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Weekly Bulletin – 23rd April 2026

School Year Term Dates 2025 – 2026	
TERM 1	3 RD SEPTEMBER – 17 TH OCTOBER 2025 (INSET DAYS 1 ST SEPT & 2 ND SEPT 2025)
TERM 2	27 TH OCTOBER 2025 – 19 TH DECEMBER 2025
TERM 3	5 TH JANUARY 2026 – 13 TH FEBRUARY 2026
TERM 4	23 RD FEBRUARY 2026 – 2 ND APRIL 2026
TERM 5	20 TH APRIL 2026 – 22 ND MAY 2026
TERM 6	1 ST JUNE 2026 – 21 ST JULY 2026 (INSET DAYS 19 TH JUNE, 22 ND JUNE & 10 TH JULY 2026)
School Events	
01.05.2026	Year 2 Class Assembly – Parents Welcome at 2.40pm
08.05.2026	Year 4 Class Assembly at 2.40pm – Parents Welcome
w/c 11.05.2026	Year 6 – SATs Week
14.05.2026	Year 1 – Kent Life
15.05.2026	Break the Rules Day
20.05.2026	Year 5 - PESE Meeting at 1530
21.05.2026	Year R – Wingham Wildlife Park Trip
03.06.2026	Year 3 – Roman Museum Trip
05.06.2026	Year 5 – Communigrow Trip – More Details to Follow
12.06.2026	Class Photo's
18.06.2026	Sports day – Further details to follow
19.06.2026	INSET DAY
22.06.2026	INSET DAY
23.06.2026	Family Trust Assembly
10.07.2026	INSET DAY
w/c 13.07.2026	Move On Up Week

Dear Parents and Carers,

As mentioned in my End of Term Newsletter, we have been reviewing our use of social media. Since Twitter became X, the way the platform is used has changed, and as a school we no longer feel it reflects our values or communication aims.

We have therefore made the decision to stop posting on X with immediate effect and to move our social media presence to Instagram instead. This will allow us to continue sharing news, updates and celebrations in a more suitable and engaging way.

Please bear with us while we get used to the change.

Follow us on Instagram: [@lenhamprimary](https://www.instagram.com/lenhamprimary)

Thank you for your continued support



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TWEETS YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

To keep up to date with your child's week, Please Check the year group page on our website or our Twitter (X) page.



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Thank you!

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Now
Open!



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Break the Rules

Friday
15th May

-
1. Crazy hair
 2. Nail Varnish
 3. Wear own shoes
 4. Wear own top

Suggested donation is 50p per rule break. Please feel free to give what you can... More or less... let's just have some fun! Cash donations only please, to be collected in class or on the gate.



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Join the fun at Messy Church!

Free Event

Everyone Welcome

Join us on facebook @Messy Church LVB





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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about IMAGE-ALTERING FILTERS

From playful puppy ears on Snapchat to 'beauty mode' on TikTok, image-altering filters are now a routine part of how young people communicate online. While many are harmless, others subtly reshape people's faces and bodies. This can blur the line between reality and edited content, potentially influencing how children and young people see themselves and others.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- ALTERED BEAUTY STANDARDS**
Many 'beauty' filters smooth skin, reshape facial features, or adjust body proportions. Over time, repeated exposure to these filters can shift a child's idea of what is 'normal' or attractive, creating unrealistic expectations about their own and others' appearances.
- PRESSURE TO LOOK PERFECT**
Filtered images can often attract more 'likes' and positive comments. This can encourage children and young people to rely on editing tools to gain others' approval, rather than feeling confident in their natural appearance.
- LOW SELF-ESTEEM**
Regularly viewing heavily filtered content can lead to comparisons with unrealistic images. This is linked to body dissatisfaction and reduced self-esteem, particularly among children and teenagers.
- HIDDEN ADVERTISING**
Some filters are linked to beauty products or brands, subtly promoting third-party brands. Children and young people may not recognise this as advertising, while also sharing personal data – such as facial images and usage habits – with apps and third parties.
- BLURRED REALITY**
As filters become more advanced and natural-looking, it can be difficult for children and young people to distinguish edited content from real life, especially when filters are used in everyday photos and videos.
- SEXUALISED EDITS**
Certain tools can make users appear older or more sexualised. This may attract unwanted attention, increase the risk of images being shared without consent, and expose young people to unsafe interactions.

Advice for Parents & Educators

- START OPEN CONVERSATIONS**
Talk regularly about filters, such as how they work and why people use them. Ask the children and young people in your care how filtered images make them feel and encourage honest discussion without judgement.
- CHALLENGE 'PERFECT' POSTS**
When viewing content together, gently point out the signs of editing, filters, or posing techniques. This builds critical thinking and helps children and young people question unrealistic images.
- REINFORCE WHAT'S REAL**
Help children and young people understand that filtered images are digitally altered and are not an accurate reflection of real life. Emphasise that they don't need to meet these artificial standards.
- PROMOTE OFFLINE CONFIDENCE**
Encourage activities that build self-worth beyond appearance, such as sports, hobbies, volunteering, and creative interests, so that confidence isn't tied solely to online validation.

Meet Our Expert

Parveen Kaur is a digital parenting expert and founder of Kids N Clicks, a platform dedicated to helping parents navigate the online world alongside their children. She is an expert contributor for Internet Matters, offering practical guidance on emerging online safety issues. Her insights have been featured by the BBC, The Telegraph, iDontStalk, and other major media outlets, supporting families across the UK.

#WakeUpWednesday
The National College

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SWITCHED ON TO PRIVACY

The ICO have launched a new “Switched on to privacy” aimed at children from 4-11 years old to help them to understand how to protect their personal information online.

Their research revealed:

- 24% have shared their real name or address online, with eight and nine-year-olds most at risk.
- 22% have shared personal information such as health details with AI tools.
- 35% of parents believe their child would share personal information in exchange for game tokens or rewards.

Many parents feel underprepared:

- 46% don't feel confident protecting their children's privacy online.
- 44% say they try but aren't sure they're doing enough.
- 42% say they probably don't spend enough time checking their child's privacy settings.

The below resource has been created to support parents: <https://ico.org.uk/switched-on-to-privacy/>



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CHEQUER TREE CAMP 2026

When?
Tuesday 28th July -
Friday 31st July

Who?
Children in
school years 4-7

Where?
St Luke's
MAIDSTONE
ME14 5BE

Join us this summer for a fun journey of discovering faith. Enjoy exciting activities, worship and making new friends while learning about God's love for us.

Book a space today!



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Chequer Tree Camp began in 1987 and continues today as part of The Family Trusts work to inspire the next generation to explore Christianity. Chequer Tree Camp is a place where children can have fun and learn about faith in a safe environment and engaging way!

Chequer Tree Camp is run by The Family Trust, supported by an enthusiastic and dedicated team of volunteers, all of whom have received training and hold an enhanced DBS check.

The venue for camp this year will be St Lukes Church in Maidstone. Stay over night or join each day of fun activities, games, bible teaching and small group conversations.

OVER NIGHT
£155

Come and stay at camp overnight.

OR

DAY ONLY
£110

Come to camp everyday, but sleep in your own bed at night.

Both prices include all activities and all meals.

HOW TO BOOK

You can book a space on our website
www.chequertree.org.uk
or scan the QR code to take you straight to the site.
All bookings close on 28th June 2026.



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Mindfulness Pony Days For Kids

A magical day of ponies, riding, art, friendship and mindfulness

What to expect :

- Mindfulness time with ponies
- Pony care
- Riding and Mounted games
- Connect with arts and nature
- Make new friends

Dates:

28th and 29th of May 2026

Time: 9:30 am -2:00pm

📍 Hillcrest Farm Riding School, Horsham RH13 6NX

Book Now

spaces limited to 10 children per day

£115 per child per day

By purchasing a ticket via eventbrite you are paying a £40 deposit. You will then be invoiced for the outstanding amount on the 15th of May

Links for Booking

[mindfulness_pony_day_28th_of_May](#)

[mindfulness_pony_day_29th_of_May](#)

May half term fun



We are an inclusive team and warmly welcome children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) we celebrate diversity and are committed to providing a supportive environment where every child can thrive.

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