



Reach for the Stars

# Leas Park Junior School

# NEWSLETTER

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

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

Well done to all of our Year 6 pupils who completed their SATs last week. We are all very proud of you.

Please look out for details of our Lower School Evening of Fun for Year 3 and 4, coming out soon on ParentPay!

## Leas Park Football Club

This week has been a busy one for LPFC, we have been out to 2 matches. Our first match was against Sutton Road Primary School, the team played well despite the heat and without our coach from NFFC to support: they still managed to finish the game with a draw. The score was 2:2. The following match took us to King Edwards Primary School in Mansfield, and we won 5:1. As always, the team were amazing and played well.

We have played all of our official matches for the Mansfield area league, but Miss Harley is looking to arrange some friendly matches against other local schools. Keep your eyes peeled for updates on where we finish in the league. The team are eagerly awaiting updates as we wait for the other schools to play all their games.

We would like to thank all of the parents/carers that have transported and supported us with our first season, it has not gone un-noticed, and it wouldn't be able to happen without your help.



# NFFC Red Thread

As a Primary League Primary Stars school, in partnership with Nottingham Forest, we have been gifted 50 football shirts for use in school. This is through their 'Red Thread' campaign.

*'The Red Thread: One Thousand Kits, One Shared Future' initiative aims to ensure that more young people across the region, regardless of their background or circumstance, have access to kit for use within schools for PE lessons, training and matches across various sports. ([www.nottinghamforest.co.uk](http://www.nottinghamforest.co.uk) – April 2025)*



# Forest School

The past couple of weeks at forest school have been lovely. The children have used a variety of tools to learn how to whittle sticks!

They found the activity very calming and spent a long time perfecting their techniques. They have also used the willow from the school playground to create some willow crowns.

They have also been learning how to use a flint and steel to create sparks. They then had a competition to see who could set fire to some cotton wool. It got very competitive! Well done everyone.



## Lost Property

We are currently inundated with items of lost property. This is the largest amount we have seen in a long time.

**Please ensure that ALL of your children's clothing and belongings are labelled with their name** even in the case of pre-owned items. This includes lunchboxes, water bottles, gloves and in particular school sweatshirts and coats. Also, please check your child has everything when they leave school for the day.

If you wish to search through our lost property storage, please call in at the office. Any unclaimed items will be sold / donated / destroyed at the end of the academic year.

## Father's Day

Calling all Dads, Grandads, Great-Grandads and Uncles!

We are holding our Father's Day Breakfasts on 12<sup>th</sup> June (Year 6), 13<sup>th</sup> June (Year 5), 16<sup>th</sup> June (Year 4) and 17<sup>th</sup> June (Year 3) this year.

Please book to come and have breakfast with your child, via ParentPay. Offer ends 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025. Due to capacity, we will only be able to accommodate one adult per child. This event is only open to pupils and their siblings who attend Leas Park.

## National Numeracy Day

On Wednesday 21st May 2025 we will be taking part in activities for National Numeracy Day and the theme this year is 'The Money Edition'.

It is really important that we equip our children to be able to deal with money practically and be able to apply it to real life situations: having money sense is a life skill that all our children will need. The children will be taking part in lots of fun numeracy activities including raps, dances, practical sessions and so much more.

## Local Policing Update

Inspector Kylie Davies has provided an update on policing in Mansfield in her brand new neighbourhood policing newsletter.

The plan is for a newsletter to be produced every quarter, to hopefully provide our community with an insight into the latest policing priorities, crime trends and some of the great work the Mansfield neighbourhood policing team have been carrying out recently.

Read the newsletter in full on their website: [Update on policing in Mansfield from Inspector Kylie Davies | Nottinghamshire Police](#)

# 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:

6P

## Star Writers



Class	Name
3B	Luna M
	Zavian A
3P	Bobby S
	Lorenzo D
4C	Cody B
	Ella C
4G	Sadie H
	Jasmina B
5C	Chloe B
	Frankie G
5H	Leo C
	Daisy M
6A	Seiss H
	Darcie E
6P	Reuben H
	Freya G

## Tea Party



Class	Name
3B	Frank D
3P	Frances L
4C	Alexander P
4G	Athena D
5C	Ronnie W
5H	Pyper T
6A	Libby W
6P	Llewelyn F

## Golden Tickets



Class	Amount collected this week	Running total so far this half term:
3B	1	6
3P	1	4
4C	1	5
4G	0	9
5C	7	14
5H	0	6
6A	2	2
6P	0	4

### Winner of the Week:

5C

### Winner of £50 for this term:

5C

## Times Tables Rockstars



<b>4C</b>	
Total:	98
Top three highest scorers:	
1st:	Adela R
2nd:	Amber S
3rd:	Abigail W

<b>4G</b>	
Total:	161
Top three highest scorers:	
1st:	Beau B
2nd:	Amelia C
3rd:	Abel R

### Winner of the Week

4G

## Reading Certificates



Class	Name	No. of reads & award given
3B	Gracie H	100 reads = Gold
3P	Jack H	75 reads = Diamond
4C	Bede N	50 reads = Silver
4C	Myla B	75 reads = Diamond
4C	Esmee R	100 reads = Gold
4C	Chloe W	100 reads = Gold
4C	Rory B	100 reads = Gold
4C	Lyra W	250 reads = Emerald
4G	Annie B	50 reads = Silver
4G	Philip M	100 reads = Gold
4G	Amelia C	100 reads = Gold
5H	Ava-Mae L	75 reads = Diamond
5H	Logan S	100 reads = Gold
5H	Ivy T	100 reads = Gold
6P	Alex B	200 reads = Ruby
6P	Niamh G	200 reads = Ruby
6P	Freya G	75 reads = Diamond
6P	Nicola S	75 reads = Diamond

Thumbs Up!			
Class	Name	Amount awarded	
3B	Freyja H		25
3B	Seth R		75
3B	Aubree W		100
3B	Lily C		100
3B	Quinn T		100
3B	Willow C		100
3B	Grayson E		150
3P	Yana P		50
3P	Jack H		50
3P	Erin L		75
3P	Leo R		75
3P	Ellysia S		75
4C	Charlie M		75
4C	Jonah F		75
4C	Cody B		100
4G	Amelia C		75
4G	Sadie H		75
4G	Alice R		100
5C	Joshua S		75



Dinner Winners		
Class	Name	
3B	Oliver W	
3P	Emily C	
4C	Alfie T	
4G	Nyla B	
5C	Ava D	
5H	Jacob L	
6A	Bobby K	
6P	Jason N	



# Well done everyone!

Book Vending Machine		
Lower School Winner		
Class	Name	
3B	Grayson E	
Upper School Winner		
Class	Name	
5C	Siddharth B	



Shout Outs				
	Class	Name	Reason & From	
Shout out! 	3B	Freddie H	For making Mrs Bills smile! Freddie has loved school this week and Mrs Bills wants everyone to know what a fantastic actor he is. Our English roleplay had the whole class watching - Freddie you played a super Clyde!	
	3P	All of 3P	For dealing so maturely with changes to our routine and environment this week, to help Year 6 in their SATs. I am so very proud, but no... we cannot stay in the learning lounge forever!!!	
	4C	Benjamin B	For being such an incredible tidy-upper this week! Every time I have turned around, Ben has been tidying up a mess - our classroom floor has never looked better!	
	Year 6		Excellent attitude and efforts this week	
			Football Team	A big well done to the whole team. This has been our first season together but we have made so much progress. The way you play, as a team, has been incredible to watch! I am so proud of you all.
	3B	Oliver W		For choosing to spend further time on his writing - it is lovely to see children so eager to write.

## Attendance Awards

The Attendance Award for w/c 12/05/2025 goes to **Classes 5C & 5H** 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 95.4% - the national target is **96%**!

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



# FAMILY FESTIVAL DAY

1pm - 5pm, Saturday 7th June 2025  
Middle Street Resource Centre, Beeston NG9 2AR

Family  
Sing-a-  
long

Music in  
the  
garden

Drumming  
workshop

Singing  
for under  
5s

Cake  
stall

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Have a go at West African drumming with Milla Hanna on djembe drums. Join Rachel in the Family Sing-a-long workshop, where all ages are welcome, from 5 - 105!

We'll also have a special nursery rhyme and lullaby time for under 5s and their families.



More information about musical opportunities at Music for Everyone can be found on the MfE website: [www.music-for-everyone.org](http://www.music-for-everyone.org)

If a workshop isn't for you, come along and enjoy an afternoon of relaxed music from the MfE Open Voices, Big Band, Nottingham Chamber Singers and other ensembles in the garden with a piece of cake from our homemade cake stall.

**Entry for festival only:** £4 adults and £2 children over 5

### Workshops Timetable: Saturday 7 June

Middle Street Resource Centre,  
Beeston NG9 2AR

Drumming workshop #1: 1.10pm - 1.40pm

Drumming workshop #2: 1.50pm - 2.20pm

Nursery rhyme, Lullaby time: 2.30pm - 3.15pm

Family Sing-a-long workshop: 3.30pm - 4.15pm

### How to book



Scan the QR code to go straight to the booking page.



Visit the online booking page at:

[www.music-for-everyone.org/event/family-festival](http://www.music-for-everyone.org/event/family-festival)



Book over the phone Monday - Friday, 9am - 5pm



Ask us for a paper form to complete and post with a cheque payable to 'Music for Everyone'.

### Contact



[admin@music-for-everyone.org](mailto:admin@music-for-everyone.org)



Music for Everyone, 10 Goose Gate,  
Hockley, Nottingham NG1 1FF



0115 958 9312

### Fees

Workshops: £8 per adult,  
£6 per child

Includes entry to the festival  
**NB All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult in the workshops**

Nursery rhyme session  
included in festival entry fee  
(£4/£2 on the day)

Pre-booking is  
recommended for workshops  
to avoid disappointment



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# 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

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May** – National Numeracy Day – fun activities in school

**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

