



Great Whelnetham CE Primary School
Stanningfield Road, Great Whelnetham, Bury St Edmunds, IP30 0UA
(01284) 386203
Executive Head Teacher – Mr Marc Gilbert
Head of School – Miss Nicky Tyler
office@greatwhelnethamprimary.org.uk
Website: www.greatwhelnethamprimary.co.uk



Larks Class Newsletter Summer Term 1 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have had a lovely Easter break and had a chance to relax and recharge! We can't believe we are heading into the final term of the school year, we are so proud of all the wonderful learning so far and can't wait to see all that the children achieve this term!

Curriculum Learning:

English: We will continue following our Writing 4 Pleasure scheme. We will begin the term looking at Fables with a focus on the Lion and the Mouse and The Hare and the Tortoise. We will then move on to Curiosity letters!

Maths: Using White Rose mastery, our Year 1 modules will be focusing on multiplication and division, Fractions and we will deepen our understanding of place value working with numbers to 100. We will continue to teach Mastering Number for both year groups.

Science: We begin the term learning all about Plants.

RE: Our focus this half term is Christianity exploring the question 'How can we care for our wonderful world?'

PSHE: Our focus this half term is Relationships.

Computing: This half term we will begin to use our new computing programme, Kapow!

DT: This half term we have an exciting project designing and making kites!

Forest School: We will have forest school on Wednesdays. **Please can your child continue to come into school wearing their forest school clothes and bring a spare pair of shoes to change into. Please remember that their arms and legs need to be covered, even in the warmer weather.**

PE: Larks will now have PE on a Monday. Please send them to school with appropriate kit for them to change into in the afternoon.

Homework:

It is really important that the children are reading their school book at home as often as possible, so they are continuing to develop their confidence with phonic sounds and blending. Please record each day your child reads with just the date and a short comment on where they have read to. Please do add any comments if you feel there is anything you'd like us to know about their reading. Please ensure your child's reading book is brought into school each day with their reading record book.



Our reading challenge is well underway, and it is so lovely to see how excited the children are to earn their next ticket around the world! Every time a bookmark is completed, they will receive 10 house points and will move to the next country. We hope to have as many children as possible travel all the way around the world!

Maths: Times tables knowledge is the building blocks for maths so please encourage your child (year 1) to practice their times tables using Times Tables Rock Stars as often as possible.

Reception: In addition to hearing your child read please continue to practice the sounds and actions your child has learnt using the sound cards in your child's book bag. Your child also has a Phonics Bug log in where games and books are allocated each week to help them develop their reading skills further.

Book bags, Water bottles and Coats: Just a reminder we encourage children to bring their belongings into School using a named book bag rather than a rucksack, unfortunately we have little storage space for these. When children attend before school gymnastics, they can bring in a small rucksack for their gym clothes. Please ensure **everything** is named!

Please continue to send in a simple, sensible plastic water bottle on a Monday and we will send the water bottles home every Friday to ensure they are cleaned thoroughly.

As the weather begins to change please ensure your child has a sun hat and when necessary, comes to school wearing sun cream. Please also send in a named suncream for them to reapply at lunch times when needed.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns. Can we take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support, it is hugely appreciated!

Kindest regards

Mrs Masson, Mrs Swain & Mrs Moore
Larks Team