

Leas Park Junior School Weekly Newsletter 16th December 2024



Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

Our festive activities are in full swing! The school discos were a super success and it was lovely to see everyone in their Christmas Jumpers on Christmas dinner day. Our chefs certainly did us proud!

Coming up this week, we have the Christmas performances , Christmas Party Day and Christmas Activity Day!

This will be the last newsletter of 2024, so we'll do a special update in the new year.

Future Dates and Events

Please see below our main 'diary dates' so far for this academic year. We hope this will help with your diary planning.

****Please note these dates are subject to change** and if this should be the case we will give as much notice as possible**

Inset Days:

Friday 14th February 2025

Monday 28th July 2025

Tuesday 29th July 2025

Tuesday 17th December 2024 – Lower School Christmas Performances - 10:00am & 2:00pm

Wednesday 18th December 2024 – Upper School Christmas Performances - 10:00am & 2:00pm

Thursday 19th December 2024 – Christmas Party Day

Friday 20th December 2024 – Christmas Activity Day

Friday 20th December 2024 – LAST DAY AT SCHOOL

Monday 6th January 2025 – FIRST DAY BACK AT SCHOOL

Wednesday 8th January 2025 - Year 3 Earthquakes and Volcanoes Workshop

Friday 14th February 2025 – Inset Day

Tuesday 4th March 2025 – Year 3 swimming lessons start

Thursday 27th March 2025 - Year 3 Mother's Day Breakfast

Friday 28th March 2025 - Year 4 Mother's Day Breakfast

Monday 31st March 2025 - Year 5 Mother's Day Breakfast

Tuesday 1st April 2025 - Year 5 Mother's Day Breakfast

Tuesday 1st April 2025 – Parents' Evening - NO CLUBS AFTER SCHOOL ON THIS DATE

Wednesday 2nd April 2025 – Parents' Evening - NO CLUBS AFTER SCHOOL ON THIS DATE

w/c 28th April 2025 – Mock SATs week

w/c 12th May 2025 – SATs week

w/c 2nd June 2025 – Year 4 Multiplication Times Tables Check

w/c 9th June 2025 - Year 4 Multiplication Times Tables Check – mop up

Thursday 12th June 2025 - Year 6 Father's Day Breakfast

Friday 13th June 2025 - Year 5 Father's Day Breakfast

Monday 16th June 2025 - Year 4 Father's Day Breakfast

Tuesday 17th June 2025 - Year 3 Father's Day Breakfast

Tuesday 24th June 2025 – Sports Day – Lower School 09:30am, Upper School 1pm

Tuesday 10th July 2025 – Year 2 Parents Welcome Meeting (invite only)

Wednesday 11th July 2025 – Year 2 Parents Welcome Meeting (invite only)

Wednesday 16th July 2025 – Summer Fayre – 3:15pm

Friday 18th July 2025 – Reports home

Tuesday 22nd July 2025 – Year 6 Leavers Presentation – 6:30pm

Wednesday 23rd July 2025 – Whole School Picnic – 11:45am-1:15pm

Monday 28th July 2025 – Inset day

Tuesday 29th July 2025 – Inset Day

The Leas Park Awards


Eco Class



Winner of the Week:

5H

Golden Tickets



Class	Amount collected this week	Running total so far this half term:
3B	2	12
3P	1	9
4C	1	19
4G	1	24
5C	3	9
5H	2	11
6A	1	4
6P	1	14

Winner of the Week: **5C** **Winner of the Golden Ticket Award this half term:** **4G**

Tea Party



Class	Name
3B	Aria C
3P	Heath R
4C	Oliver M
4G	Freya H
5C	Ariela B
5H	Billy T
6A	Elliott H
6P	Harry O

Rapid Wristbands



Class	Name
3B	Tafadzwa M
	Phoebe R
3P	Lorenzo D
	Jasper S
4C	Peyton F
	Rory B
4G	Sadie H
	Pattie J
5C	Penny P
	Fearne C
5H	Brody C
	Aiden G
6A	Alexksander D
	Isabelle S
6P	Kai R
	Izak D

Reading Certificates



Class	Name	No. of reads & award given
4G	Lexie-Mae H	25 reads = Bronze
4G	Philip M	25 reads = Bronze
4G	Missy B	25 reads = Bronze
4G	Neave W	25 reads = Bronze
4G	Lucy B	50 reads = Silver
4C	Chloe W	25 reads = Bronze
4C	Amber S	25 reads = Bronze
4C	Peyton F	25 reads = Bronze
4C	Ella C	50 reads = Silver
4C	Mia B	50 reads = Silver
4C	Lyra W	75 reads = Diamond
4C	Lyra W	100 reads = Gold
4C	Abigail W	75 reads = Diamond
4C	Saffire W	75 reads = Diamond
5C	Chloe B	25 reads = Bronze
5C	Benjamin G	50 reads = Silver
5C	Siddhart B	50 reads = Silver
5C	Ella M	50 reads = Silver
5H	Ruby-Leigh H	50 reads = Silver
5H	Aiden G	75 reads = Diamond
6A	Isla F	75 reads = Diamond
6A	Neave-Marie M	50 reads = Silver
6A	Madison S	100 reads = Gold
6A	Enija M	25 reads = Bronze
6A	James S	50 reads = Silver
6P	Reuben H	50 reads = Silver
6P	Isla G	25 reads = Bronze
6P	Freya G	25 reads = Bronze
6P	Alex B	75 reads = Diamond

Book Vending Machine



Lower School Winner

Class	Name
4C	Ella C


Upper School Winner

Class	Name
5C	Chloe B

Reading Raffle - Book Vending Machine Draw Winners



Dinner Winners		
	Class	Name
	3B	Amelia S
	3P	Leo R
	4C	Alexander P
	4G	Athena D
	5C	Dorcas O
	5H	Tyler M
	6A	Neave-Marie M
	6P	Reuben H

Thumbs Up!			
	Class	Name	Amount awarded
	3P	Carter B	25
	3P	Max H	25
	3P	Jasper S	25
	3P	Bobby S	50
	3B	Quinn T	50
	3B	Oliver W	50
	3B	Luna M	50
	3B	Frank D	50
	3B	Amelia S	75
	4C	Jayden D	25
	4C	Winter L	50
	4C	Oliver M	50
	4C	Saffire W	50
	4C	Emilie G	75
	4G	Joseph A	25
	4G	Annie B	25
	4G	Lucy B	25
	4G	Kyla M	25
	4G	Freya H	75
	5C	William R	25
	5C	Thomas F	25
	5C	Penny P	25
	5C	Lydia H	25
	5C	Ella M	25
	5C	Ariela B	25
	5C	Cohen W	25
	5C	Chloe B	25

5C	Charlie O	25
5C	Benjamin G	25
5C	Ava D	25
5H	Jacob S	50
5H	Ava-Mae L	50
5H	Daisy M	50
5H	Freya B	50
5H	Jenson M	50
5H	Lyla E	50
5H	Maisie P	50
5H	Millie S	50
5H	Ruby-Leigh H	50
5H	Tyler M	50
5H	Billy T	50
6P	Cain L	50

Shout Outs

Class	Name	Reason & From
3B	Luca C	For kindly offering to buy a drink for another person at the Christmas disco, it was very admirable. From Miss Greaves :)
3P	Bobby S	For all your hard work so far in class and in our Christmas performance - you make me so proud. Keep being you Bobby :-)
	All staff	Who volunteered their time for the Christmas Discos - the children had an amazing time!
	The school kitchen staff	For our amazing cooks - for making a fabulous Christmas dinner that everyone enjoyed!

Shout out!



We've held charity fundraisers, Christmas Performances and of course our Christmas Fayre. This is all in addition to our wonderful teaching and support staff working extremely hard all term to continue with normal lessons.

Your children have been fantastic! They've excelled in all areas of school life, especially our new Year 3s. We've appointed a new School Council, trained up our new Sports Leaders and rehearsed, rehearsed, rehearsed for our Christmas performances.

It's time that everyone had a well deserved rest! Our whole staff team would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I would personally like to take this opportunity to wish you all well at this special time and look forward to 2025 bringing your children more wonderful experiences and opportunities.

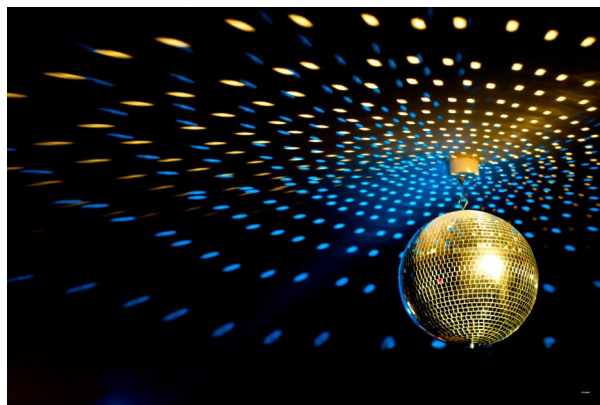
We will see you all on Monday 6th January 2025.

Take care and best wishes,

Mrs Hall

Head Teacher

Christmas Discos



The Christmas Disco evenings were a huge success and the children had a great time. Thanks to Gazza's Discos, they strutted their stuff and danced the night away. At one point, it was even snowing in the hall!







Christmas Dinner

A big thank you to our amazing school chefs who cooked up a fabulous feast for us last Thursday.

Everyone enjoyed a wonderful meal, being served by the school staff. It was great festive fun!



Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children



Thank you so much for your donations for Save the Children for our Christmas Jumper day.

We managed to raise a wonderful £83.00.

Thank you for your support.

Midday Supervisor - 2 posts available - closing date is approaching!



We are looking to appoint two enthusiastic and reliable individuals to join our busy team.

Our Midday Supervisors play a vital role in ensuring that our children feel safe, secure and happy during their lunchtimes. Duties will include supervising children whilst they eat their lunch and encouraging children to play and initiate games outside. The successful candidates will need to be friendly, caring, enthusiastic and eager to be part of a busy, successful and hardworking team.

For more information, please visit www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk and click 'Search current job vacancies'.

To apply, please visit the school website [Leas Park Junior School - Vacancies](#) to obtain the application pack and send completed applications to f.ryan@leaspark.notts.sch.uk

Closing date: Wednesday 18 December 2024 @ 9:00am

Tell a Teacher



If your child has an issue with another child in school, please make us aware **as soon as possible** and trust that school will deal with the issue accordingly.

Please do not approach other families directly regarding incidents that take place in school as this could unnecessarily escalate matters.

Thank you for your support.

Children walking to school



Please reaffirm to children walking to school, that in a morning, they are to come straight to school and not detour to play with friends on the way, as tempting as it may be! Once on site, children should also stay on the school grounds and not leave until a member of staff has been informed of their whereabouts.

Thank you for your support.

Late collections



We understand that on rare occasions, you could be unavoidably late to collect your child. If you are aware that you are going to be late to collect your child at the end of the school day, **please let us know in plenty of time** and **before** the end of school at 3:15pm. When calls are received after the end of school, it is difficult for Reception Staff to get to the classrooms before the children have left, especially as the office is usually busy at that time of day. Please also ensure that you speak with someone, rather than leave a message as these are not always dealt with straight away. The more notice you can give, the better.

Attendance update - change of guidelines



At the start of our school year, we discuss with the children in assembly about how important their attendance is and that we have some super awards coming up in school that we would like them all to work towards.

Our policy states 'Leas Park Junior School is committed to providing a full and efficient education for all pupils. The school sincerely believes that all pupils benefit from the education it provides and therefore from regular school attendance. To this end, the school will do as much as it can to ensure that all pupils achieve maximum possible attendance and that any issues, which may impede full attendance, are acted upon as quickly as possible.

The law states that parents/carers have a legal obligation to ensure that children within their care attend school regularly. Schools and the local authority have a duty to ensure that poor school attendance is dealt with swiftly'. Attendance was mentioned on our recent 'Good' Ofsted inspection report, stating how important it is that your children attend regularly to ensure that their learning is not affected.

It is recommended that schools now follow the new guidance issued by the Local Authority, 'Working together to improve school attendance' - August 2024, and based on our attendance rates in recent terms, in line with national expectations we must now consider the request of a penalty notice to be issued to any parents removing their children from education during term time, in line with the new guidance.

The national threshold has changed, according to the National Framework for penalty notices, this is now 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a rolling period of 10 school weeks. A school week means any week in which there is at least one school session. (A school day is made up of two sessions - one morning session and one afternoon session).

We want to work with you to improve our attendance and we have appointed Miss Cope, as our Attendance Champion. Her role will involve her working alongside and supporting the teachers with any of their attendance concerns. She will be aiding with the communication with parents, organising and attending meetings and working with parents, pupils and teachers to help tackle the barriers to persistent non-attendance and championing those children in classes in school, whose attendance is in line with what we expect.

Please familiarise yourself with the attendance guidance for schools at : [School attendance and absence: Overview - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/school-attendance-and-absence-overview)

If you have any questions or need any help and advice regarding attendance, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher, Miss Cope or the School Office.

[Reminders, messages & additional news- please read!!](#)

Winter coats

Please ensure your child brings a warm waterproof coat to school everyday, to keep them protected from the elements during our cold winter weather.

School clubs

This is the last week for school clubs. A new leaflet will be distributed in the Spring term for the new clubs due to take place then.

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Changing dinners

Please note that the school office will need **one weeks' notice**, if you wish to change your child from school meals to sandwiches, or vice versa. Thank you.

Headlice

There have been cases of headlice reported in school. Please check your child's hair and treat accordingly.

Regular reminders...

Pupil Information

Please ensure school have all of your up to date contact information. If you change your name, telephone number or address, please let school know as soon as possible and ensure that we always have **at least two separate emergency contacts** for your child.

Pupil Lateness and Absence

School starts at **08:45am**. Please ensure your child arrives on time and with all the uniform, equipment, lunch and snacks that they require for their day. If you are going to be late arriving to school, or if your child is not in full school uniform, please contact us on 01623 477629 to let us know why. If you know in advance that your child will not be in or will be late in the following day, the message system regarding pupil absence can be accessed at any time outside of office hours via our telephone number.

Illness & Medications

Please find below a handy chart to help when your child is ill on a school day. If you do need to keep your child off school, please contact the school office on 01623 477629 **before 09:00am on the day they are due to be off**.

If you wish for your child to be given medication whilst at school, please complete and submit the form via this link:

[Leas Park Junior School - Permission for School to Administer Medication](#)

All medication needs to be both handed into school and collected, by an adult.

Staff Car Park

Please note the staff car park is for use **by staff only**. We have very limited space and quite often staff need to leave site and return at short notice. Extra vehicles can make manoeuvring dangerous and can also mean that spaces aren't available for staff who need to be here. Thank you for your understanding.

Nut and Fish free school

In line with NCC policy regarding nut allergies, we do not allow any type of nuts including peanuts in school - either in packed lunches or in snacks. This also includes any nut based products including Nutella, other sandwich spreads containing nuts and any cereal bars that may contain nuts.

Also we would like to remind you that Leas Park is a "fish-free" school, and as such we do not allow any fish or fish products in the children's packed lunches or snacks. Thank you for your support.

Snacks

Children are allowed to bring a healthy snack in with them to have during break time, for example fruit or vegetables. Please do not send in grab bags/multi packs of crisps, biscuits or sweets. Please ensure any food sent in to school is both fish and nut free. Thank you for your co-operation.

Jewellery

Children should not be wearing jewellery to school, with the exception of a watch (not a smartwatch) and small stud earrings, which will need to be removed or covered during PE lessons. This is due to Health and Safety and the possibility of loss or damage.

Scooters and Bicycles

Whilst we allow scooters and bicycles to be brought to school, please ensure your child does not use them **anywhere** on the school site. This includes on the way down the drive. There have been several near-misses recently and also damage to a vehicle. Please note, any scooter or bicycle left at the school is done so at the owner's risk. We cannot be held liable for anything stolen or damaged.



Parent/carer workshops and information



Please find lots of helpful information, located in 'General Information' in the 'Parents' tab on our school website or via the following link:

www.leaspark.notts.sch.uk/general-information

We hope you find the information in the Parents section useful.

Please check on the following link to see if you are eligible for Free School Meals and Milk for your child:

[Free school meals and milk | Nottinghamshire County Council](http://Free-school-meals-and-milk-Nottinghamshire-County-Council)

The site also has ideas for healthy meals and recipes!



Measles cases are on the rise in England



Measles spreads easily between unvaccinated people.



However, two measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccinations will give protection to you, your family and friends.



You can get vaccinated for free on the NHS.



Children should receive the first dose at age one and the second at three years and four months.

Alternative non-porcine products (pork ingredients) are available if required.

[nhs.uk /MMR](https://www.nhs.uk/MMR)



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Don't risk leaving your child unprotected



Having two MMR vaccinations is the best way to protect your child.



Check your child's Personal Child Health Record (PCHR) known as the 'Red Book/eBook' or speak to your GP surgery.



It is never too late to catch up!

If you or your child have missed any doses, please make an appointment at your GP surgery to catch up.



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'Understanding Your Child'



10 Week Course for Parents

Our next course starts on
Wednesday 22nd January 2025
9.30 – 11.30am

January 22, 29, February 5, 12, 26
March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2

**Abbey Gates Primary School, Vernon Crescent,
Ravenshead, Nottinghamshire, NG15 9BN**

The Solihull Approach has a focus on supporting the relationship between parent and child, considering behaviour management within this context. The course aims to help parents feel able to understand their child and make sense of behaviour as communication.

For bookings, contact: Rachel.Lane@churchvale.notts.sch.uk

What to expect:

- ✓ A warm welcome from Family Support Worker, Rachel Lane
 - ✓ Refreshments provided each week
 - ✓ Connect with other parents on the course
- ✓ A compassionate approach to challenges within family life
 - ✓ Time out to reflect and refocus your parenting
- ✓ Positive changes to your understanding of your child
 - ✓ A midweek wellbeing boost!



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NOTTS PARENT EVENT: Understanding Dyslexia and Supporting at Home

This 2-hour webinar is suitable for the parents and carers of learners who have been identified as having dyslexic traits

We will cover what we understand by the term dyslexia and the implications it has for learning
We will then provide lots of practical tip for supporting these learners at home

Please note this is the same material covered in November 2024 but held at a later time for parents who cannot attend the morning session

Course Details

Wednesday, 5th March 2025 at 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
(EVENING)

VENUE: via Microsoft TEAMS

(Joining instructions will only be sent out separately to those booked on correctly)

The course presenters will be **Bridget Thornhill, Ruth Screepton** and **Sandhya Sharma** from the Cognition & Learning Team, Schools & Families Specialist Services (SFSS)

PLEASE NOTE:

This is a FREE event and there will be no charge for attending

TO BOOK via EVENTBRITE Ctrl + Click Link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/notts-parent-event-understanding-dyslexia-and-supporting-at-home-tickets-1098890774889>

An invitation to join will be sent to your e-mail inbox a few days before the event, so please check your 'inbox', as well as 'deleted' or 'junk mail' folders to find the Link

Closing date: Friday 14th February 2025 at 12:00 noon
(half-term 17-21-Feb-25)

Enquiries – Judith A Knight : sfss.sirw@nottscc.gov.uk or Tel: 0115 854 6464



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NOTTS PARENT EVENT: iPad Apps for Learners with SEN

General Outline

So, you have an i-Pad but aren't sure what apps you could use, the app store has more content than you could ever cope with, and you haven't got the time or understanding of what to look for. During this session we will look at some of the free and low-cost apps you could use to support your child, as well as using some of the features built-in to the iPad to help make them more accessible whilst retaining control

- Free apps
- Low-cost apps
- Accessibility
- Peripheral devices
- Strategies for managing the iPad

Having an iPad with you will be useful if you want to download the apps during the session: you will need credit on your device if you want to install them. Details of the apps demonstrated and discussed will be shared after the event

Course Details

Thursday, 19th June 2025 – 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

VENUE: NETHERFIELD FORUM
St George's Centre, Netherfield, Nottingham NG4 2NN

The course presenters will be **Neil Oldbury** and **Jane Hare** from the Cognition & Learning Team, Schools & Families Specialist Services (SFSS)

PLEASE NOTE: There is a FREE event and there will be no charge in attending

TO BOOK via EVENTBRITE Ctrl + Click Link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/notts-parent-event-i-pad-apps-for-learners-with-sen-tickets-1105615368329>

Closing date: Friday, 13th June 2025 at 12:00 noon

Enquiries – Judith A Knight : sfss.sirw@nottscc.gov.uk or Tel: 0115 854 6464



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NOTTS PARENT EVENT: Supporting your Child as they Move to Secondary School

General Outline

Is your child due to transfer from primary to secondary school in Nottinghamshire?
Do they have an additional need that may require some extra support with transition?
Transition from Year 6 to Year 7 can be an exciting, but challenging time for a child and for their parent or carer. This session will help parents and carers support their child to say a positive goodbye to primary school and prepare for the secondary school environment. **We will look at practical ideas and resources to use with your child to enable a smooth September start**

Who is this event for?

This is a free online event for parents and carers of children with additional needs who are resident in Nottinghamshire, or whose child attends or will be attending a Nottinghamshire school.

Course Details

Wednesday, 26th February 2025 – 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

VENUE: via Microsoft TEAMS
(Joining instructions will be sent out prior to the session)

The course presenters will be **Kate Eyre** and **Laura Leedham** from the Cognition & Learning Team, Schools & Families Specialist Services (SFSS)

PLEASE NOTE:

This is a **FREE** event and there will be **no charge** for attending

TO BOOK via Eventbrite Ctrl + Click Link below below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/notts-parent-event-supporting-your-child-as-they-move-to-secondary-school-tickets-1098781608369>

An invitation to join will be sent to your e-mail inbox a few days before the event, so please check your 'inbox', as well as 'deleted' or 'junk mail' folders to find the Link

Closing date: Friday, 14th February 2025 at 12:00 noon
(half-term 17-21-Feb-25)

Enquiries – Judith A Knight: sfss.sjrw@nottscc.gov.uk or Tel: 0115 854 6464