



# PARENT BULLETIN

24 APRIL 2026


**Term dates 26-27** – please see on page 2 a reminder of the term dates and PD Days for 2026-2027. Please note the staggered return for students in September.

**Rewards Day 2026**– we will shortly be communicating with Y7-10 parents/carers about Rewards Day taking place this year on 13<sup>th</sup> July. Please keep an eye out for class charts announcements with the information about activity choices, deadlines and also payment.

**KS3 Core Home Learning** – students have now resumed their Core Home Learning Programme following the Easter break. On Monday students will be shared the following:

<p><b>The following Home Learning Tasks are due in this week:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sparx Reader (Today)</li> <li>• Science Educake (Today)</li> <li>• MFL (in a specific lesson)</li> <li>• Geography Educake (Weds)</li> <li>• Sparx Maths (Thursday)</li> </ul>	<p><b>New Home Learning Tasks set this week:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sparx Reader (set TODAY) and will be due in on Monday next week.</li> <li>2. Science Educake (set TODAY) and will be due in 2 weeks later.</li> <li>3. Sparx Maths (set Wednesday) and will be due in on Thursday next week.</li> <li>4. Geography Educake (set Wednesday) will be due in 2 weeks later.</li> </ol> <p><b>ALL DETAILS OF WHAT YOU NEED TO DO WILL BE ON CLASS CHARTS</b></p>
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**Remember it is a new term. A 'fresh start'. Plan for this to be your best engagement with Home Learning yet. Persevere. Progress.**

<p>To help you persevere (and so progress) with your Sparx Maths, Miss Bailey and Mrs Crawford have out together some <b>advice on how to use the Sparx Maths help videos effectively</b>. Your Maths teachers will be discussing this with you in lessons and your parents have access to a narrated Powerpoint about this on the Parent Bulletin.</p> 	<p><b>Summary of Support</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make sure you watch the help videos available when you get stuck on a question</li> <li>• When you watch the video, pause it when all the working out is visible then either photograph the screen or write out the working out.</li> <li>• Return to the original question you were stuck on.</li> <li>• Look at the working out from the help video, spot the difference(s) (This will be one or a few numbers) and realise all the other steps are the same for the question you are working on.</li> <li>• Follow the working out from the help video, changing the numbers to the numbers from your question, where needed.</li> </ul>
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**Sparx Maths Videos** - Please use [this link](#) to view a narrated PowerPoint explaining how students should use Sparx Maths videos effectively. This will help you support your child's learning at home and maximise their progress in Maths.

**Author Visit Wednesday 6 May** - Local author Jenna Warren will visit to talk about her work and current book. Students interested in meeting her should inform Mrs Ross.

**Dance Show 2026** - We are hosting our dance show on Thursday 30 April, showcasing dance talent from across all year groups. Doors open at 5.40pm, the event is 6-8pm in the hall. If you would like a ticket, please ask your child to speak to Mrs Beak in PE, or email [beakr@laurencejackson.org](mailto:beakr@laurencejackson.org)



**Year 11 Rewards & Celebrations** Year 11 had a fantastic time on their rewards trip to Alton Towers yesterday, enjoying a well-earned day of fun together. Today's celebration day has been just as successful, with a great atmosphere and lots of smiles as students celebrated nearing their end of their journey at LJS leading into the GCSE exam period.





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	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
Monday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Tuesday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Wednesday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Thursday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Friday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Saturday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 28	2 9 16 23 30
Sunday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31

	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY
Monday	1 8 15 22	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26
Tuesday	2 9 16 23	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27
Wednesday	3 10 17 24	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28
Thursday	4 11 18 25	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29
Friday	5 12 19 26	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30
Saturday	6 13 20 27	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31
Sunday	7 14 21 28	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25

**Staggered return September 2026:**

- Tuesday 1 September Year 7 only
- Wednesday 2 September Year 7, Year 10 and Year 11 only
- Thursday 3 September All year groups

■ Bank Holidays  
■ School Holidays  
■ PD Days (x5)