



Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Dear Families,

We hope you are all well and that you have had an enjoyable two weeks. It has been extremely busy for us at Lonesome and we wanted to start by saying a huge thank you to you all for the support that you have provided to ensure that the events we have put into place have been so successful. We really do appreciate it.

### All Booked Up

Children and staff had a fabulous day last Thursday when we celebrated our All Booked Up Day. We had some incredible book characters arrive at the school and some of our KS1 winners are shared below. The children also enjoyed a range of activities throughout the day including: reading with other children throughout the school, buying a book and enjoying a cookie from the Book 'n' Bite, hearing a story being read to them by either Mrs Barrett-Mason or our chair of Governors Rachel Stern and taking part in a very special book quiz for the children in Key Stage 2. In addition to this, the children had a wonderful lunch time, where the PALS set up a reading area outside. It was a lovely day devoted to reading.



### The Royal Albert Hall

Last Tuesday, the children in Year 5 went along to perform at The Royal Albert Hall. 1,500 young singers and instrumentalists from across the borough of Merton performed at the for Music is for Life 2026: Lookin' Up and our Year 5 children were part of this very special event. The children sang a range of songs and their performances were watched by a large audience. We were very



proud of the children and the hard work and dedication they put into this event. A huge well done to them all! There are not many people who can say that they have performed at the Royal Albert Hall but our Year 5 children now can. As one child said, 'I can tell my grandchildren I performed at The Royal Albert Hall!'

### Commemoration to Mrs Ward

Last Friday, we had a very special day when we paid tribute, shared reflections and remembered our dear Mrs Ward, who very sadly passed away at the beginning of this year. All of the children and staff were invited to come into school on this day dressed in an array of rainbow colours – they looked fabulous.



During the course of the day, the children were involved in a range of kindness activities. The children contributed to an Acts of Kindness display to commemorate Mrs Ward, who we will remember for always being kind and thoughtful. We have also placed a very special rainbow bench in our Key Stage 2 playground, which is a special place for us to 'sit, reflect and return ready to shine'. We also held several very successful cake sales and raised a fabulous £436.70, which we will be donating to the Royal Marsden Hospital. I know Mrs Ward would have very much enjoyed the day.

### The Big Walk and Wheel

Our Big Walk and Wheel competition starts next week and the Travel for London Explorers (TEAs) will be welcoming our children through the gate over the next two weeks checking to see if they have come to school using a more active mode of travel. The children are being encouraged to walk, scoot, cycle to school and to leave the car at home. In addition to this, the TEAs also introduced a new competition called 'Rev up your Rucksack'. The children are being encouraged to design a rucksack and can either use one of the templates that teachers will give out to the children or they can recycle an old rucksack at home. We look forward to receiving the entries. The deadline for the competition is Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March.



### Pizza Parties

We are thrilled to be able to share with you that two of our classes won the pizza parties for last week. This is an incredible achievement and we are super proud of the children. They were also very excited about this news. Unfortunately, due to the issues in the kitchen we have had to delay the parties but we are hoping that these will take place next week. Well done to Roots and Lincoln Class for their 100% attendance.



**Attendance** We are also really pleased to share that the attendance for the whole school is looking much better at present. We are particularly impressed with the attendance of the children in our Early Years, where the attendance is above national – well done! Please do ensure that this continues for the next two weeks so that we can end the term on a positive.

Class	Percentage %
Einstein AM	96%
Einstein FT	98%
Livingstone	97%
Donaldson	100%
Ennis	97%
Wonder	99%
Lincoln	97%
Milne	91%
Mandela	96%
Pankhurst	96%
Wilberforce	89%
Roots	94%
Buble	97%
Total	95%

### Mathletics

Well done to the children in Bubl , Lincoln and Pankhurst who are currently in the top three for our Mathletics competition. With only two weeks to go, the competition is certainly on.....**Mrs Bull and Ms Revell**

<b>Buble</b> 28,319 (avg 858)	<b>Lincoln</b> 11,269 (avg 593)	<b>Pankhurst</b> 8,148 (avg 407)
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