

Easter 2026

Dear All,

As always, we can not believe how fast the term has flown by and everything that has occurred within it.

Lake Haven never stands still or takes a moment, we are full steam ahead all of the time but still in a lovely, calm manner! From the chilly start of term with an additional day off due to the snow, our school has been a rather wet, windy and chilly place to be. However, in true LH style, this never dampens our spirits and we have been out and about and making the most of our days.

From slime club,STEM Science club, to horse riding, visits to Fosse Meadows, new hamster - named Bean, planning, preparing and cooking up a storm for a Valentines Meal, not to mention our fabulous Forest School sessions, our Personal Development curriculum is as jam packed as ever.

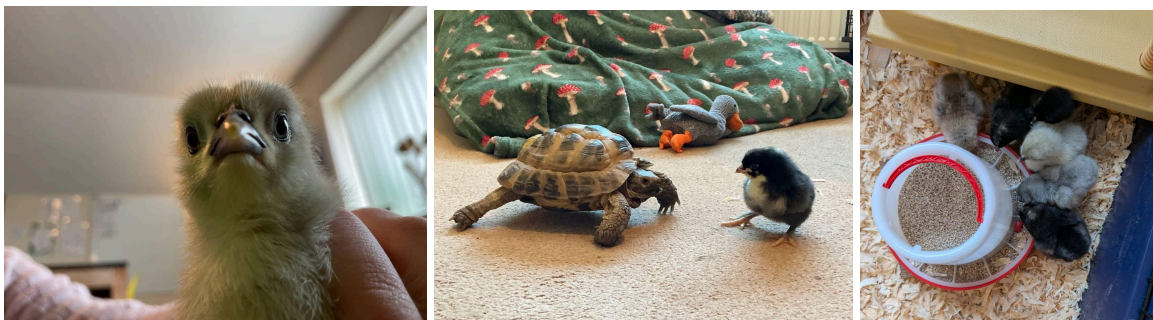


It may look from the outside in, that we are just always having fun, but the truth is we work incredibly hard at all of our curriculum subjects, it's just our lessons are made fun too! The fabulous story writing for World Book Day, the work on biomes around the world, writing about life cycles and answering scientific curiosity questions for science week - we've all been very busy. Look out for our wonderful 'Pod The Penguin Bedtime Story' out soon! Geography units have included earthquakes and volcanoes, rivers and mountains the models and constructions have been great to observe. Mathematically, we are all able to name various shapes of 2D or 3D and their properties. Learning for everyone looks slightly different due to our own bespoke journey, but we are all busy and engaged which is the purpose of our school.



Last week we interviewed three lovely ladies for the Headteacher role and we are pleased to announce that Miss Imogen Warwick has been offered this position from the Autumn Term. Her sound knowledge of SEND and SEND Law is impressive and her empathy and drive for students with additional needs is unwavering and powerful. We will all be in safe hands with her at the helm. I am sure in due course and closer to the time, Imogen will look forward to getting to know you all at home as well as getting to grips with Lake Haven. Alex and myself are not leaving and will very much be present and based at school, so there will remain the continuity, just another pair of hands holding our lovely school together.

As if the interviews weren't enough egg-citement, we successfully hatched ten little chicks to add to our brood. We haven't seen Mrs Hill all week as she has been nose deep in fluffy feathers and chirpy cheeps. We are trying to locate some cade lambs for after Easter which is always a special time at school for adults and the students. Spring has definitely sprung at Lake Haven.



We need to say a huge well done to Miss Farmer for securing her Level 3 Forest School qualification. We are ready to bring on the outside dining aka beans on toast and marshmallow toasting over a small fire. This is a huge undertaking that she has worked tirelessly over the past 12 months. I know the tools have been a real highlight with the groups. Thank you Miss Farmer for doing this for us, we are excited about our sessions.



Congratulations are also in order for a few of our students. Lucinda won 1st Place in the secondary category and 2nd place for Visitors Choice Award at the Halls Young Artist Competition at Weston Park with her stunning artwork 'Sleep to Dream' (The girl in the armour) which captured the attention of both the judges and the public. We are incredibly proud of her talent and creativity. We also had Bridie, Penny and Florence compete for Lake Haven's Equestrian Team riding in the regional schools event. All three girls were placed in their classes and secured their spots for the National Schools Equestrian Association event at Hickstead in August. We are proud of the girls and for representing Lake Haven - such an

achievement! We are proud of all of our students and moments like these prove that diagnosis and labels should never hold any boundaries. Amazing!



As a staff, we have received incredible training from Sheryl Powers OT and Susannah Burden SALT to support us in helping our students between sessions. Interception needs and sensory integration were discussed in depth to support us in identifying those needs. We were all very grateful to the ladies sharing their knowledge with us as a team.

Goodbyes were said to Mrs Norton who retired earlier on in the year. We miss her and Willow very much, but it's lovely that she still pops in to see us. Miss Hatti left to take up a position on an equestrian yard in Oxfordshire and is getting on really well.

Mrs Paine is still recovering, but we saw her last week and she popped in to see us on Tuesday. It was so good to see her smile and hear that laugh! We are all sending her the much needed healing vibes to recover and return to us when she is able.

Attached is the overview for the curriculum which will be covered in the Summer Term. We look forward to welcoming Mr Clafferty back to do our sport sessions and Swans and Kingfishers will enjoy their horse riding sessions. We are looking forward to our Enterprise and Careers Event in school. All classes are looking at 'Icons and Empowerment' and a focus and we will invite you into school on **Wednesday 22nd April** for the afternoon where you will have a chance to talk with a local college representative, an independent careers advisor, local trade and businesses to see what options could be available Post 16. We are grateful to Mrs Guest for organising all of this. We also are looking forward to the Swans opening up our very own cafe - 'Hungry Haven' anyone?

Lake Haven Cafe will be open for business on the **Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th April** with orders being taken on the Monday. Children can purchase snacks from the Swans class who have already been beavering away with working out their costs, ordering bags and serviettes - a real hive of industry! Children will need to bring some money in on Wednesday and Thursday if they would like to order some food; for example: hash browns, sausage or bacon in a bread roll, toast, a drink. This is just a way of us helping our students understand money and the communication involved in placing orders.



On the whole, it has been a very busy term for Lake Haven and we are all ready for a much needed rest, some chocolate and a reboot of energy for the Summer Term. Thanks to the team, as always for going above and beyond - you do make our school, the special place it is, thank you!

We are hoping that the spring-like weather continues for you all. We will be taking some much needed R&R, but if you need anything, we always monitor the [hello@lakehavenschool.co.uk](mailto:hello@lakehavenschool.co.uk) inbox. Attached is also a list of help and support should any of you feel like you need some additional help over the two week break.

Finally, we wish you all a lovely Easter.

Sarah, Alex and Lindsay

