



Be COVID Aware

Do not come onto school site if you have any Coronavirus symptoms, & get tested. Maintain social distancing at all times. The symptoms are:

- High temperature
- New, continuous cough
- Loss of or change to sense of smell or taste

Newsletter

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Why does the end of the school year always creep up on us all so quickly? We've done it, we've got through to the end of the most challenging and difficult years any of us ever have experienced. I'm so pleased we've got to the end of the year without having to close a bubble, which means most children have been able to enjoy their last week of the year.

None of us could have planned for what we've been through and we've all been responding to the situation in the best way we knew. As I look back, there are definitely things I would do differently, but hindsight is a wonderful thing and I know I did the best I could at the time, and I'm sure many of you will share that sentiment. We are so incredibly grateful for your support and understanding this year of all years, recognising that there has been no guidebook on 'how to run a school during a pandemic' and that we have been reacting to an ever changing situation. The staff here have been wonderful, working so hard to support children in the best way they can, whilst also managing their own personal needs and families; I can not ask anything more of them in terms of their commitment to their work. Of course, your children are the stars in all this, they have been incredible. We have a generation of children who will have learnt how to manage change and how to work flexibly, which will no doubt be of benefit to them as they grow into adulthood.

There will need to be some measures in place when we get back to school in September, and I will be in touch later on in the summer with details about these, but I am hoping that we will be returning to a slightly more normal school experience.

Today we say goodbye to our Year 6 leavers and a handful of children in other year groups who will be moving on. They leave us having achieved so many wonderful things and it was just lovely to share in their memories at yesterday's Leaver's Service. We're so proud of the people they are and know that they will continue to shine brightly in their new schools. We also say goodbye to some of you—you have been such an important part of our school family and we will miss you all, we wish you much happiness in whatever the future brings.

I hope you all are able to enjoy a peaceful and restful summer break. Please stay safe and well, we look forward to seeing everyone back for the September term,

Much love from us all at St James'





On Tuesday, Kingfishers visited Naughty Pizza in Bedford. It was a long, hot walk but the lure of tasty pizza kept the children going!

When we arrived, we were greeted by the welcoming staff who provided us with cold water and yummy olives and we began our Naughty Pizza experience. We got straight on with our pizza making and the children learnt how to shape their dough, they selected their toppings and watched in awe as the very large pizza oven whirled the pizzas round and round for two minutes. The very large pizzas were then served to some very hungry Kingfishers!

Naughty Pizza even provided us with pizza boxes to take home any pizza that was left over. Unfortunately, if your child ate all of their pizza you may not have seen (or tasted) a Naughty Pizza but I think I speak for all the children when I say they were delicious!

Many, many thanks to Naughty Pizza for providing their time, food and drinks for free. We all had a fabulous day!

Mrs Corby & Kingfisher Class



From September, school meals will be charged at £2.22 per meal.

We would like to take this opportunity to say just how proud we are of all of our children whom have attended Dawn Until Dusks wrap around care here at St James'. They have all coped so well with the changes we had to make during the last year here at the club and they have continued to be an absolute delight to take care of. Also a big THANK YOU to all of the parents and carers' for your continued support. We are looking forward to our return in September when hopefully things will be back to our old normal, with no divisions into bubbles and the opportunity to mingle and share all equipment.

Our leavers this year are:

Cairon
Jack
Megan
Lily
Susie

We wish them all the best in their new schools and for the future. They have all attended club for a few years and built some great friendships within it and will be missed by children and adults alike. Thank you all for being you, you have been amazing and we know you will continue to be so.

We wish you all a restful break and look forward to welcoming you all back in September.

Cathy, Jess and Kelly xxx

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Dawn Until Dusk will be running summer holiday clubs at various locations throughout Bedford. They will also be offering free places in conjunction with Bedford Boroughs Holidays, Activities, and Food program.

There will be full-day sessions, 7.30 am-6 pm and limited morning sessions, 7.30 am-1 pm available.

For those who are entitled to the free places through the HAF scheme, session times are 8 am-4 pm for a full-day session and 8.30 am-12.30 pm for a morning session.

The locations are as follows:

Balliol Primary School – w/c 26th July to the 6th August

Bedford Road Primary School – w/c 9th August to the 3rd September

Shortstown Primary School – w/c 26th July to the 3rd September

Great Ouse Academy – w/c 26th July to the 20th August

Dawn Until Dusk Preschool, Wixams (Under 7's only) – w/c 26th July to the 3rd September

Dawn Until Dusk will be providing children with breakfast and a hot lunch as well as snacks throughout the day. A packed tea will need to be provided by parents for those staying until 6 pm.

All bookings are to be made via the website <https://kidsdawntildusk.co.uk/>

If you have any queries, please contact the Dawn Until Dusk head office at in-fo@kidsdawntildusk.co.uk or 01234 930505.



FALCON GYMNASTICS CLUB

SCHOOL GYMNASTICS

We are offering gymnastics lessons as an extra curricular club at your school!

Through positive feedback and encouragement, gymnasts will enjoy learning core gymnastics skills:

- * Co-ordination
- * Agility
- * Balance
- * Aerial awareness
- * Rolls
- * Flexibility
- * Acrobatics
- * Advanced skills
- * Box work
- * Routines

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE.



Luton Town FC – Girls Skills Performance Centres

Luton Town Football Club Community Trust are looking to start a girls skills performance centre and we are delighted to offer your child 3 FREE TASTER SESSIONS at our community hub at Ely Way, Luton on Saturday 7th, 14th, and 21st August.

The training sessions will be put on by Luton Town Football Club coaching staff with the aim of improving individual technical development in areas such as dribbling, passing and shooting as well as small sided games. The program is run to provide additional training to supplement the development they will get at their grassroots club.

The taster sessions are being put on with the aim to attract interest of running sessions weekly for girls across Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire. Times, days and venues will be confirmed for the 7 week term starting in September on the back of shown interest and with the aim to reduce travel time for families to access the training session.

The FREE taster sessions will run from 10:00am – 11:00am at Luton Town FC Community Hub and Training Ground, Ely Way, Luton, LU4 9QN.

The program is for girls in school years 1-7 and to register, please complete the consent form below and return via email to Tips@lutontown.co.uk. Telephone booking is also available through our community line on **01582 561622**.

All your child will need is sports kit and a water bottle, the session is open to girls of all ability levels, they do not need to play grassroots football. We are able to provide sessions catered for beginners and more advanced footballers.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as we can.

Kind Regards
Skills Performance Centre Team
Luton Town Football Club

Name of Child:..... **Year Group:**.....

Any Medical Conditions:.....

Contact Number:..... **Email:**.....

Name of Parent / Guardian:..... **Days Attending:** 7th / 14th / 21st / All

Name of grassroots club (if applicable):.....

Children return to school on Monday 6th September