

April 2025



Dear All,

It's been such a long term which has been jam packed with exciting activities and plenty of work. It has been a pleasure to walk around the school and see the rainforest coming to life over in the Badger's lodge, the oceans work in both the Rabbits and Badgers Classroom is delightful. The planning of a journey topic then seeing the Squirrels and Hedgehogs adorning hi-vis jackets and wandering around the village of Wolvey, fills us with pride to see them accessing the wider community (I am sure the ice creams helped with this!). The work within the Foxes of Fair Trade resulting in a trip to the supermarket and more recently their Easter Story books coming to fruition has been utterly joyous. We are very proud of how hard the children work and to see their work is testament to the efforts put in.

Throughout this term, we have had Valentine and Easter Trails around the lakes, visits from the exotic animal man, World Book Day, visits from the Police PSCOs not to mention taking part in Eid and the Lunar New Year celebrations. Thank you to all of the adults for all of their fabulous input in making the learning fun and interactive, they really do work incredibly hard and I can't say thank you loud enough.

Lambs

Noodle, Marshmallow and Billie Eilish are growing really well and becoming more and more confident. They often enjoy lunchtimes bouncing around with the children. The children have been brilliant at preparing the milk and feeding the lambs. Live mathematics has been great for teaching capacity and measuring the temperature as everything has to be precise and then reading the timetable to work out when it is their turn to feed. The lambs and the other animals will be looked after by Miss Sparks over the Easter break and we'll all be amazed how big they will grow over the two weeks.

Swimming

Swimming got off to a bit of a tricky start with the pool closures, but it resulted in some fabulous efforts and even life saving skills for our older swimmers. Swimming can be difficult for lots of our learners and we fully understand that. However, they all coped and did incredibly well earning themselves a certificate. That's it for this academic year, but we will pick up again in the Spring 2026.

Horse Riding

Horse riding is always one of my favourite times of the year. We are looking forward to going to Witham Villa and seeing how far the children can progress. Remember that everyone needs to wear suitable clothing which include leggings or tight fitted trousers, no jeans or baggy items. Boots with a small heel are also required, no wellington boots. We can hire these from the stables if you do not have any footwear that is suitable. Hats will be supplied by the equestrian centre. If you have your own riding equipment, please feel free to wear on the day. For those not riding, we will be welcoming Mr Clafferty back in for some super PE lessons.

Dates for diary:

Tuesday 29th April - Group 1 Riding Starts

13th May - UKS2 and KS3 Girls Talk 6pm for parents (letter and invitation to follow)

23rd May - close for half term

6th June - School Closed for Staff Training

10th June 2025 - Group 2 Riding Starts

3rd July 2025 - School Trip

11th July 2025 - Close for the Summer

We will also have our annual Enterprise Week during the month of June.

Outline of plans

Attached is an overview of the plans for the children's learning for the Summer Term. It's looking like we have a very busy few months coming up!

IEPs

After Easter, we will be sending out the new IEPs for the half term, you should receive these in the first week after the break.

Finally, I just want to wish you all a very restful Easter break. I am hoping the sunshine continues and we can all enjoy some outside time with our families.

During the break, we will all be taking time away from school to enjoy our own families. However, if there is an emergency or you need to contact us, please email using hello@lakehavenschool.co.uk which is monitored throughout but with reduced access.

We will see you all on Monday 28th April 2025 at 9am.

Have fun!

Love

Lindsay, Alex, Sarah and the rest of the Lake Haven Team.