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Message from SLT

Final Final Final Final Final Reminder – Parent Survey

We have responses from about half of parents (thank you to them) It would be amazing to get the other half now too!

We want to hear from you! Tell us what you love about our school and how we can make it even better for your child. Please complete the survey using the link below.

LINK TO-Parent Experience Survey 2026

The closing date for survey submissions is TODAY!!!!!!!!!!. We would like to remind all parents and carers to complete the **Parent Survey** that has recently been sent out. Your feedback is incredibly important to us, as it helps shape our school development, informs future planning, and ensures that we continue to provide the very best experiences for our pupils and families.

The survey should only take a few minutes to complete, and we truly value every response.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to share your thoughts and help us continue to grow as a school community.

Bamboozle Theatre Company – *Moonsong* Returns!

We are delighted to welcome **Bamboozle Theatre Company** back into school for another set of performances of their beautiful production, *Moonsong*. Some of our ASD classes were unable to see the show last year, so this visit will ensure everyone has the opportunity to enjoy this unique experience.

There will be **three performances on the day** at:

- **10:00am**
- **11:00am**
- **1:00pm**

In addition, the actors will be carrying out a **45-minute walkabout in three classes** during the afternoon.

Moonsong is a highly interactive and individualised sensory performance, designed to engage pupils through rich visual, auditory and tactile experiences. Last year, pupils and families absolutely loved the show, and we are confident this year's performances will be just as magical and memorable.

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We look forward to another inspiring day with the Bamboozle team!

Shared Learning – Friday 13th February

Family Learning Morning – A Wonderful Day of Love and Joy

Today was a truly wonderful day across the school, as so many classes welcomed family visitors to join in **shared learning around the theme of love and joy**. It was fantastic to see families and pupils engaging together in a full range of **creative exploration, play, and interactive activities** happening in every classroom.

The atmosphere throughout the school was warm, busy, and full of smiles. Many families stayed on afterwards to enjoy a **chat and a coffee**, strengthening the sense of community that makes these events so special. And—hooray!—some even managed to complete their surveys while they were here.

A huge thank you to all the families who joined us today. Your participation and enthusiasm make such a positive difference, and it is always a pleasure to see the joy that shared learning brings to our young people.

London Marathon Fundraiser for Our Hydro Pool

We are delighted to share some wonderful news from within our school community. The mother of one of our staff members is running the **London Marathon** this year and has very kindly chosen our school as the charity she will be fundraising for. Her goal is to help us raise money to support the **renovation of our hydrotherapy pool**, a vital resource that plays an important role in our students' physical development, wellbeing, and enjoyment.

This incredibly generous offer reflects the strong sense of care and connection that exists within our community, and we are truly grateful for her commitment to supporting our pupils in such a meaningful way.

If anyone would like to donate or share the fundraising link, it would be very much appreciated—but there is absolutely no pressure at all. Every contribution, big or small, goes directly towards enhancing the experiences we can offer our learners.

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You can find the link here:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/helen-murphy-219?utm_medium=CF&utm_source=CL

We received the following poster through Havering communications it may be something that some families may want to investigate.

Pupils of the week

CJ in Bayley class - For completing a successful trip to Tesco; following a shopping list and helping to pack items in the bag.

Albert in Wonder class- For starting to use a fork with support to eat his lunch.

Nii in Simmonds class- For working hard on self-regulating. Well, done Nii!

16.02-20.02 school closed Half term
24.02- Bamboozle for some ASD pupils
05.03-World Book Day
05.03- coffee morning
17.03 St Patrick's Day
Please see poster at end of newsletter with all dates and information.
20.03 Comic Relief
24.03 -parental coffee morning: finance and legal advice
27.03 Inset Day
30.03-10.04 school **closed Easter**

Safeguarding

Support Services for Families

As we approach the Spring half-term break, we are mindful that though we all want the holiday time fun and happiness, it can also be stressful and very busy for many families. There is also the financial burden it can have on us. Below is a list of trusted services that may be helpful:

NSPCC (National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children)

The NSPCC provides support and resources for families, focusing on the safety and well-being of children.

- **Helpline:** 0808 800 5000
- **Email:** help@nspcc.org.uk
- **Website:** www.nspcc.org.uk

MIND (Mental Health Support)

MIND offers support for mental health challenges, providing resources for both parents and young people.

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- **Helpline:** 0300 123 3393
- **Email:** info@mind.org.uk
- **Website:** www.mind.org.uk

SCOPE

SCOPE supports individuals and families affected by disabilities, offering practical advice and assistance.

- **Helpline:** 0808 800 3333
- **Email:** helpline@scope.org.uk
- **Website:** www.scope.org.uk

SENDIASS (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information, Advice, and Support Service)

SENDIASS provides free, impartial advice for families navigating SEND-related matters.

- Contact Number: 01245 204338
- Email: send.iass@essex.gov.uk
- Website: Essex SENDIASS

Samaritans Havering:

- **Address:** 107 North Street, Romford, Essex, RM1 1ER
- **Phone:** 116 123 (Free to call, available 24/7)
- **Email:** jo@samaritans.org
- **Website:** www.samaritans.org

This branch offers 24/7 emotional support via telephone and email for anyone experiencing distress or needing someone to talk to. Their location is accessible, with some facilities for those with disabilities We encourage parents and carers to reach out to these

organizations if you require support or have questions about your child's well-being. Our school team is also here to help—please don't hesitate to contact us if you need further guidance.

Welfare

School Coffee Morning – 5 March 2026

We are pleased to let you know that at our next **Parents' Group Coffee Morning on Thursday 5th March 2026**, we will be welcoming our **Continence Nurse**, who will be joining us at **10:30am**.

She will be talking about all aspects of **liners**, including how parents can manage their use at home and at school to ensure our young people have the best possible experience. She will also discuss **fitting and sizing**, particularly as children grow, so that liners remain comfortable, effective, and appropriate.

Following her talk, there will be an opportunity for a **question-and-answer session** for any families who would like support or advice around continence-related issues.

As always, parents will also have the chance to spend time together, share experiences, and offer mutual support and information. These mornings continue to be a valuable opportunity for

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our community to connect, learn, and support one another.

We look forward to welcoming you on **05.03.26** for another warm and informative morning.

Parents' Group Coffee Morning – 12 March 2026

We are delighted to invite you to the next **Parents' Group Coffee Morning**, taking place on **Thursday 12th March 2026** at **JJ Moons in Hornchurch**.

Our previous coffee morning on **12.02.26**, which was also shared in the newsletter, was a real success. It was wonderful to welcome such a strong turnout of parents, all keen to connect, exchange experiences, and celebrate the positive interactions and progress of their young people. Many parents shared how valuable they found the opportunity to talk openly together and discuss ways we can continue working in partnership to support their children.

It is inspiring to see this group growing each month, with parents supporting one another and contributing to a warm, uplifting sense of community. These gatherings play an important role in strengthening the collaboration between home and school and in promoting positivity for all our young people.

We look forward to seeing even more of you on **12.03.26** for another friendly, supportive, and engaging morning together.

...and around school ...

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https://twitter.com/LARavensbourne

www.limeacademyravensbourne.org

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Following on from the Coffee Morning session, parents have asked for dough recipes:

Activities with Families: Spring 2026

Date	Time	Event	Details
Tuesday 13th January	10 – 11.30	Coffee Morning for Families	Post-Christmas catch up, hospital passports & write to MP about safe spaces in hospitals for all children with complex needs
Thursday 22nd January	10 – 11.30	Coffee Morning for Families	Continence Nurse
Friday 6th February	10 – 11.30	Play Session for Families	An opportunity for parents and carers to work with school staff to develop strategies for exploratory play.
Friday 13th February	Time tbc	Shared Learning and refreshments with SLT	Families welcome to join their child's class for activities
Half Term (16.02.26 - 20.02.26)			
Tuesday 24th February	Times tbc	Bamboozle for some ASD learners	Details of classes and times to follow
Thursday 5th March	All day	World Book Day	Dress up as a book character
Friday 6th March	10 – 11.30	Coffee Morning for Families	Guest tbc
Tuesday 17th March	All day	**St Patrick's Day**	**A chance to dress in green!**
	10 – 11.00	Stay & Play	Guest under 2s families to explore the Sensory Room
Friday 20th March	Time tbc	Comic Relief Shared Learning	Dress in red and send a £1 in for Comic Relief Families are welcome to join their child's class for activities
Tuesday 24th March	10 – 11.30	Coffee Morning for Families	Finance and legal - Support with benefits, charities, and legal advice regarding power of attorney – more information to come
Friday 27th March	**School Closed**	**INSET DAY**	**All staff to Milton Keynes for a whole Trust training day**
Easter Break (30.03.26 - 10.04.25) Summer Term begins on 13.04.26			

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Non-Edible Doughs

Shaving foam and baking soda (bicarb of soda) - keep adding bicarb to shaving foam until you get a dry dough that forms a ball.

Conditioner and cornflour: 3 cups of cornflour to one of conditioner. Keep adding either ingredient until the chosen consistency.

Edible doughs

Flour, water and colour and/or flavourings

Moon Sands

Flour and vegetable oil - mix until there are fine breadcrumbs
Flour and coconut oil **-** mix until there are fine breadcrumbs

Cornflour or Custard Powder Gloop
Start with cornflour or custard powder, add small amounts of water at a time until there is a thick liquid cornflour which can be picked up and rolled into balls, which then turn into liquid when put on a tray.

Other doughs
Buy or make stretchy pizza doughs
Use bought pastry
Mix Paxo into a sensory dough
Use slices of bread - white or brown - mixed with water to make a dough

The following fliers may be of interest to the siblings of our learners and to wider family members

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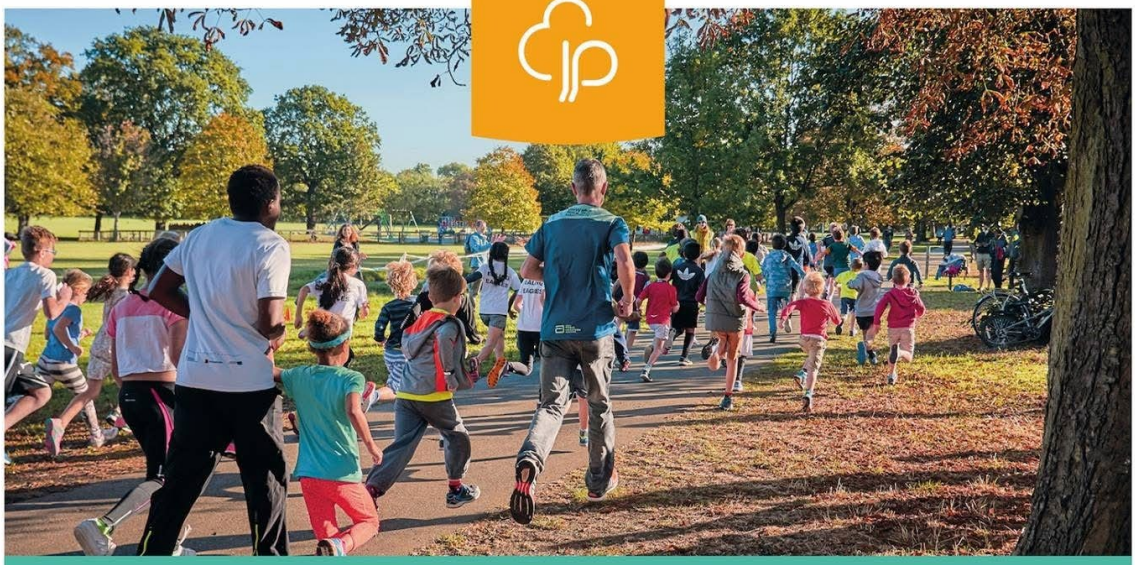

JOIN THE JUNIOR PARKRUN FAMILY

WALK, JOG, RUN, VOLUNTEER

or simply come and watch – it's up to you!

FAMILY-FRIENDLY 2K EVENTS
Every Sunday morning

FOR 4-14 YEAR OLDS
Adults can join in with the kids too!

EVERYONE WELCOME
Walk, jog, run, hop, skip or jump - it's up to you!

FREE & EASY TO TAKE PART
No special kit needed - wear whatever you like

HAVE FUN BEING ACTIVE
Share high fives and big smiles!

MAKE FRIENDS
Meet lots of new people

LEARN NEW SKILLS
Kids can volunteer in lots of roles

FEEL HAPPY AND PROUD
Try your best and celebrate your achievements

"We all do it together as a family. The volunteers are really nice, it's fun and you can walk if you want to!"

Register at **parkrun.com**
and head down to your local junior parkrun event!

notes:

https://www.parkrun.org.uk/harrowlodge-juniors/

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