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Welcome to the Infant Informative

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TAMAT Music Concert

This week, our Year 1 children did us proud at the TAMAT Music Concert – what a fantastic event! It was brilliant to come together with other schools in our trust and enjoy such confident singing, clear voices and energetic actions from all the children. A huge well done to our performers – you were amazing!

Eid Mubarak

To those in our school community who are celebrating Eid this week, I'd like to send my warmest wishes. Eid is a special time for reflection, generosity, and celebration with loved ones, and we hope all our families marking the occasion have a joyful and peaceful time together. We know how important it is for children to feel that their beliefs and celebrations are recognised in school, and we're always pleased to hear about the special ways families are celebrating at home.

Fire Drill

This week, we also carried out a whole-school fire drill as part of our regular health and safety procedures. The children were absolutely brilliant – calm, focused, and quick to follow instructions. All staff responded swiftly, and the building was evacuated safely and efficiently in good time. These drills are a vital part of our safety systems, and it's reassuring to see such a strong and consistent response. Our ongoing commitment is to ensure that every child feels safe, and that we are always prepared for any emergency.

Geography Day – Own Clothes Reminder

Next Tuesday is Geography Day! Children (including Nursery) are invited to wear earth-coloured clothes in exchange for a £1 donation. Thank you for your support!

Governor Visit Feedback

Finally, I'm delighted to share some incredibly positive feedback from our Community Governor, Mrs Shellard-Dedman, following her recent visit. She spoke so highly of the calm, respectful atmosphere across the school and praised the way our school values – Ready, Respectful, Safe – are clearly embedded in everything we do. Mrs Shellard-Dedman was particularly struck by the inclusive and nurturing environment we've created, and how sensitively we support children with additional needs. She also commented on our strong community reputation, reflected in our high number of applications for September 2025, and waiting list places. Thank you to our entire team for making this such a special school.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend.

Mr O'Shea 😊

A message from our Assistant Headteacher Miss Saunders

Eid Mubarak to our families that are celebrating this weekend! This week's recommended read is

Dear Moon by Zayneb Haleem which is a beautifully illustrated collection that combines prompts for reflection with hopeful excerpts from the Qur'an. This book is perfect for anyone looking to be inspired by the wisdom of the Qur'an.



DIARY DATES

- Geography Day (all children can wear their own clothes in earthy colours, £1 donation) - 1st April
- Reception Spring Bonnet Parade, parents invited - 4th April @ **13:10 (arrive between 13:00 & 13:05)**
- **End of the Spring 2 Term on Friday 4th April @ 13:30**
- INSET Day, school closed to pupils - Tuesday 22nd April
- Children return to school to start the Summer 1 term on Wednesday 23rd April @ 08:35
- **PTA Break the rules day - 2nd May**
- **Bank Holiday - 5th May**
- **Reception School Trip (Wellington Country Park) - 6th May**
- **Class and Leavers Photos - 12th May**
- **Year 1 Parents' Phonics Briefing - 13th May @ 08:45 - 09:15**

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Tick advice

Tick Bite Prevention Week (25 – 31 March 2025); Enjoy the outdoors but 'be tick aware' this spring and summer

Help to spread the word about tick bite prevention and why it's important to 'be tick aware', what to do if you've been out and about outdoors, for example in grassy, woodland areas, and the importance of doing a self-check afterwards (that includes pets!).

As the spring weather arrives, it's important for our health and well-being to get outdoors, enjoy nature and the fresh air. So when you're out and about in grassy or wooded areas, including your local park or garden, there may be ticks.

Ticks are found throughout the year, mostly between spring and summer. 'Being tick aware' can help to reduce the chance of tick bites and risk of Lyme disease or other infections such as Tick-Borne Encephalitis.

Ticks can transmit microbes that cause infections such as Lyme disease though not all ticks carry the microbe. Ticks generally attach to animals though can sometimes bite humans. Lyme disease is a tick-borne bacterial infection that can be transmitted to humans if they are bitten by an infected *Ixodes ricinus* tick. Ticks attach to the skin of animals or humans that brush past them. They do not jump or fly.

What does a tick look like? A tiny spider-like creature. It is an arachnid.



How can you reduce the chance of getting a tick bite? Walk on clearly defined paths to avoid brushing against vegetation, use insect repellent, wear light coloured clothes, and perform regular tick checks. You may not feel the bite that's why it's important to do a check.

How do you remove ticks safely and quickly? It is important to remove ticks safely and as quickly as possible to avoid any infection, by using a pair of fine-tipped tweezers or a tick removal tool.

If you begin to feel unwell with flu-like symptoms or develop a spreading circular red rash (which usually appears within 1 to 4 weeks after being bitten), contact your GP or NHS 111 promptly. Let them know if you were bitten by a tick or have recently spent time outdoors.

Find out more about tick awareness from the UK Health Security Agency, Tick bite risks and prevention of Lyme disease: resources - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk). There are downloadable posters and leaflets for you to help raise awareness in your school or organisation. Share with family and friends so they too can keep well, safe and enjoy the outdoors.

UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) launched an enhanced surveillance scheme to understand more about the spread of Lyme disease in England. The scheme asks people who test positive for recently acquired Lyme disease to provide information about where they may have picked up the infection, if they recall a tick bite, where in the country this took place, whether they have any pets, their recent outdoor activities, travel and their occupation.

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NUR

This week in nursery has been all about child-led fun! The children took the lead in planning and guiding our activities, sparking lots of creativity and exploration. Our home corner has transformed into a vets, with the children looking after the poorly animals. We loved all kinds of sensory play, from squishy playdough to dry rice and cornflour 'mud', and imaginative play has been in full swing, with small world farm play, racing cars and having fun in the dolls' hairdresser's salon.

We have also been busy painting, drawing and making our very own sparkly crowns.

On Tuesday we made toast for our snack, with the children spreading their own butter or jam, working on those fine motor skills. Yummy! A big thank you to everyone who joined us for our Stay and Play sessions. We hope you had as much fun as the children did. For your information, our next Stay and Play week will be the week beginning June 16th. Next week... Easter fun!



REC

This week, our learning has been based around the story **Stuck by Oliver Jeffers**. The children have been learning about different types of trees and have written independently about what was stuck in the tree. They have also created artwork using materials such as aquarelles, crayons, and paint.

In phonics, we introduced two new sounds: ure and er. The children took part in role-play activities, including finding a cure at the vets, searching for treasure, and building towers.

In maths, we looked at different types of repeating patterns, including more complex sequences such as AABB and ABB. The children also independently sorted shapes into 2D and 3D categories and discussed their properties.

On Friday, we had an Outdoor Learning Day. The children built wigwams, helped clear our outdoor area, planted seeds, and created Andy Goldsworthy-inspired artwork, as well as repeating patterns using natural materials.





This week in KS1 we have...

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We've had another wonderful and busy week in Year 1! In maths, we've been learning all about mass. The children have been comparing the weight of different objects, using balance scales, and exploring which items are heavier or lighter. They've enjoyed using hands-on activities to understand these concepts and are getting really good at estimating and measuring mass. In English, we've been diving into a fun twist on a classic fairy tale with the story of **The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs by Jon Scieszka**. The children have loved hearing the wolf's side of the story and comparing it with the traditional version. We've been practicing retelling stories, discussing characters, and exploring what makes a good narrator. It's been great fun, and the children have been so creative in their own versions of the tale! In Science, we've been learning about the changing seasons, focusing on the transition between spring and winter. The children have been observing the weather, talking about the differences in temperature, and noticing the changes in plants, animals, and the environment. We've also been creating images that represent the beauty of both seasons. As we approach Mother's Day, we want to take a moment to send a big thank you to all the wonderful mums and caregivers in Year 1. Your love, support, and care make such a difference, and we are so grateful for all you do. Wishing you all a very happy Mother's Day filled with love and joy! Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to more exciting learning in the weeks ahead.



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What an exciting week we have had. This week in maths we have been learning about capacity and volume. The children have enjoyed learning to measure in millilitres and litres. In DT we have continued to make our carnival masks based on our own designs. The children have worked carefully to make and decorate their masks. In Geography we have been learning about life in Brazil. This week we focussed on learning about Brazilian foods and celebrations. In Science we have been looking at how we can reuse materials. The children enjoyed using reclaimed or recyclable materials to make the products that they designed last week. Thank you to everyone who sent in recycled materials. On Thursday, we were fortunate to have a Samba workshop. The children loved learning about the different instruments and performing in a samba band. On Friday it was outdoor learning day. The children enjoyed planting seeds to improve our school grounds. They also had a brilliant time carrying out a capacity investigation outside. Unfortunately, it was discovered that we have a dragon on the loose in school. Fortunately, the dragon only comes out at night. It has yet to be spotted during the school day. The children have been working hard to design a humane trap to secure the dragon so that it can be released into the wild unharmed. Next week we will be writing instructions for how to catch a dragon so that Mr O'Shea can safely catch it!



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Nurture Hub & Golden Acorns

This week in the Nurture Hub, the children completed their Mother's Day baskets and began creating colourful Easter crafts. They also enjoyed exploring with some of the new toys, and it was wonderful to see everyone sharing and playing together. During our morning sessions, we engaged in group games outside, which provided a great opportunity for friendship building. Looking ahead to next term, we are excited to welcome new children into our groups.



GOLDEN LEAVES

Class name	Child's name	Comment
Diamond	Saatchi	For great sounding out, lovely handwriting and writing more independently during guided writing
Ruby	Luke	For brilliant effort with his handwriting.
Topaz	Leela	For her positive attitude and contribution to the class.
Amethyst	Mason	For being so kind and helpful towards other people.
Emerald	Hannah	Great contributions to class discussions especially in maths.
Sapphire	Nate	For concentrating on his writing, creating a great The Egg story

OVERALL WINNING CLASS:

TOPAZ



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PTA

In Person PTA Meeting

On Friday 25th April our PTA will be holding a meeting in the school hall from 15:00pm to discuss all matters PTA related, all parents and carers are welcome to attend to have your say.



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Spring Clubs @ CRI

Bookings are currently live for all clubs and can be made by contacting them directly. The flyers have been uploaded in the [Clubs](#) section of our [school website](#).



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			Young Magicians Year R, 1 & 2 8.00am – 8.45am	
	Playball Nursery 8.30am - 9am		Playball Nursery 8.30am - 9am	
Playball Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm	Playball Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm	Hotsteppers Dance Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 4pm	Ultimate Coaching Year R 3pm - 4pm	Ultimate Coaching Year 1 & 2 3pm - 4.15pm
Jam Coding Year 1 & 2 3pm – 4pm	Camberley Judo Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 4pm	Playball Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm	Boogie Pumps Drama Year R, 1 & 2 3pm – 4pm	Genie Lab Year R, 1 & 2 3pm – 4pm

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You might be interested in...

Unlocking Potential Through Nutrition & Brain Health

Lucinda Miller

📅 Wednesday, 2nd April 2025
🕒 6:00pm
📍 Holy Trinity Primary School
Benner Lane
West End
Woking
GU24 9JQ



Thriving Together: A Parenting Journey for Mums of Autistic Children from Overwhelm to In Control



Are you a mum of an autistic/ADHD child who is questioning how to best support your child? Do you feel overwhelmed, isolated and torn between juggling family needs and work? Would you love to share it with a fellow mum who gets it?

Hi, I'm Jo, a Parenting Coach for Mums of Autistic/ADHD Children up to 11 years old (no diagnosis needed). I share my lived experience with my son and knowledge of how to support your amazing child.

If you feel like you're in survival mode, it doesn't have to stay that way. Your time is valuable, and I can quickly transform your world. Every behaviour has a trigger, and I'll guide you to tailored solutions for parenting your child with clarity and compassion so you both feel calm. I'll support you in stepping into a more prepared and confident version of yourself in family and work life. I coach women who are resourceful, and eager for change, empowering you to see your child's amazing strengths and respond positively to your circumstances.

How I support you:

Understand, Accept, and Strengthen Communication with Your Child: I help you to understand, embrace, and navigate your child's unique needs. I show you how to connect and communicate to enable them to share those needs and feelings, gain their cooperation, reduce anxiety/aggression, ease the transitions to and from nursery/school, cope with holidays, and make friends. We create personalised strategies so you can move forward quickly.

Engaging with Others to Gain Their Support: I share how to navigate those tricky conversations with your partner, siblings, family, work, nursery/school, and key professionals so they understand your child's needs and support you.

Balance Family Needs, Your Wellbeing, and Your Career: I support you to balance family needs, work, and your well-being so you can enjoy parenting and live the life you want.



My Story: I know how hard it can feel, my son 'Bookasaurus' is bright, and autistic with ADHD. I love my son, but when we were told "You might want to look into autism" it threw all of my career and family expectations out of the water. I was fearful of the future and kept asking myself, "Is he or isn't he autistic?" I bottled it all up rather than face the judgement of others - until I started working with a coach who helped me see a new way forward. I'm here for you, to listen with understanding so you can download fully, and to guide you in finding the best solutions for you and your child, seeing you smile and the whole family thrive. I take you from overwhelm to feeling truly connected and in control. This journey is for your children, relationship, career, and most importantly, you.

I offer a **1:1 Coaching Hour - £45** or a **12-week, 1:1 Coaching Package - £324**, with text message support. We meet over Zoom or if you're local, at a cafe or 'walk and talk'. **To book your 1:1 hour, or if you're interested in the 12-Week Package, and a free Discovery Call - email me at jo@learningtoloveautism.com** with three dates and times, and we'll get one in the diary!

Want to Know More?

Scan the QR code, visit my website www.learningtoloveautism.com, Instagram - [jo.learningtoloveautism](https://www.instagram.com/jo.learningtoloveautism) or linkedin.com/in/jolonglearningtoloveautism.



Lucinda Miller



Join us for an inspiring talk with Lucinda Miller, renowned family naturopath and author, on how nutrition shapes brain health, learning, and well-being.

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- 🍏 **Practical Nutrition Tips** – Simple, effective ways to nourish growing minds.
- 👤 **Expert Insights** – Backed by years of experience with children and families.

A must-attend for parents, caregivers, and educators looking to empower children through nutrition!

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<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/unlocking-potential-through-nutrition-brain-health-tickets-1299311037289?aff=oddttdcreator>

Dear Parents,

PLAYBALL HOLIDAY CAMPS ARE BACK!! Over the Easter Holidays we will be offering 3 hour drop off camps. Spaces at each camp will be limited so you will need to book early to secure a spot on your preferred dates. As always the camps are open to everyone, so feel free to get siblings involved and spread the Playball word to all your friends.

We will be running 3 camps for 3 - 10 year olds. You can book into as many or as few camps as you wish.

What do the camps entail?

The camps are a 3 hour drop off service for children aged 3 - 10 years. Parents get to take the morning off and rest assured that your kids will be happily entertained, well looked after, and when we hand them back to you, will be thoroughly exhausted from all the fun and games! The children are split into age-appropriate groups, where we maintain our Playball ratio of coaches to children, and we guarantee a high quality and fun filled day of sports activities and games, followed by the ever-popular treasure hunt- to ensure that the kids are sent home happy. Weather permitting, we will also make use of the water bombs and water gun games to cool off the kids.

Date / Time

Tuesday 8th April 10am - 1pm @Lightwater Leisure Centre

Wednesday 9th April 10am - 1pm @Crawley Ridge Infant School

Thursday 10th April 10am - 1pm @Lightwater Leisure Centre

Tuesday 15th April 10am - 1pm @Crawley Ridge Infant School

Wednesday 16th April 10am - 1pm @Crawley Ridge Infant School

Thursday 17th April 10am - 1pm @Lightwater Leisure Centre

Cost and payment

1st day of camp: £27.50

2nd day of camp: £22.50

Each additional day of camp: £15

Sibling Discount: £25 per child

Payment needs to be made the week before your first session.

Any questions regarding discounts for siblings / multiple days, please get in touch.

How to Book

For safeguarding and insurance purposes all bookings will need to be made through our website

www.playballkids.com/t/586. Please note, the website doesn't take into account any multi-day / sibling discounts, if you are unsure of the cost please get in touch.

For more information or assistance with the booking process please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to seeing you all at our holiday camps.

Kind Regards,

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WE ARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

We have a school Facebook and X (Twitter) account. These accounts will post regular updates. Updates will include photos and videos, events and reminders. Children with current school photo permission will be included on these platforms.



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