox recipes**

Whether squeezing it in before the school run in the morning or before bed on busy midweek evenings, preparing your child's lunchbox can seem like just another thing on the list.

School meals are a great choice, but if you do make a packed lunch for your child then we've got you covered with our range of quick, easy, healthier lunchbox ideas and tips.

**Click on this link for further information:**

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>

### **Healthier food swaps**

These simple food swap ideas can help cut down on sugar, salt and fat in your and your family's diet, plus discover easy ways to make a swap when you next shop.

Even just 1 or 2 everyday swaps can really make a difference and go a long way to making each day healthier – but the more you make, the better!

**Click on this link for further information:**

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/food-facts/healthier-food-swaps/>



Please note the Beaudesert fleeces are now available to purchase from the above shop. This is an optional uniform choice.

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**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025**  
**St Leonard's Church Hall, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 0AA**  
**Junior 7-12 years 5pm (6:20pm finish)**  
**Senior 13-18 years 6.30pm (8pm finish)**  
*Auditions free of charge and nothing to prepare*  
*Please enquire for participation fee*

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No previous experience is required – just enthusiastic dancers, singers and actors  
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# LINSLADE TENNIS CLUB OPEN DAY 2025

- Free to try
- All ages and abilities welcome
- Mini Tennis, Junior Games
- Disability Tennis, Adult Tennis
- Activities run by our LTA accredited coaches
- Ball Machine

2PM- 5PM  
8TH JUNE 2025

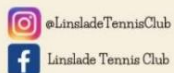
Games and Refreshments



Join Us!

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/linsladetennisclub>

Mentmore Road, Linslade, LU7 2NY



SARAH CRIPPS - LOCAL ARTIST

# OPEN ART STUDIO FREE TO VISIT

## 7th to 22nd June

### Opening times:

Mondays 12-5  
Tuesdays 2-5  
Wednesdays 2-5  
Thursdays 12-5  
Fridays 12-5  
Saturdays 11-5  
Sundays 10-5

Web: [sarahcrippsart.com](http://sarahcrippsart.com)

Insta: @sarahcrippsart

I'm a local artist and I make bespoke paintings of your loved ones and memories: portraits, pets, landscapes and more. You may have seen me at work in the High Street recently painting one of the new planters, I've also had an exhibition in the library and you can see my work at one of our town bus stops too!

I'm opening up my studio in June as part of Bucks Art Weeks. Please pop by to see me at work or talk about a picture you might like on your walls. You can also browse my other paintings, prints, gifts and greetings cards. Plus try out some art yourself and have some coffee and cake!



301 HEATH ROAD,  
LEIGHTON BUZZARD  
LU7 3AX



BUCKS ART WEEKS  
VENUE NUMBER 50

# THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK

## Learn to Ride cycle sessions Cycle4Life

**Date:** June 21, 2025 - 1pm till 3pm

**Location:** Astral Park , Johnson Drive , Leighton Buzzard , LU7 4AY

**Organiser:** [Cycle4Life](#)

**Tickets:** [Click here](#)

Join us at Astral Park for a free learn to ride cycle session. Top tips and techniques offered by our qualified cycle instructors to help you start on your lifelong cycle journey. We are running adult and child cycle sessions, all you need to do is turn up with your bike. Booking advised as places limited. Contact [becky@cycle4life.org](mailto:becky@cycle4life.org) using 'Big Green Week' in your title.

Please click on the following link for further information and how to book your space:

[https://www.greatbiggreenweek.com/cycle4life/learn\\_to Ride\\_cycle\\_sessions\\_cycle4life](https://www.greatbiggreenweek.com/cycle4life/learn_to Ride_cycle_sessions_cycle4life)



# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EMOJIS

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### GENERATIONAL MISCOMMUNICATION

An emoji like 🍑 (thumbs up emoji) might seem friendly to adults, but teens often interpret it as sarcastic or passive-aggressive. These differing interpretations can create confusion or unintended tension in cross-generational conversations.

### SHIELDING BULLYING OR PEER PRESSURE

When embedded in emojis, mean-spirited jokes or exclusionary language can fly under the radar. Terms like 'mid' or 'delulu' may seem harmless, but they can be used to undermine peers in subtle ways.

### RAPIDLY SHIFTING MEANINGS

Emoji meanings can change overnight. A person standing emoji (🧑) once signified awkwardness but might now be repurposed for something entirely different. This ever-changing lexicon can leave adults in the dark and young people vulnerable to misunderstanding or misuse.

Emojis are more than playful expressions — they form a fast-evolving digital language that many adults struggle to decode. For young people, this 'secret code' is central to how they communicate identity, humour and emotions. With over 5 billion emojis sent daily on Facebook Messenger alone, understanding these symbols is key to engaging meaningfully with digital youth.

### MASKING DISTRESS OR HARM

Some emojis are used to discreetly signal troubling behaviours. For instance, 🍂 (falling leaves emoji) or 💊 (pill emoji) might suggest drug use, while 🌵 (wilted flower emoji) could hint at emotional struggles. Such usage can obscure serious issues, making them harder for trusted adults to detect.

### NORMALISING RISKY BEHAVIOURS

Emojis can make harmful actions seem light-hearted or fashionable. Strings like 🍷👉👉👉👉👉👉 (fire + 'woozy' face + pill emojis) may appear humorous but can reference partying, intoxication or dangerous challenges, which might otherwise raise red flags.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### LEARN THE LINGO

Stay updated with emoji trends and definitions using resources like [emojipedia.org](https://emojipedia.org) or Urban Dictionary. Knowing current meanings builds confidence when engaging with young people and helps spot potential concerns early.

### CREATE SAFE SPACES FOR DISCUSSION

Encourage casual chats about emojis, online slang, memes, or social media trends. Showing interest without judgement reassures young people that they can talk about their digital world openly and safely.

### ASK, DON'T ASSUME

Approach unfamiliar emojis with curiosity rather than suspicion. A light-hearted "What does 🍷 (juice box emoji) mean these days?" can open conversation and show that you respect their knowledge.

### PRIORITISE TRUST OVER SURVEILLANCE

While parental controls and monitoring tools can be useful, emotional safety matters most. Be someone children and young people feel they can come to — not just someone who's watching them.

## EMOJI CHEAT SHEET - The following slang terms and emojis are some common examples — please be aware this isn't an exhaustive list.

### COMMON EMOJIS:

- |                                               |                                                                        |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 🤡 (Clown face) Foolishness or clowning around | 🥺 (Pleading face) Over-affectionate or 'simping'                       |
| 😎 (Cold face) Cool, stylish or ruthless       | 👁️ (Eyes) Watching drama unfold                                        |
| 😘 (Hot face) Intense attraction or excitement | 🐐 (Goat) Greatest of all time (G.O.A.T.)                               |
| 😐 (Moai) Stone-faced, unbothered              | 💅 (Nails) Confidence, sassiness, or indifference                       |
| 👑 (Crown) 'Slaying', as in doing great        | 🚩 (Triangular flag) Red flag; a warning sign about someone's behaviour |

### POTENTIALLY CONCERNING EMOJIS

- |                                                                      |                                                                           |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 🍷 (Ear of corn) Slang for pornography (avoids censorship algorithms) | 🌵 (Wilted flower) Often used to convey emotional struggle or sadness      |
| ❄️ (Snowflake, snowman, snow cloud) Can symbolise cocaine            | 🐍 (Snake) Can represent betrayal or being 'two-faced'                     |
| 🗝️ (Key, lying face) Related to cocaine use                          | 🔫 (Water pistol) Sometimes used to reference violence or self-harm        |
| 🍂 (Falling leaves, herb, maple leaf) Can symbolise cannabis          | ⚠️ (Warning) Used to emphasise drama, threats or emotional turmoil        |
| 💊 (Pill) May reference drug use or prescription misuse               | 🍜 (Steaming bowl) Refers to nudes ('noods' is an abbreviation of noodles) |

### Meet Our Expert

Keith Broni is a globally renowned emoji expert and the Editor in Chief of [emojipedia.org](https://emojipedia.org), the world's number one emoji resource. He has an MSc in Business Psychology from University College London and an MBA from Quantic School of Business and Technology.



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# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about OFCOM MEDIA REPORT 2025

Every year, Ofcom releases its Children and Parents: Media Use and Attitudes Report, offering fresh insights into how young people are using digital platforms. The 2025 edition highlights key safeguarding concerns as children's engagement with social media, gaming, and live streaming continues to grow. This guide pulls out the top statistics from the report, focussing on the main areas of concern for parents and educators.

## ONLINE LIVES

Children are engaging with social media and online content at increasing rates:

**37%**  
3-5s

now have access to social media platforms; however, only a small proportion use it independently of parents.

**79%**  
3-17s

have a social media profile, with 16% including a public photo.

**66%**  
3-17s

watch livestreamed videos regularly, with 16% of them streaming their own content.



## PARENTAL CONCERNS

Parents are increasingly worried about online risks:

**70%**

fear their child may see age-inappropriate or sexual content.

**68%**

fear exposure to content that promotes self-harm.

**72%**

worry about their child distinguishing real from fake information.

**61%**

worry about exposure to extreme views.

**69%**

are concerned about online bullying.

## ONLINE GAMING

Gaming remains popular but raises concerns:

**74%**

of children say they play with someone they know, while 32% report playing with strangers.

**62%**

of parents worry about their children talking to strangers while gaming.

**31%**

of children who game online chat with people they don't know.

## SCREEN TIME

Screen time is still a major challenge for parents:

**70%**

of parents of 13-17s say it's difficult to manage screen time.

**33%**

of 8-17s think their own screen time is too high.

**At 29% vs 24%**

boys were more likely than girls to disagree that their screen time is too high.

**18**

## HARMFUL CONTENT & INTERACTIONS

A significant minority of children continue to have negative feelings about social media and messaging apps:

**Nearly four in ten 8-17s** believe that people are mean or unkind to each other online all or most of the time.

**Girls aged 8-17** are more likely than boys to say they have experienced someone being nasty or hurtful to them online (31%).

**One third of teenagers** agree that it's important that people can say what they want online, even if it offends someone.

## ONLINE SAFETY IN SCHOOLS

Positively, the vast majority of children reported learning about online safety at school:

**92%**

of children aged 8-17 recall at least one lesson on online safety and most report finding them useful.

The top three topics covered are:

**63%**

How to recognise harmful content.

**63%**

How to keep personal information safe.

**62%**

Being kind and respectful online.

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# REMINDERS

## Start & Finish Times for September 2024 – July 2025

Year	Start time	Finish time
Years 3 & 4	8.40am	3.00pm
Years 1 & 2	8.40am	3.00pm
Reception	8.40am	3.00pm

**PLEASE FOLLOW THE WAY SYSTEM AROUND THE SCHOOL, EVEN IF THIS MEANS YOU WALKING BACK AROUND THE BUILDING FOR A 2<sup>ND</sup> LAP.**



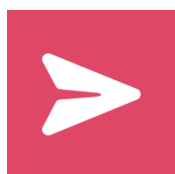
### **Change of contact details/address**

**If you have changed your address or phone number recently, please let the school office know your new details. Thank you.**



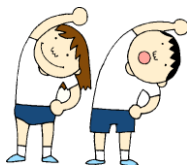
### **Absences/lateness**

***Can all parents ensure that all absences are reported to the School Office by 9.30am on the day of absence.*** It is also very important for the school to know if your child is sick, or if they have a medical appointment. If your child arrives into school late (after 8.45am), Parents are asked to please bring their child to the school office.



### **School App**

We now have a new school app. It is available to download free from the App Store on any mobile device. Search for '**reach more parents by weduc**'. Please be sure to download the app onto your phone as it will be our main method of communicating via text with Parents.



### **PE Kit**

**September 2024** – Please can all children bring in their PE kits at the beginning of the week so they can change into them during school time on their nominated days.



### **School Lunches**

Ordering and paying for school lunches is now done on [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com). Parents should have received letters that features login details. Please order all school lunches by Thursday for the following week. If you have any queries, please call 01908 615705.

**Beaundesert has a strict 'No Nuts' policy, and we ask parents to not send in food items such as peanut butter, cakes or biscuits that may contain nuts!**





### **Breakfast Club and After School Club**

Advance bookings for **both the Breakfast club and After School Club** need to be made online at <https://www.kidzzzoneclub.com/>. For same day bookings please can parents email [hello@kidzzzoneclub.com](mailto:hello@kidzzzoneclub.com) or call their office on 01525 591036 (between 9am and 3pm). Please note a parent/guardian must complete a 'Kidz Zone' child registration form either online via the website or with a member of the Kidz Zone team for the booking to be accepted – this information is required to meet Ofsted regulations.



### **Bikes and Scooters**

**Please can everyone remember to dismount bikes and scooters whilst on the school grounds, as accidents can occur on pathways at busy times.**



### **Car Parking**

Just a reminder for some parents when parking outside of the School that it is very important to park as considerately as possible. Parents and carers dropping their children off at school should not be parking on pavements. Car number plates may be reported to the Police if this continues to happen. Can parents also remember that parking in the Staff car park or the Kitchen car park is also not permitted. Thank you.



### **PTA Second Hand Uniform Shop**

The PTA have set up a pre-loved uniform shop. Please click on the below link to browse and make your purchase.

**Link:** <https://app.uniformd.co.uk/items/beaudesert-lower-school>