



# PARENT BULLETIN

8 MAY 2026

**Year 11 Message** – As we now officially enter the 2026 GCSE exams, I would like to thank all Y11 students for a strong school year, in particular their hard work and positive approach towards myself and all staff at LJS. Monday sees the start of all GCSE exams alongside our revision drop down timetable. Please remember students to try your best and engage in all the support on offer. As school staff we are prepared and ready to support Year 11 over these final weeks – “you’ve got this and we’ve got you throughout this process!” Sending sincere best wishes and lots of care to you all.

**Year 10 Update** – The Summer term exam information booklet will be issued next week to students and parents. This booklet will provide students with revision guidance for their June exams. Some Y10 students will also have a 1 to 1 meeting next week to discuss their current attendance, progress and home learning engagement as we lead in to these exams. We look forward to seeing Y10 really engage this summer term with all the support and events on offer. For those who attend and engage well in this first formal exam experience, we have booked a reward treat for Friday 22nd June at lunchtime.

**PowerUp Mornings** – Students who use Lexia PowerUp are now able to attend PowerUp Mornings every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, from 8:00am to 8:30am in R2. This provides a calm, supported start to the day where students can work on their literacy skills, using the PowerUp software and with guidance from our Learning Support Assistants. Students will be met at the main entrance by a member of staff. Please note that students arriving after 8:10am will not be able to access the session, as this ensures a settled and purposeful environment.

If you would like any further information, please contact the SEND team at [SEND@laurencejackson.org](mailto:SEND@laurencejackson.org).

**Rewards Trips Day 2026** – please note that launch letters have been sent via class charts to parents/carers of eligible students and the deadline for activity choices is **4pm Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May**. This deadline cannot be extended.

**Speaking for Success Focus Day** – 12th May (Year 7–10) – on this day, students will develop their ‘Expert Voice’ by focusing on oracy and confident communication—skills proven to support success in exams, interviews and beyond. We will introduce two key approaches:  
Green Talk – exploratory thinking, where students test ideas and learn through mistakes.  
Blue Talk – clear, confident and precise communication using expert vocabulary.  
By moving from Green to Blue Talk, students learn that strong communication is a skill they can build. How you can help at home:

60-Second Expert: Ask your child to explain something they’ve learned for one minute, without filler words.

Keyword Catch: Use and repeat key vocabulary from their learning in everyday conversation.

Building the Bridge: Extend discussions using phrases like “Building on that...” or “I’d challenge that by...”

Pro tip: Green Talk helps learning; Blue Talk shows what students can do.

**KS3 Core Home Learning Update** – On Monday students will be reminded of the following during form time:

## KS3 Core Home Learning – Wk A

### The following Home Learning Tasks are due in this week:

- Sparx Reader and Science Educake (Today)
- Geography Educake (Weds)
- Sparx Maths (Thursday)
- MFL in a specific lesson

### New Home Learning Tasks set this week:

1. Sparx Reader and Science Educake (set today)
2. Sparx Maths and Geography Educake (set Wednesday)

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

**May holiday and 26-27 term dates** – please be reminded that the May holidays run from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026. Students return at the normal time on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026. A reminder of the 26-27 term dates is on the following page.



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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 Holidays  
■ School Holidays  
■ PD 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
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