# LENDY PARK

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. ' (Prov. 22:6.)

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## Next Week

**Monday 3rd March - Takkie Day *has been postponed* to the 31 March 2025**

**Tuesday 4th March - Grade 7s Conservation trip to Gosho Park**

⇒ Children depart at 8:00 am and return by 1:00 pm

**Thursday 6th March - Allied Arts Festival at Prince Edward**

⇒ Pan African Orchestra at 10:30 am

⇒ Vocal Solo - African Religious at 11:10 am

**Friday 7th March - NO HARARE BUS**

⇒ No Harare bus as the children will stay for the combined infant and Inter-House sports day and go home with parents.

⇒ Normal Harare Bus on Monday 10th March back to school

**Saturday 8th March - Combined Infant and Inter-House Sports**

⇒ From 8:00 am to 12:30 pm

⇒ No bus after the event. Children go home with parents.

Click the link for the First Term Calendar **which may be updated** as circumstances change.

Term 1 Calendar

**"Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation." Psalm 111:1**

## The Elephant in the Room

Would you invite an uncouth, rude, or immoral person to spend time with your children? Would you allow them to associate with people who demonstrate poor moral values?

As a parent, I would do my best to prevent this. However, the reality is that we often un-knowingly allow such influences into our children's lives - through their smartphones.

Whether we realize it or not, our children are spending significant time engaging with and learning behaviours from questionable figures on platforms like TikTok, Instagram, and other so-called social media apps.

Beyond the dangers of inappropriate content, excessive screen time can lead to increased social withdrawal. Children who spend hours scrolling through digital feeds may miss out on essential face-to-face interactions, which are crucial for developing social skills. Ironically, the ability to communicate effectively in person - a skill that was once naturally acquired in communities that valued real-life engagement - is becoming a highly marketable asset in today's digital age.

As we navigate this modern challenge, it is important for parents to remain aware, set boundaries, and encourage meaningful real-world connections for their children. By doing so, we can help them develop into socially confident and well-rounded individuals.

## Merit Awards

**Grade 1**
Courtney Magureyi
Mazvita Muchingami
Hope Sewera
Milana Tshuma
Kupakwashe Zvinavashe

**Grade 2**
Kupakwashe Gate
Atipasihe Masunda
Russell Vengesai

**Grade 3**
Elroy Buruuru
Tanaya Chikotie
Hayley Mutataguta

**Grade 4**
Tadiswa Kachidza
James Makumbe
Kundai Mangoma
Amaziah Mujuru

**Grade 5**
Isheanopa Chingara
Caitlin Hwenga
Emily Munetsi
Simukai Musariri

**Grade 6**
Joshua Chinyowa
Aisha Mabika
James Mariyano
Prince Mutataguta
Rudaviro Tsinakwadi
Asier Tshuma

**Grade 7**
Locadia Forogo
Tendai Munjoma
Nikolai Mukatyei
Emmanuel Herema
Tawananyasha Tafireyi

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