



Laurence Jackson School's

PARENT BULLETIN

1 MAY 2026

Term dates 26-27 – please page 2 a reminder of term dates / PD Days for 26-27.

Rewards Day 2026 – next week we will send communication to Y7-10 parents/carers on Class Charts about Rewards Day 13th July. For those eligible, this includes a form to complete for your child's choice on this day, which needs to be completed by 12th May. All details – including relating to payment – will be in the forthcoming communication.

Pathways event – All students and parents/carers are invited to this event – click [here](#) to book



Author Visit – Local author Jenna Warren will visit on 6th May. A group of students will meet her in the day and all students can meet her in the library after school. Signed copies of [The Hometown Bookshop](#) and/or [The Moon and Stars](#) can be pre-ordered via the links.

Year 8 HPV Vaccinations – The Immunisation Team will visit school on 3rd July to offer the HPV vaccine to Year 8 students who missed the first session. If you have not already responded and would like to, please give or decline consent by 26th June:

<https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/4b5af2df> or by phone 0191 323 5080

Catch-up MMR vaccinations are also available. If your child hasn't had 2 MMR doses, please contact the Imms Team to consent separately.

FAO Parents/Carers of Y11 – For those considering an apprenticeship, Middlesbrough College regularly update their apprenticeship vacancies linked here: [Apprenticeship Vacancies Archive – Northern Skills](#). Apprenticeships are highly competitive. We strongly advise that students applying for these also submit an application to a college or sixth form as a backup option to ensure they have a secure destination for September. We encourage you to review the vacancies with your child and support any applications. Any questions, please email careers@laurencejackson.org

Self-quizzing to support learning – This term, students are being encouraged to use self-quizzing as part of revision. Self-quizzing means testing what they know without looking at their notes, then checking and correcting their answers. This helps improve memory and builds independent study skills.

How you can help at home:

- Provide paper and a pen.
- Ask your child to explain or show you how they self-quiz.
- Encourage them to check their answers and keep track of their progress.

Methods include Look, Cover, Write, Check, foldables, and creating quiz questions. Regular self-quizzing helps students focus revision on what they need to practise most.

KS3 Core Home Learning Updates – To help keep good routines in place, Sparx Reader home learning will still be due in by Monday 4th May (bank holiday); students will have had a full week to complete the work.

On Tuesday students will be reminded of the following during form time:

The following Home Learning Tasks are due in this week:

- Sparx Reader (Yesterday)
- Sparx Maths (Thursday)
- History Seneca (Thursday)

New Home Learning Tasks set this week:

1. Sparx Reader (set yesterday) and will be due in on Monday next week.
2. MFL (set TUESDAY) will be due in Wk A in specific lesson
3. Sparx Maths (set Wednesday) and will be due in on Thursday next week.
4. History Seneca (set Thursday) will be due in 2 weeks later.

ALL DETAILS OF WHAT YOU NEED TO DO WILL BE ON CLASS CHARTS

Remember it is a new term. A 'fresh start'. Plan for this to be your best engagement with Home Learning yet. Persevere. Progress.

To help you persevere (and so progress) with your Sparx Maths, Miss Bailey and Mrs Crawford have put together some advice on how to use the Sparx Maths help videos effectively. 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.



Summary of Support

- Make sure you watch the help videos available when you get stuck on a question
- 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.
- Return to the original question you were stuck on.
- 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.
- Follow the working out from the help video, changing the numbers to the numbers from your question, where needed.

Sparx Maths – Please see [the link to a short narrated PowerPoint](#) re how to help your child use Sparx Maths videos effectively to support progress in Maths.

Bank Holiday – A reminder that it is bank holiday on Monday 4th May and school is closed. Wishing everyone a lovely long weekend and we look forward to seeing students back in school at the normal time on Tuesday 5th May.



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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	26		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

Bank HolidaysSchool HolidaysPD Days (x5)

	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
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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