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# Foxdell Primary School

Growing, Learning and Achieving Together

**Junior Site**

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## NEWSLETTER : Friday 2nd May/ Summer Term: Issue: 1

### Head Teacher's Corner

Dear Families,

We have had a fantastic start to the summer term! Last week, all of the children in Key Stage 2 took part in VR workshops, which they thoroughly enjoyed. Year 6 kicked off the term with a brilliant drumming performance and really impressed their parents- you can watch a video of their fantastic performance on X. A huge thank you to Billy from the Luton Music Service for delivering high quality, engaging lessons and inspiring our pupils with his drumming expertise.

This week, our Year 6 children have taken part in mock SATs to help them prepare for the actual tests, which will take place during the week beginning 12th May 2025. The SATs are an important assessment, and while we want every child to do their best, it is important that they feel confident and not overwhelmed.

To support them during the actual SATs, all Year 6 children will be offered a free breakfast each morning to help them start the day well. Please help your child by ensuring they get plenty of rest and arrive at school on time each day. The Year 6 team will be sharing further details about the week and the tests that will be taken each day.

We've been fortunate to enjoy some lovely weather this week and hope the sunshine continues. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the warmer weather- we encourage all pupils to bring a sun hat and a water bottle to school each day. It is important that all children still wear the correct school uniform and appropriate footwear to school. Please note that sandals are not a part of our school uniform.

A reminder that children should not bring sunscreen to school with them- this should be applied at home before school.

We hope you all have a lovely bank holiday weekend and look forward to everyone returning to school on Tuesday 6th May.

Best wishes,  
 Mrs R Nisar  
 Headteacher



**Monday 5th May**  
**Bank Holiday**  
**School Closed**

**Tuesday 6th May**  
**Children Return to**  
**School**

**Animal Edge Farm Visit**  
**coming to YR**

**Monday 12th - Friday**  
**13th May**  
**KS2 SATs Week**

**Mental Health**  
**Awareness Week**

**Tuesday 13th &**  
**Wednesday 14th May**  
**YR Hearing Screening**

**Monday 19th - Friday**  
**23rd May**  
**Walk to School Week**



**BANK HOLIDAY REMINDER- School will be closed for the bank holiday on Monday 5th May. All children will need to return on Tuesday 6th May.**



MUSIC MARK SCHOOL  
 2024 - 2025



# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

The new attendance guidelines came into place from 19th August 2024. More information and FAQs about attendance can be found on our school website: <https://www.foxdellprimary.uk/attendance-1/>

Government guidance can be found here:

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/08/19/fines-for-parents-for-taking-children-out-of-school-what-you-need-to-know/>

We are open for 190 days in a school year which equates to 380 sessions including the morning and afternoon registration.



**Our whole school attendance target is 96%**

The class with the best attendance each week wins the attendance trophy and receives a best attendance certificate. Children in Reception receive a lucky dip prize if they have 100% attendance for the week. Attendance for the last two weeks:

| Class       | Attendance WB 22.04.25 | Attendance WB 28.04.25 | Class     | Attendance WB 22.04.25 | Attendance WB 28.04.25 | Class    | Attendance WB 22.04.25 | Attendance WB 28.04.25 |
|-------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------|------------------------|------------------------|----------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Wrens       | 95.7%                  | 91.9%                  | Badgers   | 91.1%                  | 86.6%                  | Ash      | 98.6%                  | 98.9%                  |
| Swifts      | 87.7%                  | 91.7%                  | Hedgehogs | 98.1%                  | 98.1%                  | Ivy      | 93.3%                  | 96.3%                  |
| Robins      | 96.2%                  | 94.1%                  | Chestnuts | 100%                   | 99.1%                  | Cedar    | 95%                    | 94.2%                  |
| Dragonflies | 94.4%                  | 93.3%                  | Acorns    | 92%                    | 93.1%                  | Kestrels | 95.1%                  | 97.2%                  |
| Ladybirds   | 100%                   | 97.1%                  | Pinecones | 100%                   | 100%                   | Kites    | 99.4%                  | 98.3%                  |
| Butterflies | 96.7%                  | 95.4%                  | Beech     | 98.7%                  | 98%                    | Eagles   | 94.9%                  | 98.6%                  |
| Squirrels   | 98.6%                  | 95.1%                  | Oak       | 98%                    | 98.5%                  |          |                        |                        |



**Our Class H.E.R.O.'s for Week ending 25.04.25 and 02.05.25 are:**

**Infant Site: Ladybirds & Hedgehogs**

**Junior Site: Chestnuts & Pinecones**

# STARS OF THE WEEK



Congratulations to our STARS for the week ending 25.04.25 and 02.05.25

| Robins                                  | Wrens                                       | Swifts                                  | Dragonflies                            | Ladybirds                                 | Butterflies                               | Badgers                                 | Squirrels                            |
|---|---|---|--|---|---|---|--------------------------------------|
| Luca<br>Humaira<br>Fareen<br>Dakshpreet | Mara<br>Bisma<br>Usman<br>Abeeha            | Kornelia<br>Musa<br>Samii<br>Hareem     | Dawud<br>Mirha<br>Abdul Hadi<br>Abeera | Chimamanda<br>Matteo<br>Laraib<br>Ananbia | Zoraiz<br>Noor<br>Ayet<br>Ifza            | Zamin<br>Asadullah<br>Fahmidul<br>Ahaan | Armaan<br>Shafin<br>Kaius<br>Somkene |
| Hedgehogs                               | Chestnuts                                   | Acorns                                  | Pinecones                              | Beech                                     | Oak                                       | Ash                                     | Ivy                                  |
| Abbas<br>Antonia<br>Demyhr<br>Evelyna   | Ibrahim P<br>Nimra G<br>Jishan U<br>Aiyla H | Talal<br>Ismail<br>Bisma S<br>Ishmael Y | Hajra<br>Rida<br>Nimra<br>Anaya        | Lena<br>Ibrahim<br>Hana<br>Taurab         | Daniyal<br>Blessing<br>Ibrahim<br>Sukayna | Aurelijus<br>Saleh<br>Ibraheem<br>Rohan | Maya<br>Raffi<br>Ibrahim A<br>Lily   |
|   | Cedar                                       | Kestrels                                | Kites                                  | Eagles                                    |   |   |                                      |
|   | Aminah<br>Redah<br>Obaid<br>Julia           | Ubaid<br>Samuel<br>Eric<br>Sara         | Ali<br>Noor<br>Rahaf<br>Safa           | Sami<br>Hannatu<br>Raheel<br>Arianna      |   |   |                                      |



**Our linked values are:**

Respect  
Peace  
Tolerance

This week we have been learning about the value of Respect and Peace.

## Respect



We can show respect by:

- Speaking politely to others
- Listening when others are talking
- Treating property with respect

## Peace

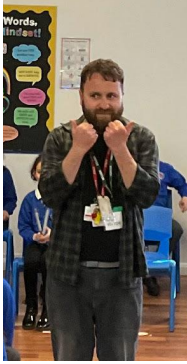


We can show peace by:

- Being calm and patient
- Accepting and appreciating each other
- Getting along with everybody

# Around our School

## Year 6



This week, Year 6 children made us so proud with their amazing drumming concert! We were all blown away by their confidence, rhythm and smiling faces. We want to thank Billy, Luton Music Service, for his passion and dedication to working with our children.

The amazing Billy!



Parents  
said...

*Wow! That was the best music concert I have ever been to! We could see much the children enjoyed their drumming.*

*I had so much fun! I didn't think I was brave enough to make that much noise in front of a whole audience.*

Pupils  
said...



Despite the racket, this little munchkin managed to sleep through the whole noisy performance!

# Around our School

## Beth Tweddle visit to Foxdell

We were thrilled to welcome Olympic bronze medalist gymnast, Beth Tweddle, into school today. She shared her journey as a gymnast in the olympics and inspired the children with her achievements. She also talked about the importance of sport and the skills that it teaches such as resilience and perseverance.

Beth also told the children about her new community club that she has opened in Luton which offers gymnastics and ninja lessons. The children have come home with leaflets about her company and information can be found late in the newsletter.



# Around our School

## Year R

During this half term, Reception are learning all about journeys by reading our key text 'Handa's Surprise'. We have been using props to retell the story in our own words. We went on a hunt around the garden to find the seven delicious fruits from the story, and then we tasted them and described what they were like.



## Year 1

The children have made an amazing start to their Art work this half term.

We are learning about sculptures.

The children will be designing and making their own 3d sculpture.

We have already folded and manipulated paper and card to make towers and 3d structures.



## Year 2

This term in art, we have been learning how to use clay. Children explored different techniques such as pinching and used different tools to make marks and shape clay into various forms.

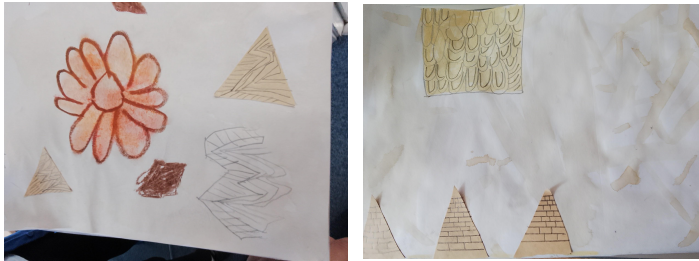


In PE, we started preparation for Sports Day and the children are working on skills such as: long jump, target throwing, distance throwing, running and obstacle run.

# Around our School

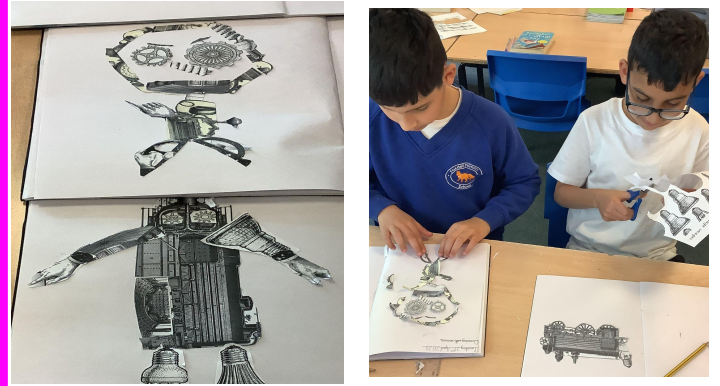
## Year 3

Year 3 have had a great start to our Ancient Egypt topic by diving into ancient Egyptian art! They explored the cool patterns and designs used back then and learned how art showed up on papyrus, stone tablets, and walls. They even made their own "papyrus" by staining paper with coffee and decorating it with Egyptian-style artwork. It was so much fun to see their creativity and excitement shine!



## Year 4

In art, the children have used scissors with care and purpose to cut out images to create a collage. They have tried out more than one arrangement of the cut images to decide on their composition. They were able to create contrast by using pieces of different shapes and sizes in interesting ways.



## Year 5

The children have had an exciting start to the term! They all took part in a VR workshop, where they were able to immerse themselves in the world of the Vikings. This was a great start to both our history unit and our writing unit for this half term.

In our science unit, we have been learning about how different types of plant reproduce. Some of the children have been placed in charge of the year 5 growing area where we are growing beetroot, sweetcorn, strawberries and potatoes so that they can observe and investigate the process of germination and reproduction. We are looking forward to eating their crops!



# Around our School

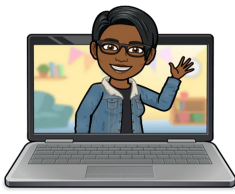
## Year 3 Summer Multi Sports

Last week, a group of enthusiastic Year 3 children had the fantastic opportunity to attend a Summer Multi Skills Sports Event hosted at Luton Sixth Form College. They were joined by pupils from other Luton schools, making it a wonderful community event full of energy and friendly competition.

Our children took part in a variety of throwing and athletics activities, showing great determination, teamwork, and sportsmanship throughout the day. From relay races to target throwing, they embraced every challenge with enthusiasm.

One of our pupils, Christine, said: "I had a great time! I liked trying all the different activities and cheering on my friends."





# ONLINE SAFETY CORNER

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](http://nationalcollege.com).

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SEARCH ENGINES

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Search engines are an integral part of everyday life – with Google alone processing around 100,000 searches every second. Search engines use algorithms to predict which results will be useful to us, though this can expose children to inappropriate content, misinformation and even scams. This guide explains the risks associated with search engines and offers practical advice to help safeguard young users online.

#### MANIPULATED SEARCH RESULTS

Although search engines take site reputation into account, trustworthiness isn't the main factor. Instead, they use algorithms that can be gamed via tactics like search engine optimisation (SEO), which is big business. As a result, users may encounter misleading content and low-quality commercial products that appear more credible than they actually are.

#### FUNNY JOKES

#### ILLEGAL CONTENT CAN SURFACE

Search engines are designed to retrieve content based on keywords – not to judge whether that content is lawful. As a result, even illegal or harmful material can appear in search results. Children might assume that anything found through search engines must be safe, just because they're so widely used. This misunderstanding can lead to accidental exposure to seriously inappropriate content.

#### MISINFORMATION AND DISINFORMATION

Search engines index billions of web pages – and not all of them are factual or safe. Children might stumble across false information or even deliberate disinformation, especially when searching for trending topics or controversial issues.

#### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT EXPOSURE

Although parental controls like Google's SafeSearch exist, they aren't foolproof, and search engines may bypass them. Young users may still see inappropriate images or content, especially in image searches, even though they may not be able to click on the results. Some niche search engines lack even basic filtering, posing further risks.

#### ENGINES BEYOND GOOGLE

Even if Google's SafeSearch is enabled, children may use lesser-known search engines that don't have similar protections. Some of these alternatives are less effective at blocking unsavoury content – sometimes by design – making it easier for children to encounter harmful or explicit material. Parental controls may also struggle to detect and block these sites.

#### UNRELIABLE AI SUMMARIES

Some search engines now offer AI-generated answers at the top of results. While these can be helpful as webpage summaries, they're not always accurate. There have been instances where AI summaries have presented false or even dangerous information, reinforcing the need for critical thinking.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

#### ACTIVATE PARENTAL CONTROLS

While no parental controls tool is perfect, this software can help reduce the likelihood of inappropriate content appearing in search results. Use tools like Google Family Link to set search restrictions and monitor your child's browsing activity.

#### IDENTIFY AND AVOID ADVERTS

One of the ways search engines generate revenue is by showing adverts to their users. Sponsored search results are labelled, but they're not always easy to spot and can sometimes be malicious. Show your child how to distinguish between paid ads and organic search results – explain why some ads might be misleading or unsafe.

#### QUESTION AI-GENERATED CONTENT

While AI content is generated quickly and often appears legitimate, teach children that, just because an AI summary is well presented, it doesn't mean it's accurate. Encourage them to review the sources behind AI summaries and check the information with reputable sites or fact-checkers.

#### PROMOTE DIGITAL LITERACY

Encourage children to question the motivation behind online content and develop critical thinking, as not all sites can be trusted. Some deliberately misinform users in order to sell products or promote misinformation. Developing a critical mindset is one of the best defences against these tactics.

#### Meet Our Expert

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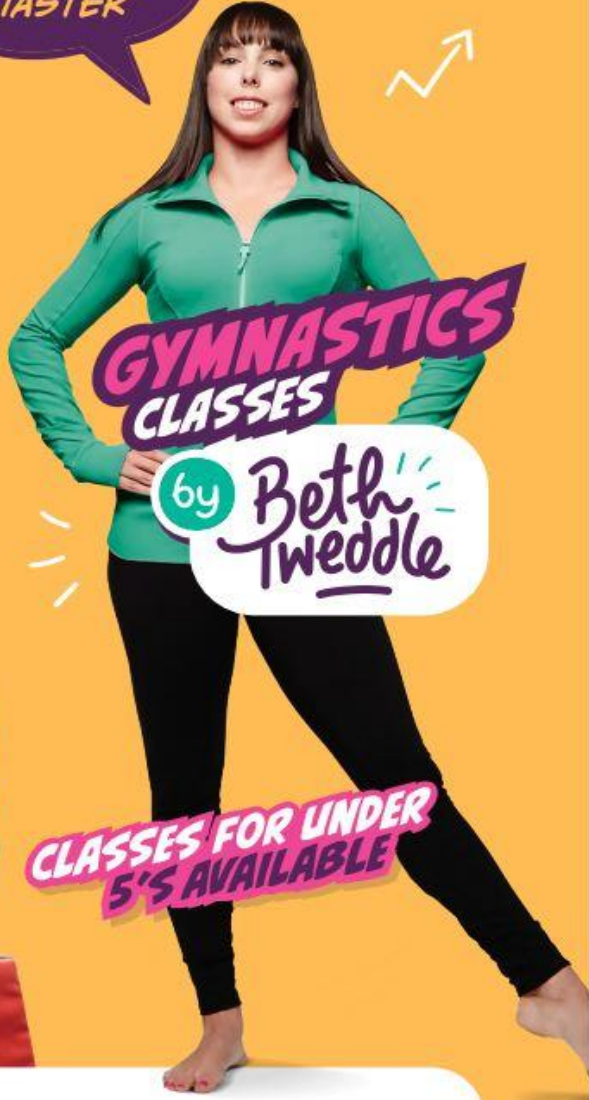
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## Community **CLUB**

**We offer...**

### **Gymnastics classes for kids**

Our mission is to **make gymnastics as accessible as possible** to as many children as possible, and we are excited to be bringing the magic of our gymnastics Community Clubs to Luton!

Working closely alongside Olympic Gymnast, **Beth Tweddle**, our Community Clubs are designed to introduce children to the basics of gymnastics and get them excited about movement. **We also offer Ninja** which challenges children to move in fun and exciting ways.

We have a **highly skilled team of coaches** ready to teach the children new skills in the heart of your community - it's time for your child to discover their capabilities!

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## NEW NINJA CLASSES FOR KIDS

Ninja classes focus on movement skills needed to navigate various obstacles. This includes **climbing, swinging, jumping, flipping, and balancing** on challenging surfaces.

We also offer progression through an **in-house award program** that's formulated to inspire and motivate children to help them be the best they can be.

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## GYMNASTICS PRESCHOOL CLASSES

INTERACTIVE CLASSES FOR UNDER 5'S

## YOU CAN DO IT!

## MAKE FRIENDS

## AMAZING!



# Community

## HOW TO *FIND US*



### Gymfinity Kids has two types of clubs:

Our Community Clubs are in the heart of the community, hosted in spaces such as school sports halls, leisure centres and community halls. They're designed to make gymnastics and ninja more accessible to children across your area.

Our larger clubs are purpose-built venues offering gymnastics and ninja classes for children of all ages. We also offer birthday parties and holiday camps in our state-of-the-art venues.

### Gymfinity Kids Community Club

- 1** Luton  
Challney High School For Boys,  
Stoneygate Rd, Luton LU4 9TJ
- 2** Aylesbury  
The Grange Secondary School,  
Wendover Way, Aylesbury HP21 7NH

### Gymfinity Kids Clubs

- 3** Milton Keynes  
1st Floor (Above Fitness First) Stadium  
Way West, Milton Keynes, MK1 1ST

Visit our website to find all our larger clubs:  
[www.gymfinitykids.com/find-a-club](http://www.gymfinitykids.com/find-a-club)

**T:** 01908 032 050

**E:** [info@gymfinitykids.com](mailto:info@gymfinitykids.com)



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# SEND/ Health and Wellbeing



## Luton Local Offer SEND Newsletter

Stay informed and connected with the Luton Local Offer SEND newsletter.

Packed with resources, stories, and updates. Now including a new online SEND friendly activities and events calendar.



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# SEND/ Health and Wellbeing

## SEND FRIENDS

### Parent / Carer Support Group



Join us in a friendly, welcoming environment & meet other parent/carers who have a child with special needs or disabilities.

10.00am to 11.30am

- Wed 30th April
- Thu 8th May
- Wed 14th May
- Thu 22nd May

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Activities Include:

- Peer Support
- SEND Advice
- Wellness Walks
- Feedback to LBC
- Guest Speakers
- Other activities as chosen by you within the sessions to address your needs as carers.

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