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## Lime Hills Academy School news and Information

3rd April 2025

### Notices

- Monday 21st April is a Bank Holiday and the school will be closed
- First day of Term 5 is Tuesday 22nd April.
- Monday 5th May is a Bank Holiday and the school will be closed.

Dear parents, carers and the wider Lime Hills community,

I would like to wish you all a very happy break over Easter. I am really proud of the learning and progress that our children have made this term with wins from every child every day. Highlights for me have been the careers week and seeing every child reading. We really value your support and thank you for giving us feedback through the parent voice.

We are saying goodbye to Alex Carmichael who is moving on to a great opportunity in coaching but are welcoming George Mitchell as the new Clevedon teacher. We are also welcoming Liam Oplin as safeguarding lead adding capacity to the team.

We look forward to seeing the children back on Tuesday 22nd April.

Best wishes,

Lis Jolley



### Introducing Our New Clevedon Teacher

I am a teacher with six years of experience in Teaching. I have a particular interest in teaching students with special educational needs and complex behaviors. I believe all students have the capacity to achieve. I have recently been appointed as class teacher of Clevedon class in Lime Hills Academy in Weston-Super-Mare and I am looking forward to bringing my skills to this team. I hope students and staff will come to know me as kind, funny (if I do say so myself!), firm, fair and devoted to my role. Outside of school I enjoy walking, cooking, music, gardening, rock climbing and seeing friends and family."



### Introducing Our New Safeguarding Lead.

Hi, I'm Liam Oplin. For the past six years, I've been part of the Safeguarding Team at Hans Price Academy, where I've supported staff, students, and the wider community. Before that, I spent five years as a Response Police Officer, working in South London and the Falkland Islands. I'm also an active Foster Carer, helping 16- and 17-year-olds transition into adulthood. I'm excited to start at LHA and can't wait to meet everyone!



Careers Week

Careers Week was a great success with all of our students either meeting and employer or taking part in an employability challenge or both. The smoothies were delicious!

All of our Year 11 students attend weekly sessions with Weston College supporting their transition onto post 16 courses. The images below are from a transition onto the bike maintenance course. Thank you, Weston College.



Employer Area - Lime Hills Academy

Local businesses – we need your expertise! At Lime Hills Academy we are busy growing your employees of the future. We need your help to raise their career aspirations, develop their employability skills and learn more about the exciting industries in the Southwest.

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I have also attached some Labour Market/ Careers Information suitable for SEND students

- [Entry-Level Careers: Entry-Level Opportunities](#)
- [Retail: Retail Entry-Level](#)
- [Hospitality & Tourism: Hospitality Entry-Level](#)
- [Health & Social Care: Health & Social Care Entry-Level](#)
- [Environment – Animals & Plants: Environment Entry-Level](#)

Please check out the careers section on the website.  
If you or anyone you know would like to talk to a small group of students or facilitate a visit to your place of work, please let us know.

<https://limehillsacademy.clf.uk/content/careers/employer-area/>



Our Safeguarding Team



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Principal



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Safeguarding  
Lead



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Term Dates

**Term 5**  
First Day of Term for Students - Tuesday 22nd April 2025  
Last Day of Term for Students - Friday 23rd May 2025  
**Bank Holidays**  
Monday 21st April 2025  
Monday 5th May 2025

**Term 6**  
First Day of Term for Students - Monday 2nd June 2025  
Last Day of Term for Students - Tuesday 22nd July 2025  
**Inset Dates**  
Friday 4th July 2025  
Monday 7th July 2025

[Please click on this link for the full years term dates](#)





Cheddar Class

World Book Day Celebration

Our school had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day! Students came dressed as their favorite book characters, bringing stories to life with their creative costumes. The day was filled with fun activities, including a thrilling book scavenger hunt that had everyone searching high and low for hidden literary treasures.

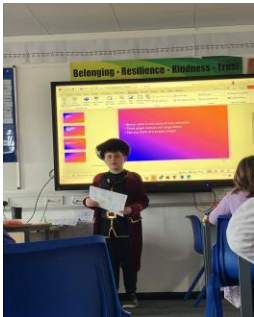
Exploring Space

This term, our topic was Space, and the students were over the moon with excitement! We learned about the planets in our solar system and even sang the catchy Planet Song. The children were fascinated by the mysteries of space and enjoyed discovering fun facts about each planet.



Literary Adventures with "The Iron Man"

In our reading sessions, we delved into the classic book "The Iron Man" by Ted Hughes. The students put themselves in the shoes of the farmer from the story and wrote down their thoughts and feelings. This activity helped them develop empathy and a deeper understanding of the characters.



Maths Fun with Geometry

Our maths lessons have been all about geometry. The children learned about directional language and explored 2D and 3D shapes. They also created beautiful tessellation art, showcasing their understanding of geometric patterns and symmetry.



Exciting Visits

We had some wonderful trips this term! The students visited Puxton Park, where they enjoyed various activities and learned about farm animals. We also took a trip to Noah's Ark Zoo Farm, where the children had the chance to see and learn about different animals. Lastly, we visited Yatton train station, which was an exciting experience for everyone.

We hope you enjoyed reading about our adventures and learning experiences. Stay tuned for more exciting updates in our next newsletter!

## Blagdon Class

Term 4 has been busy for Blagdon! Our class book was The Iron Man, which we did lots of work around the key themes, such as friendship and empathy. We watched the film equivalent, The Iron Giant, and compared the two stories. Blagdon have done some work in English on sentence structure, similes, and descriptive sentences.



For Maths this term we have focused on multiplication, division, and geometry. Blagdon have looked at 2D and 3D shapes, the different types of angles, and clockwise and anticlockwise turns.

In PSHE we have looked at 'Healthy Me', which has involved work on healthy balanced eating, habits such as smoking, alcohol, and legal and illegal drugs, and antisocial behaviour. The Blagdon students have engaged well with this topic, and we have had some productive discussions around these themes.



Our overarching topic this term has been 'Space', and we have been wowed by the interesting facts the students have found out about our solar system. Blagdon have enjoyed researching into different planets, with Mars seeming to be a class favourite!

Blagdon have enjoyed their regular trips such as Noah's Ark and Puxton Park, and our weekly swimming sessions have made a comeback this term, with the students growing in confidence in the water through play with different floats.

The brighter weather has been a welcome addition to this term, with our students enjoying making smoothies with frozen fruit. Blagdon have been loving outdoor learning with activities such as swing ball, rounders, and football. We have been able to take sports equipment to local parks, Portishead Sea front, and Clevedon. This has improved the students' sportsmanship, with their resilience growing with class collaborative play.

Blagdon have also shown great consideration and care for animals through visits from Penny and Peggy, Zoe and Clara's dogs.



We have got stuck in with themed days this term, such as Pancake Day, World Book Day, and Red Nose Day. We have been impressed by the student's participation in these events, keep it up Blagdon! We hope you all have a restful Easter break and come back ready for an even better Term 5!



Mendip Class

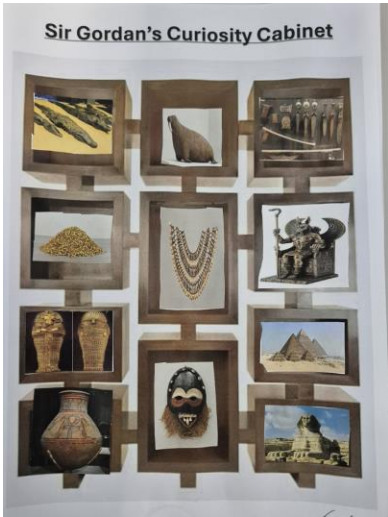
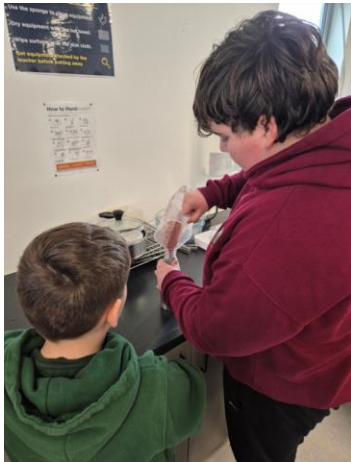
Our maths for this term has focused on Division, Time and Measure, all students have made progress in these areas and should be very proud!

Our class book for the term was ‘S.C.R.E.A.M The Mummy’s Revenge!’ The whole class have enjoyed reading the book and have made some fantastic Glossary’s, Curiosity Cabinets, Fact Files, and used AI technology to create characters based on their description in the book. Helping to build their knowledge to help with their final written piece of work- an explanation text on Mummification!



We have used Ancient Egypt as the wider focus for the term also and have investigated different aspects of what their lives were like, including one of the students’ favourite lessons- recreating making a Canopic Jar by using animal organs. They particularly enjoyed seeing how the heart worked through dissection!

We have also used Minecraft Education to recreate what we think the River Nile would’ve looked like in Ancient Egypt.



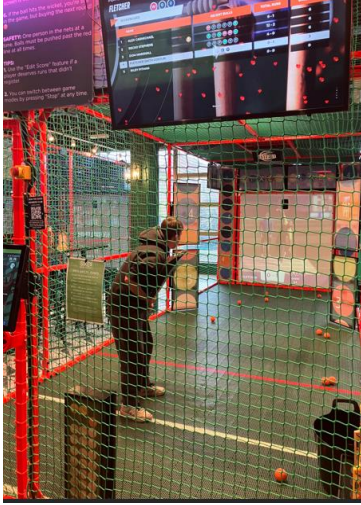
The class have worked incredibly hard this term and have started to form friendships with each other, sparking some lively debates in our PSHE discussions and some lovely chats over breakfast in the mornings!

I hope you all have a restful break and I looking forward to seeing you all next term!



## Clevedon Class

Clevedon class have taken advantage of the arrival of spring this term by doing lots of our learning outside and some new places. We have been improving our game in golf by visiting different driving ranges and improving our technique. We hope to be at a level where we can complete a full game in the summer term



We have also been able to build on some of the skills we have learned in PE throughout the winter and applied them when we visited the Sixes indoor cricket nets in Bristol. We took part in a pupil/teacher competition – which the students won quite convincingly!!



We have been on class trips to a surfing competition at the Waves-an artificial surf lake in Bristol as well as attending our first ever professional cricket match as Gloucestershire took on Somerset.



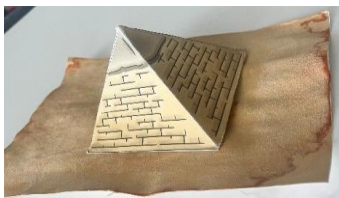
As part of our outdoor learning , the boys have been working hard doing their exam practice and have all managed to improve their levels of qualification in Maths and English by stepping up a level in their Entry Level qualification.

All this hard work was rewarded with an end of term outing and meal. I am sure the boys can keep up their hard work and progress with their new teacher in term 5 – Good luck and all the best Clevedon Class.



## Blackdown Class

This term, the class embarked on an adventure with Billy Flint and Charley Steel, the detectives from Andrew Beasley's book "S.C.R.E.A.M: The Mummy's Revenge." The learners followed the detectives' footsteps, inching closer to unravelling a mystery about an ancient Egyptian mummy haunting the streets of Edinburgh.



The book has set the theme for other subject this term, so we explored the fascinating civilisation of Ancient Egypt in history, geography and art. We looked at the construction of iconic landmarks such as: the pyramid of Giza and the Sphynx, explored the earliest writing system- the hieroglyphs, researched the gods and looked at society and daily life of people in Ancient Egypt.

In Mathematics, we concentrated on the foundational concepts of geometry, with particular focus on understanding and applying perimeter and area. Blackdown Class explored and practiced calculating the total distance around various shapes and understanding the concept of measuring the space within a shape.



In term 4 we also had many lovely off-site visits to Noah’s Ark and Puxton Park. When the sun was out Blackdown Class was very keen to go to Sand Bay beach. The group demonstrates excellent teamwork and social interactions during all of our off- site visits.



I’m pleased to say that this term we noticed some great successes of every learner, from excellent emotions management, forming positive relationships outside Blackdown Class, to achieving personal goals, which is a testament to their resilience and hard work. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a wonderfully joyous and vibrant Easter holiday!

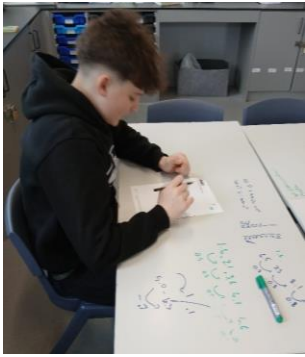




## Seymour Class

Term 4 has seen us welcome two new students (Ashton and Oscar) into Seymour. Both boys have settled in quickly, been welcomed by peers into the class and have made a fantastic start.

This term has been about exam preparation for many of the students. Students have been entered into English and Maths qualifications at various levels including, Entry level 1, Entry level 3, Foundation level 1, Foundation level 2 and GCSE preparation for English and maths. This shows some really good progress over the course of the last year or two and we look forward to getting the results back to see how students have got on.



On top of the more academic learning, we have also continued unit awards across a range of subject areas. A project on castles led to the students having a school trip to Chepstow to see one in real life. A mechanics unit had some practical elements where students learnt how to fill up oil, water, brake fluid levels etc. Students have also done weekly cooking linked to unit awards and some science.

As well as on site learning, we know students engage well in learning off site. This covers such a wide range of learning opportunities. Our 'LHA Life Skills Curriculum' has led to students comparing prices in shops, planning and cooking meals, discussing things like banks, voting and brushing teeth.



The school has had a focus on careers this term. We have had a careers adviser in to talk to students, Seymour class have also been to the Food Works to see places of employment and discuss how to get involved in the catering industry. On a separate occasion we were also shown around Bridgewater College learning about the next steps after school and the courses they provide.



It has been a good term and a pleasure as always to support our students in their learning, whether than be on site or off, academic or learning of more practical subjects. EHCP targets are shared with Seymour staff and conversations and activities we do continue to work towards these areas of development as well. Well done Seymour, a good term!

## Weston Class

We've had another exciting and productive term here in Weston Class!

Our students have been hard at work, learning new skills and having fun along the way. Here's a snapshot of all the amazing things that have been happening:

The students have had an exhilarating time visiting the skatepark, where they showed off their skills on scooters.

We have had our gym induction and will build up our confidence to visit more next term.



Our budding chefs had a blast cooking pancakes and experimenting with different toppings. The class have also worked together on a smoothie mini-enterprise project. They created their own brand, and the smoothies turned out to be a delicious hit with the perfect balance of flavour and creativity.

Weston Class have been exploring and learning outside the classroom with some exciting trips! We've visited the Grand Pier, had an animal-filled adventure at Noah's Ark Farm, visited the Bristol Museum, and enjoyed some history and nature at Blaise Castle. These trips have been a wonderful way to enrich their learning experiences.



I am really proud of everyone putting in lots of effort in both English and Maths, with all students completing their NCFE Entry 1/3 papers. We're so proud of the dedication and hard work they've shown, and we're excited to see their continued progress.

**Well Done, Weston Class!** It's been a fantastic term, and we want to congratulate everyone for their hard work and great attitude. Keep up the excellent work!

We're looking forward to what next term brings!





## Banwell Class

What an amazing term we have had in Team Banwell. There has been so much focussed learning, and lots of fun and laughs along the way too.

In English, we have focused our learning on a book called 'S.C.R.E.A.M, The Mummy's Revenge. This is a mystery where a Mummy escapes from a sarcophagus and needs to be caught by a specialist police department. The class have really enjoyed this novel and learning about Ancient Egypt alongside it: death masks, canopic jars and mummification.



We have focused on developing our skills in multiplication and division in maths, using a range of methods such as arrays, grid method, using resources to help us.

We have had much excitement in class due to having an incubator with eggs. 2 chicks hatched and they have been called Gary Solider and Mini Egg. They have had lots of love and cuddles. They will go to a farm in Devon at the end of term, to live with many other chicks. We also now have fish in class! They also have names, but we are not sure we know who is who as they all look the same!!! Our pets keep expanding 😊



We have started to create a vegetable patch outside the classroom. We have sleepers for the edges. As a team, we removed turf, dug the soil, and then added compost in preparation for planting.

We have had some lovely trips this term, where we have had lots of fun and developed our sense of belonging. The class get on so well together and have lots of fun. We have been to Puxton Park a few times. We have also been to the airport, Clevedon, Weston sea front, Brean Down and Bristol Museum. The whole class are wonderful on the trips and have loved travelling in the new school cars.



The whole class is making great progress in their social and emotional learning, as well as knowledge learning. Well done to every one of them!