



Reach for the Stars

# Leas Park Junior School

# NEWSLETTER

Week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

Our Year 3 children had a great time in their Romans workshop, last week and hear how our amazing football team scored their first win, in their new kits!

Look out for our Father's Day details being published on ParentPay this week!

## Year 3 Romans Workshop

Year 3 had Partake visit them on Thursday, to learn more about their topic on the Romans. They started their day off by exploring lots of different Roman artefacts and trying to figure out what they might have been used for. They were especially grossed out by the 'cutlery set' aka an amputation set!!! Children then had a go at different Roman activities, such as writing on a Roman tablet in bees wax, playing ancient noughts and crosses and creating mosaics. They were also fascinated as they built Roman arches and learned about the physics of a keystone! In the afternoon, they learned more about Roman life such as their weapons, clothing and ways to keep healthy. They couldn't believe how they cured headaches! After that, they became Romans and Barbarians, and had so much fun practising in a formation called the "testudo" with Roman shields. They even had a real battle!



# 7-0 – what a win! Well done Leas Park!

On Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April, our football team went to play against St Peter's C of E Primary Academy. They looked amazing in their new football kits and played incredibly well. Leas Park won 7-0! What a fantastic score. Not only did they win, but they demonstrated our core values and played so well together, as a team. We received some super feedback on how well they played and how much they have come on since our very first match. We have 3 games left this season and I'm sure you'll keep your fingers crossed for the next few games. Keep your eyes peeled to find out how we do! Miss Harley is very excited for the future of Leas Park Football Club.



## Forest School

This week at forest school we had a go at making our very own nettle tea! We picked the nettles from around our Forest School site and brewed it. We all had a go at tasting it, most of the children absolutely loved it and wanted more! We spoke about the benefits of nettles and all the different things you can make with them.



## Respecting Our Community

We encourage all of our children, as part of our Leas Park Aims & Values to become polite and responsible members of both our school and the wider community in which they live. This can be demonstrated through actions like using good manners, keeping public areas clean, respecting personal space, and engaging in positive interactions.

It is important that we maintain a good relationship with our community and our children act as ambassadors for our school in the local area.

Please ensure that when your children journey to and from school, they are respecting the local community and showing consideration for others, their property, the environment and all public spaces.

## Year 6 Revision Club

We would like to invite the Year 6 children to an **optional** revision club. As per our email sent to Year 6 Parents, it will take place every morning from 8:15 in 6P.

It will provide children with the opportunity to revise and address any misconceptions, as well as build their confidence in preparation for SATs week. They can revise for any of the papers, as we have a wealth of resources in school to support them. We have run similar sessions in the past, and they have proven to be very popular.

The children can attend every day, on certain days, or just one day a week. A register will be available for them to sign-in upon arrival. As we are not requiring formal sign-ups for this (due to the flexible nature of the schedule) please make arrangements to ensure your child attends the club on your agreed days. They will need to use the 6P classroom entrance, not the main door.

## Seaside Theme Day

We will be having a Seaside Theme Day on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025.

Children will be taking part in seaside writing, completing seaside artwork and taking part in other seaside themed activities. Children may come to school in non-uniform dressed in seaside / summer clothing to join in with the theme.

## Local Police Beat Surgery

Your local Safer Neighbourhood Team will be at Warsop Town Hall on 13th May 2025 at 18:00hrs for a 'Beat Surgery'.

Please take this opportunity to come and meet the team, raise any concerns you may have and to find out what we are doing to tackle the issues that matter to you.

Everyone is welcome and it would be great to see you there. For more information please contact me PC 658 CHANCE on [liam.chance1@notts.police.uk](mailto:liam.chance1@notts.police.uk)

# Reminders, messages and additional news – please read!!

## Waterproof coats

Please ensure your child brings a waterproof coat to school everyday, to keep them protected from the elements during our inclement English weather! All items of clothing should be labelled.

## Late collection

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.

## 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.

## Pupil Information

Please ensure school have all of your current contact information up to date. 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.

If your child needs to be out of school for any reason, please complete a 'Withdrawal from Learning Form' and submit to the school office asap, for authorisation at the discretion of the head teacher. These forms can be accessed via this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/v7wFmYp9J7> or paper copies are available from the leaflet stand in reception.

## Illness & Medications

If you do need to keep your child off school on a school day, 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.

# Leas Park Awards



## Eco Class



Winner of the Week:

5H

## Rapid Wristbands



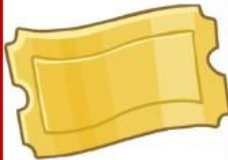
Class	Name
3B	Freyja H
	Oscar H
3P	Finley B
	Leo R
4C	Myla B
	Bede N
4G	Athena D
	Tristan M
5C	Ariela B
	Joshua S
5H	Logan S
	Joey W
6A	Joshua W
	Lyla S
6P	Isla-Grace H
	Esmae S

## Tea Party



Class	Name
3B	Cody B
3P	Vyga P
4C	Ethan S
4G	Abel R
5C	Fearne C
5H	Aiden G
6A	Madison S
6P	Riley B

## Golden Tickets



Class	Amount collected this week	Running total so far this half term:
3B	1	4
3P	2	2
4C	2	3
4G	6	9
5C	3	6
5H	0	4
6A	0	0
6P	3	3

Winner of the Week:

4G

Overall winner this half term so far:

4G

## Times Tables Rockstars



<b>4C</b>	
Total:	284
Top three highest scorers:	
1st:	Abigail W
2nd:	Amber S
3rd:	Adela R
<b>4G</b>	
Total:	81
Top three highest scorers:	
1st:	Amelia C
2nd:	Freddie R
3rd:	

Winner of the Week

4C

## Reading Certificates



Class	Name	No. of reads & award given
3B	Esme W	25 reads = Bronze
3B	Lily C	75 reads = Diamond
3B	Ayda C	75 reads = Diamond
3B	Phoebe-Grace S	75 reads = Diamond
3B	Winniefred G	100 reads = Gold
3B	Grayson E	200 reads = Ruby
3P	Norah K	75 reads = Diamond
3P	Alfie W	100 reads = Gold
4C	Alfie T	50 reads = Silver
4C	Grace B	100 reads = Gold
4C	Alexander P	100 reads = Gold
4G	Kyla M	50 reads = Silver
6P	Neveah P	100 reads = Gold

Thumbs Up!		
Class	Name	Amount awarded
3B	Grace B	75
3B	Ayda C	100
3B	Winniefred G	100
3B	Isabella O	75
3B	Oliver W	100
3B	Phoebe-Grace S	75
3P	Callum Jake H	50
3P	Finley B	50
3P	Finley B	75
3P	Maisie S	75
3P	Scarlett B	100
3P	Carter B	100
3P	Bella G	100
3P	Theo S	100
3P	Alfie W	100
4C	Peyton F	75
4C	Cody B	75
4C	Lyra W	75
5C	Olivers V	75
5C	Frankie G	75
5C	Dorcas O	50
5C	Indie G	100
5C	Libby H	100
5H	Evie C	75
5H	Aiden G	75
5H	Tyler M	75
6P	Ruby-Leigh H	75
6P	Pyper T	75
6P	Maisie P	75
6P	Leo C	75
6P	Freya B	75
6P	Riley B	50
6P	Riley B	75
6P	Jonah R	75
6P	Tyler W	75
6P	Bernice T	75
6P	Cain L	75
6P	Rafi S	75
6P	Devon K	75
6P	Henry R	75
6P	Isla-Grace H	75
6P	Jack T	75
6P	Luca H	75



Dinner Winners		
Class	Name	
3B	Ethan H	
3P	Scarlett B	
4C	Alexander P	
4G	Ashton G	
5C	Abigail M	
6A	Alexander D	
6P	Isla G	



Book Vending Machine		
Lower School Winner		
Class	Name	
4G	Philip M	
Upper School Winner		
Class	Name	
5C	Sam O	



Shout Outs			
	Class	Name	Reason & From
Shout out! 	3P	Finley B	For trying his best in all that he does. Miss Parkin and Mrs Keeton are so proud of you!
	6P	Elliott S	For stepping up at the last minute to be the goal keeper in our football match, Elliott you were fantastic and wasn't scared of the ball!
	6A	Jared B	For being a team player - Jared was fantastic at checking in with his team mates and ensuring everyone knew what they were doing throughout the whole game.
		All the football team	A fantastic game on Monday, we won 7-0 against St Peters. We had some lovely compliments from the parents to say how much we have improved, as a team, since the first match. I'm looking forward to see us continue to develop
	Year 6	All	For having an amazing attitude to the Mock SATS! We are all so proud of you all!

### Attendance Awards

The Attendance Award for w/c 21/04/2025 goes to **Class 6P** with **99.4%**

Please follow this link to our current Attendance Policy for more information: [School Policies | Leas Park Junior School](#)

The whole school attendance this academic year to date is **95.3%** - the national target is **96%**!

**Please help support us in raising our attendance!**

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about IN-GAME CHAT

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Video games are continuing to grow in popularity – including, of course, among children and young people – and the emergence of gaming communities has been accelerated by the inclusion of chat functionality across many different titles. While in-game chat isn't inherently a bad thing, it can create some concerns about online safety and the people that children might be interacting with.

### DIFFERENT TYPES OF CHAT

There are a number of ways that gamers commonly chat with one another online. As the name would suggest, in-game chat happens within the game itself. There's also party chat: a group voice conversation that console users can have with anyone on the same platform. This tends to be more commonly used by players who already know each other. Finally, many gamers – especially on PC – will chat via a third-party app such as Discord.

### CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Whether it's text- or voice-based, in-game chat is frequently open to all players to use. Many games default to making it an opt-in function, but some don't: meaning a child could start seeing messages within the game from people they're playing with, regardless of whether they know those individuals or not. While most strangers won't necessarily have ill intent, there are some who may behave inappropriately when chatting to a child – intentionally or otherwise.

### DANGER OF GROOMING

It's been reported that some young gamers have encountered older players online who pretend to be a lower age to manipulate children, sending gifts in exchange for chatting and sending photos. Just as on any messaging platform, it's good to advise young people to avoid speaking to strangers; emphasise that they shouldn't accept gifts from anyone online that they don't know.

### BULLYING AND ABUSE

While some in-game chat can turn toxic because of how a match plays out, others turn that way because of people who engage in trolling – in essence, behaving in an offensive and abusive way simply to cause pain or get a rise out of whoever they're talking to. These 'trolls' often lean on racial slurs, anti-LGBT sentiment and other hateful rhetoric; they normally feel most confident preying on younger, more impressionable gamers.

### POTENTIAL FOR PRIVATE CHAT

If a player would like a re-match with a stranger after meeting them in the game, they can send a friend request, or use the party chat together in the future. For the most part, this is harmless – but it might lead to messages being exchanged in private. This could then escalate to the sharing of private information, and potentially attempts to manipulate or scam younger players.

### COMPETITIVE ATMOSPHERE

Certain games are very competitive, and players can sometimes get upset if they feel a teammate is underperforming, an opponent won unfairly, or they're just a bad loser. This can lead to unpleasant messages that stray away from playful 'trash talk' and wander into the territory of bullying. Some players have been known to get incredibly abusive in situations like this, and the impact of this on a young gamer's emotional wellbeing could be severe.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### LOCK-DOWN IN-GAME CHAT

In-game chat can often be disabled in the game's settings. This allows children to play without risk of contact from strangers – but it will need to be done in each individual game. Text chat appears in the corner of the screen in many titles, so it's normally easy to take a quick glance and see what's being said. With voice chat, explain to children what behaviour is inappropriate, so they can spot the dangers themselves.

### REPORT POTENTIAL OFFENDERS

Most games offer a robust means of reporting other players, so you can flag an account as potentially harmful. This normally leads to the account not being matched with yours in the future and, if that person's conduct breaks any of the game's rules, they may be banned from playing entirely. This is done within the game itself, so each title has a slightly different process, but these tend to be designed for simplicity.

### CONSIDER OTHER CHAT OPTIONS

If a child wants to play with people they know, consider using party chat or a third-party service like Discord. This allows everyone involved to chat on a private server and even enjoy each other's company while playing different games. It's also far more secure, as anyone looking to join will need to request and be granted access – normally by whoever is hosting the chat.

### COMMUNICATION IS KEY

Make sure children understand the differences between being competitive and being abusive. Talk about what constitutes an unusual or inappropriate behaviour from strangers online. Be clear that if anything ever concerns or worries them, they should tell a trusted adult as soon as possible. Empower children to identify the risks of in-game chat for themselves and reassure them they won't get in trouble for seeking help if anything goes wrong.

### Meet Our Expert

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# ALWAYS FOLLOW THE WATER SAFETY CODE



Whenever you are around water:

## STOP AND THINK

Take time to assess your surroundings. Look for the dangers and always research local signs and advice.



## STAY TOGETHER

When around water always go with friends or family. Swim at a lifeguarded venue.



In an emergency:

## CALL 999

If you are at the coast, call 999 and ask for the Coastguard. Don't enter the water to rescue.



## FLOAT

Fall in or become tired - stay calm, float on your back and call for help. Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in.



Enjoy Water Safely

Learn basic lifesaving and CPR skills.  
Visit [www.rlss.org.uk](http://www.rlss.org.uk)

# Dates for your Diary

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:**

Monday 28th July 2025

Tuesday 29th July 2025

**Monday 5th May 2025** - BANK HOLIDAY - School closed

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – Multiplication Times Tables Check Meeting

**Thursday 8th May 2025** - Year 5 Parents' Grammar Workshop - 9:00 -10:00am (details to follow)

**Friday 9th May 2025** - Year 4 Parents' Grammar Workshop - 9:00 -10:00am (details to follow)

**w/c 12th May 2025** – Year 6 SATs week

**Friday 23rd May 2025** – Seaside Theme Day – come to school dressed in seaside/summer themed clothes

**Friday 23rd May 2025** - LAST DAY AT SCHOOL

**Monday 2nd June 2025** - FIRST DAY BACK AT SCHOOL

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

**Friday 6th June 2025** - Year 3 Parents' Grammar Workshop - 9:00 -10:00am (details to follow)

**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

**Monday 16th - Wednesday 18th June 2025** - Year 6 Kingswood residential trip

**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

**Friday 25th July 2025** - LAST DAY AT SCHOOL

**Monday 28th July 2025** – Inset day - School closed to children

**Tuesday 29th July 2025** – Inset Day - School closed to children

