

Autumn Term No 3

Wednesday 23rd September 2026

A message from our Chair of Trustees :

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope the term has started smoothly for you and your families. As Chair of Trustees for Loriners Multi Academy Trust, I wanted to take a moment to share a few thoughts as we settle into the rhythm of the new school year.

As a parent, I echo Ms Bracebridge's thoughts from the first newsletter in that the first few weeks often bring a mix of excitement and nerves for children (and parents!), whether they are adapting to new routines or returning to familiar ones. We want every child to feel calm, supported, and able to approach their learning with confidence as the term unfolds.

As a board, we welcome feedback and open discussion about any aspect of your child's experience. Your voice matters, and early conversations help us ensure every child has the best possible time in school. The Board and I are fully committed to supporting strong leadership, high standards, and the continued success of Loriners MAT.

Thank you for your continued trust and support. I look forward to seeing our children grow, learn, and thrive throughout the year.

Sabeeha Ali
Chair of Trustees

Parent Workshops

We have some exciting events planned where families have been invited to join us in school.
Please book your attendance via Scopay.

Date	Time	Workshop
Tuesday 29 th September	3:30-4:30pm	Year 1 Parent Workshop
Wednesday 30 th September	3:30-4:30pm	Reception Parent Workshop
Thursday 1 st October	3:30-4:30pm	Year 2 Parent Workshop

For workshops after school, please collect your children and then enter the school through the hall doors.

Tempest School Photography



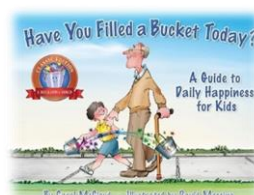
We are pleased to let parents know that Tempest Photography will be in school on Wednesday 7th October and Thursday 8th October. Individual photographs will be taken on **Wednesday 7th October**, with **sibling photographs taking place on Thursday 8th October**. Please ensure that all children come to school wearing their full school uniform on both days, **even if it is their usual PE day**. Thank you for your support in helping the children look their best for their photographs.

What have we been learning about.....

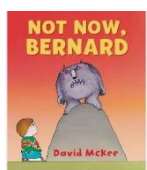
The children have settled really well into their new classes and have quickly become familiar with their new routines and surroundings. They have been busy learning, exploring new topics and making a fantastic start to the school year.

Nursery

The children have settled into school really well and we are so proud of how hard they are working to learn our routines, rules and songs. We have started to explore our first topic, "Marvellous Me," where the children have enjoyed discovering stories about themselves and their families. We have also been learning about what it means to be a good friend and a bucket filler, inspired by our story *Have You Filled a Bucket Today?* The children are beginning to build some lovely friendships, sharing their ideas, toys and experiences with one another, while learning how to care for and respect their friends. In Nursery, we are also working hard to develop independence, encouraging the children to have a go at doing things for themselves, such as putting on their own coats, placing their water bottles on the shelf, washing and drying their own hands, and putting their jumpers or cardigans on their pegs or in their bags. Any support you can give at home to encourage your child to become more independent would be incredibly helpful and will really support the skills we are developing at school. Please also remember to label everything your child brings to or wears at school, including coats, jumpers, water bottles and other belongings. As the children are still learning where their things belong, clear labels help us to support them in becoming independent and putting their belongings away themselves.



Reception



What a wonderful week we have had in Reception! The children have been so enthusiastic about their learning and have loved getting stuck into our first Drawing Club adventure based on Not Now, Bernard. They have created their own monsters before designing and drawing Bernard's house. Our two Adventure Times have been a huge hit too as the children have come up with creative ways to get rid of the taste of Bernard and clever ideas for helping Mum and Dad get the monster out of the house! We have been so impressed with their beautiful letter formation and the detail in their drawings. In Maths we have been exploring the ideas of more and less and the children have enjoyed comparing groups and explaining their thinking. They have also been enjoying their daily phonics sessions and are becoming increasingly confident with their sounds and Fred Talk.

The children have been busy in our provision too creating their own monsters in the creative area and designing and building monster traps in construction. In the Curiosity Lab they have been exploring families through Owl Babies and have created wonderful nests for the owl babies as well as painting pictures of their families. We have loved seeing the children using our new middle area so confidently and creatively. There has been so much excitement, creativity and learning happening across Reception this week and we are incredibly proud of how brilliantly the children have settled in. Our new playground is looking fabulous and we are very excited to see it finished!

Year 1

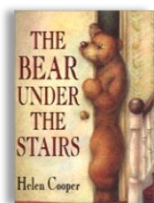
Year 1 have settled into their new year group really well and are working hard to learn the new routines and expectations. In English, they have really enjoyed Drawing Club, where they are introduced to a new story each week and learn five new words before using their imagination to draw characters and settings and go on exciting adventures. In Maths, we have been learning to order numbers and find one more. The children have also enjoyed starting new subjects, including Science, History and Computing, and have shown lots of enthusiasm for their learning.

Telford Exotic Zoo Trip

Class 4 and 5 had a great trip to the Exotic Zoo, where they saw lots of amazing animals, including kinkajous, armadillos, kangaroos, parrots, meerkats, crocodiles and marmosets. The children also got up close to some of the animals and even had the chance to hold and pet a stick insect, snake, centipede and armadillo. They had a fantastic time and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Their behaviour was excellent throughout the day, and they represented the school brilliantly. We are very proud of them!



Year 2



In English, we have been planning and writing our own stories inspired by *The Bear Under the Stairs*, exploring a character's fear and how it is resolved. This week, we have been investigating facts and fiction about bears using a range of fiction and non-fiction books. We will use our discoveries to write our own bear fact files to help William, the main character, learn more about bears. We will also learn how to organise information clearly using headings and subheadings. In Maths, we have been comparing and ordering two-digit numbers, and this week we are learning to find 10 more and 10 less than a given number. We are also developing our reasoning and problem-solving skills through daily challenges, practising how to explain our thinking using mathematical vocabulary. In Science, we have been exploring different materials, investigating their properties and considering why particular materials are suitable for different purposes. In Art, we explored the work of Andy Goldsworthy and took inspiration from his use of natural materials. We then visited our Nature Area to create our own artwork using materials found in the natural environment.

Newsflash! Applications for Nursery September 2027 are welcome

Children born between 1 September 2023 and 31 August 2024 are due to start Nursery in September 2025. Please collect an interest form from the school office to register your child's details. All new families are welcome to our Prospective Parent Open Evening on **Tuesday 13th October 2026 between 4:00pm and 5:30pm.**



School Admissions Now Open for September 2027

Applications are now open for children currently in **Nursery** and **Year 2**, starting in **September 2027**.

Please ensure applications are submitted on time:

- Primary School Applications – Deadline: 15th January 2027

All applications must be completed online please see link below.

<https://admissions.walsall.gov.uk/CitizenPortal/en>

To support families through the process, our School Admissions Team is hosting a series of drop-in sessions this term. These sessions are a great opportunity to get help with your application or ask any questions. (Please see attached the Newsletter Supplement for further Information)

Gold Star Assembly Award Winners

In recognition of your learning, progress, attitude, effort and upholding the school learning habits and values. Congratulations!

Class 1 – Eliana K J	Class 2 – Deedar S	Class 4 - Hassan A
Class 5 – Zackariyah A	Class 7 – Jovan K	Class 8 – Kyran B

School Council



Congratulations to Our New School Councillors!

A big well done to all the children who were elected by their classmates to be part of our new School Council.

Our school councillors play an important role by gathering ideas and feedback from their classmates, making sure every child has a voice in our school community. You can spot them proudly wearing their school council badges.

Can you find your class councillor?

Year 1	Ayesha T Ahmad A	Aya I Chisom O	Justin V Milana J-A	Anaya K N Miya C
Year 2	Riya B Muhammad A Sammy H	Dayaa D Dhriti D Asees K P	Amore A Diya D Maya A	Veeran S Myla G Dylan s

Introducing Our New Librarians!

We are delighted to announce that, following a review of the applications, we have selected our new Junior Librarians! Congratulations to Safa, Zoya and Jorah (Class 7); Reuben, Krm and Kyran (Class 8); and Jordan, Ayra and Diya (Class 9). A huge thank you to everyone who applied. It was a pleasure to read about your love of reading and hear how enthusiastic you are about contributing to school life. Our new Junior Librarians will receive their badges in our Gold Star Assembly before beginning their training. They will help look after our library, scan returned books back into the system and share their ideas to inspire their friends to enjoy reading. We are very excited to see them take on their new roles!





Who are our SUPERSTARS ...

Celebrating the achievements of our children out of school. Lots of children have been busy reading and completing the Summer Reading Challenge. They have also been busy achieving in swimming, dancing, footballing and gymnastics.



Achievements

Class 2	Hawwa A	Swimming – Stanley 1 award
Class 3	Arya K S	Swimming – I can blow bubbles award
Class 4	Ajaib R	Kickboxing – Yellow belt award
Class 5	Eesah A	Swimming – Stanley 1 award
Class 6	Milana J-A	Walsall Academy of Dance – Rosette awards

Whole School Attendance



Week commencing Monday 7th September 2026 – 98.6%

Highest Attendance Class 7&8 - 100%

Week commencing Monday 14th September 2026 – 97.4%

Highest Attendance Class 5 - 100%

Well done Class 7, 8 & 5!



Attendance Target 96%

Class	% Attendance w/c 07/09/26	Class	% Attendance w/c 07/09/26	Class	% Attendance w/c 14/09/26	Class	% Attendance w/c 14/09/26
Nur	97.6	5	99.7	Nur	92.3	5	100
1	93.8	6	99.3	1	94.8	6	99
2	98.6	7	100	2	98.3	7	97.3
3	99.3	8	100	3	99.3	8	98.1
4	99	9	99.6	4	99	9	96.9

High focus on attendance. Please ensure your children are attending daily and on time. Don't miss the phonics learning at 9.00am!

Please Keep an eye out for our termly Attendance Newsletter, packed with helpful attendance updates and information.

Packed Lunch & School Meal Safety for 3–5 Year Olds

In light of the Food Standards Agency's guidance on **early years choking hazards**, we want to remind all parents and carers of some important safety tips to keep mealtimes safe and enjoyable for children aged 3 to 5.



Safe Food Tips

- **Cut food into small pieces:**
 - Cut grapes, cherry tomatoes, and strawberries into quarters.
 - Cut hard fruits and vegetables (like apples and carrots) into thin strips or cook them until soft.
- **Sausages and hot dogs:**
 - Cut sausages and hot dogs **lengthwise, then into thin strips**.
 - Remove the skin if possible to make them easier to chew and swallow.
- **No nuts or nut products:**
 - We are a **nut-free school** to protect children with allergies. Please do **not** send any nuts or foods containing nuts.
- **Avoid risky foods:**
 - No popcorn, chewing gum, marshmallows, jelly cubes, or hard sweets.
- **Bread choices:**
 - Soft white bread can be sticky—toast it or choose brown bread instead.
 - Cut all bread into thin strips or small pieces.
- **Supervise mealtimes:**
 - Children should always be seated and supervised while eating.
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Thank you for helping us to follow the Food Standards Agency's advice and keep mealtimes safe for all children!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 29th September – Year 1 Parent workshop

Wednesday 30th September – Reception Parent Workshop

Thursday 1st October – Year 2 Parent Workshop

Wednesday 7th October 2026 - Individual Photograph Day - Class 5 children to come in full school uniform

Thursday 8th October 2026 - Sibling Photograph Day – Class 9 children to come in full school uniform

Friday 9th October 2026 – Hello Yellow Day (children to wear a yellow accessory to say hello as we celebrate standing out and starting conversations so no young person feels alone with their mental health)

Tuesday 13th October 2026 – Prospective Parents Evening for 2027 Nursery and Reception Intake - 4:00pm-5:30pm

W/C Monday 19th October – Harvest- Food Bank Donations

Tuesday 20th October 2026 - Flu Vaccinations for Infants (Reception, Year 1, Year 2) 1:00-3:00pm- Further information from the NHS to follow

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Tuesday 20th October – Parents Evening 4:00pm-6:30pm

Wednesday 21st October – Parents Evening 4:00pm-6:30pm

Friday 23rd October – Last Day of Term

Monday 2nd November – 1st day of term

Monday 2nd November – Class 1 Parent Minimash Workshop 9:30-10:15am

Monday 2nd November – Class 2 Parent Minimash Workshop 2:30-3:15

Tuesday 3rd November - Class 3 Parent Minimash Workshop – 2:30- 3:15



Inset Days

Friday 13th November 2026

Friday 18th June 2027

Wednesday 21st July 2027

Term Dates

Please click on the link below for the current academic term dates.

<https://www.parkhall-inf.walsall.sch.uk/term-and-holiday-dates/>

Park Hall PTA

Would you like to help set up the PTA group? We need people to volunteer to be on the committee as a chair person, a secretary and a treasurer as well as other committee members. We will meet once every two months and plan fun activities for the school community. We would like to raise money, support staff and help create social cohesion for our lovely school. If you are interested in being elected onto the committee please contact Jen on 07473449496.

School Website

School Website Please note, we are having technical issues with our website, therefore we are unable to update it at present.