



# LABURNUM

## PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

# NEWS

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### MESSAGES, FEEDBACK AND REFLECTIONS FROM THE HEAD

There is no academic skill more important than learning to read. Reading is an essential part of the way we communicate with each other and is also central to learning in almost all subjects. Reading gives us information, opens our minds to new ideas, helps us to make decisions, keeps us safe and entertains us. We often promote reading at home because it is an essential part of your child's education. Education is a partnership between home and school and children that read more frequently at home make more progress in their reading, but also in many other curriculum areas.

Your child needs your help to get them into a regular routine of reading at home, whether to an adult (essential when they are younger) or independently as they grow older (although sharing a book at any age supports all children in making progress). I pride myself on honesty and integrity, which is why I have to say that unfortunately not enough children are reading regularly at home. I cannot emphasise strongly enough the difference you can make to your child if they read to you every day (or most days).

Mrs Dawes and I are considering ways to reward those who read regularly with House Points and will share more on this in due course.

### ACADEMY UPDATE

Since we shared with you that we had been matched to Advantage Schools as a Multi Academy Trust there has been a lot of work going on 'behind the scenes' sharing information from Laburnum to Advantage Schools and background work with Central Bedfordshire to ensure the due diligence process was fully completed. Yesterday Advantage Schools received the official confirmation that the DfE Regional Schools Board had given the final approval for them to become our academy sponsor, with the aim for the legal conversion to be completed during next term. Our aim as a school and the aim of Advantage Schools is for this transition to be as smooth as possible. Therefore, throughout the Autumn Term, we have already been developing our relationship with Advantage Schools. I have been attending weekly meetings with the executive team and other Head Teachers; Pauline Duncombe, our Chair of Governors, is now attending the monthly 'Chairs' meetings; Mrs Dawes and I have visited the other Primary Schools in the Trust and have plans to visit the Secondary Schools soon and we have joined colleagues from Advantage Schools in joint professional development meetings. Some of you will have also met Stuart Lock, Chief Executive and Sallie Stanton, Chief Education Officer when they attended our Parent / Teacher Meetings Evening and they are beginning to be more familiar faces at Laburnum as they build up the frequency of visits (either to work alongside us or support them in building a picture of the school, to aid our joint working). I am excited about the opportunities and benefits that joining Advantage Schools will bring to us, as well as the opportunity to share our strengths with other schools. Now that we have received the final confirmation, this work will develop further. I will update you with more information on this when I am able to do so.

### LUMINOVA



LuminoVA is a fun digital therapy app which can be used on a phone or tablet to help your child self-manage anxieties. It is NHS funded for our area and suitable for children aged 7-12 years. You can sign up to access the app in a few simple steps and a member of the East London NHS Trust will contact you to support the use of it. It is used by other professional bodies to support children who may be on waiting lists or who do not meet threshold and can be used alongside other forms of therapeutic support. For more information please visit the website <https://luminova.app/>

### WINTER CLOTHING

If today is anything to go by, Winter is definitely arriving and the temperature is dropping. Please ensure that your child has a warm coat in school every day. If the weather is very cold and they do not have a coat, Class Teachers will not let children go out at break and lunchtime. You are also welcome to provide your child with a hat and gloves, however, please make sure that everything is named. Every year we have unclaimed items left in school that do not have a name in them.

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# AWARDS AND CELEBRATIONS WEEK ENDING 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023

## ATTENDANCE TARGET 97%

Beech	85.5%	1 late mark
Elm	84.7%	0 late marks
Cedar	94.8%	5 late marks
Chestnut	95.4%	1 late mark
Willow	97.4%	1 late mark
Sycamore	91.3%	1 late mark
Oak	89.2%	1 late mark

## THE GOLDEN MILE



This week the Golden Mile trophies were awarded to:

**EYFS & KS1**

**KS2**

**Elm**

**Sycamore**

## HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK



**239**



**220**



**187**



**223**

## WEEKLY CLASS C.A.R.E.S AWARD CERTIFICATES

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APPLE	BEECH	ELM	CEDAR
C - Freddie A - Georia R - Noah E - Ella S - Amelia CARES - Arvin	C - Daisy M A - Archie R - Valentina E - Nicole S - Delilah CARES - Ella	C - Bart A - Grayson R - Brody E - Austin S - Annabelle CARES - Kodi	C - Teddy A - Noah R - Flora E - Jack S - Gurvir CARES - Eleanor
CHESTNUT	WILLOW	SYCAMORE	OAK
C - Zain A - Benjamin R - Sienna E - Frankie S - Grace CARES - Amelia D	C - Lincoln A - Levi R - Lana E - Maddie S - Ralph CARES - Becky	C - Frankwilliam A - Roman R - Lexi-Rae E - Jack S - Lara CARES - Noah	C - Bobby A - Alfie R - Tristan E - Erin S - Ryleigh CARES - Wayne

## WHOLE SCHOOL CARES AWARD



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### C.A.R.E.S AWARD

CONGRATULATIONS!

**Year 4**

**Willow Class**

**24<sup>th</sup> November**

## WHOLE SCHOOL LUNCHTIME AWARD



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**Year 2**

**Cedar Class**

**24<sup>th</sup> November**

## CLASS DOJO

Messages sent to families  
**231**  
291 Last week

Photos and videos shared  
**32**  
38 Last week

Positive feedback %  
**100%**  
100% Last week

## December

Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.25am-3.15pm	Nursery & Reception visit Herrings Green Farm	Wilstead, Beds
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am 2:30pm	Reception Christmas Production Reception Christmas Production	School Hall School Hall
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	12.00pm	Y1 & Y2 Pantomime , Milton Keynes Theatre	
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	4:00pm	Whole School Carols on the Playground	Playground
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>		School Closes for Christmas Break	

## January

Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>		School Opens for Spring Term: Reception-Y6 Pupils return to school Nursery 1:1 New Parent & Child Meetings	
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>		Nursery Pupils return to school	
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	All Day	Y6 Young Voices	The O2 Arena, London
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	All Day	Y3 & Y4 Bikeability Level 1	

## February

Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	All day	CHUMS Shine Bright, Wear Bright	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9-10:00am	Oak (Y6) Class Parent Lesson Drop-in	Oak Classroom
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9-10:00am	Cedar (Y2) Class Parent Lesson Drop-in Sycamore (Y5) Class Parent Lesson Drop-in	Cedar Classroom Sycamore Classroom
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	9-10:00am	Elm (Y1) Class Parent Lesson Drop-in Chestnut (Y3) Class Parent Lesson Drop-in	Elm Classroom Chestnut Classroom
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9-10:00am	Apple (N) Class Parent Session Drop-in Beech (YR) Class Parent Lesson Drop-in	Apple Classroom Beech Classroom
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	9-10:00am	Willow (Y4) Class Parent Lesson Drop-in	Willow Classroom
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	3:00-3:30pm	Pupil books available for Parents/Children to view together (books also available for in-school Parent/Teacher Meetings)	Classrooms
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>		Parent/Teacher Meetings	Virtual and in-school appointments available
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>		Parent/Teacher Meetings	
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>		School closes for half term break	
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>		School opens for Spring 2	

## March

Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>		World Book Day	
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	10:00-11:00am	Nursery 'stay and play' session (April admission children/parents by invite)	Apple Classroom
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	1:30-2:30pm	Nursery 'stay and play' session (April admission children/parents by invite)	Apple Classroom
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>		Red Nose Day	
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>		School closes for Easter Break	

## April

Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>		School Opens for Summer Term: Reception-Y6 Pupils return to school Nursery 1:1 New Parent & Child Meetings	
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>		Nursery Pupils return to school	
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>		Year 4 – Grafham Water Activity Centre	

## May

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>		May Day Bank Holiday: School Closed	
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> -Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup>		Year 6 Statutory Assessments (SATs)	
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>		SCARF Life Education Visit to Laburnum	
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>		School closes for half term break	



## June

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>		School opens for Summer 2	
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>		Yr 5/6 Faith Tour, Queens Park, Bedford	
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>		Year 4 Multiplication Check window	
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>		Year 1 Phonics Screening Check week	
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10:00-11:00am	Nursery 'stay and play' session (September admission children/parents by invite)	Apple Classroom
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	1:30-2:30pm	Nursery 'stay and play' session (September admission children/parents by invite)	Apple Classroom

## July

Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>		Annual Pupil Reports to Parents	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>		School Sports Day (Times to be confirmed)	
Weds 17 <sup>th</sup> - Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup>		Class Transition Days (Children in new classes)	
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	2:20pm	Year 6 Leavers Assembly School closes for summer break	



## December 2023 Goal Keeping Camp

By 4 Corner Coaching



Handling

Footwork

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December Only** Venue: Sandy Sports Centre (Astro) SG19 1BL

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December Only** Venue: Eynesbury Rovers FC (Grass) PE10 2SF

Time – 10.00am till 3.00pm

Goal Keeping Camp for 7-14 year olds. Places very limited....

Costs **£18 per person.**

UEFA B coaches – Youth Award Level 3 - Enhanced DBS

Safeguarding – BFAS (Basic First Aid for Sport)

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Do you need a September 2024 starting school place for your child?

Admission Tours  
Booking Now

All tours are led by the Head Teacher and you will visit all classrooms and key areas of the school.

School tours on the following dates/times are available:

- Monday 20th November 10:45am
- Wednesday 22nd November 1:15pm
- Friday 24th November 9:15am
- Tuesday 28th November 1:00pm
- Friday 1st December 9:15am

We currently have availability in Nursery (sessions are flexible) for an immediate start (3yrs+). We also have places in some other year groups – please contact the school office for more information.



Come and meet our team and see our school in action...

Phone or E-Mail the school office to book onto one of our tours or to arrange an alternative time.

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Looking after children can be tough, and we all need a little support at times.

Our FREE Parenting Puzzle course is for parents and carers of children aged 2-5 years. It will help you understand different types of behaviour and explore different parenting styles, helping to build positive relationships with your children.

We run four-week and ten-week courses from six of our children's centres, and the ten-week course has a creche provision available.

Take part in our next course:

10 week Parenting Puzzle course at Sandy Children's Centre  
Starts Wednesday 10th January, 10.30am-12.30pm  
Free creche available  
To book your place call 0300 300 8114 / 0300 300 8134

A full list of courses running in Central Bedfordshire, and more information about the programme is available at: [www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/parenting-puzzle](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/parenting-puzzle)

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## FREE COURSE FOR PARENTS/CARERS!

### Helping Children with Maths

#### What does the course cover?

- Building practical skills and the confidence to support children with maths
- Ideas for using maths in everyday activities with children
- Exploring activities and games to make maths fun in the everyday

#### How is it completed?

By attending four 2-hour sessions as part of a small, tutor led group & completing short pieces of homework.

#### When can I start?

- Laburnum Primary School
- Wednesdays, 9:15am – 11:15am
- 17, 24, 31 January and 7 February 2024

#### How do I book on?

Booking a place is simple. Fill out this enquiry form via the link or scan the QR code [www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/BESA-contact-us](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/BESA-contact-us)



Please speak to a member of staff if you would like a paper form to complete.

#### For information or support, please contact us

Enquire: [www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/besa-contact-us](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/besa-contact-us)

Telephone: 0300 300 8131



## Workshop for parents/carers:

# Understanding Emotions and Behaviour of Children that are Neurodiverse (Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities)

Please see page 2 for dates and booking information

Children centres provide a friendly service to families with children ages 0-12 years

*The workshop is suitable for parents/carers of children aged 0-12 with emerging needs, on the pathway to assessment, have a diagnosed condition and/or identified special educational need.*

**The workshop will cover:**

*Brain development  
Understanding anger  
Self-regulation and co-regulation  
Strategies to support behaviours that challenge*

*The workshop will be run by the Early Years SEND Advisory Team and children Centre staff*



Please contact Dunstable children centre on 0300 300 8104/ 0300 300 8106

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For Families with Children in Education Other Than at School

# Family Zone

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for lunch

**Tuesday**

**Sept 12, Oct 10, Nov 14, Dec 12**

10am - 12 - Support Group for Parents/Carers

10am - 2pm - Supervised Family Fun

XBox  
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