



Reach for the Stars

# Leas Park Junior School

# NEWSLETTER

Week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

Last week, our Year 6s embarked on their residential trip to Kingswood and our classes began preparations for this week's Sports Day. Fingers crossed for good weather!

Don't forget to keep up your reading with your child and recording it in their Reading Records. *"You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax, all you need is a book!"* - Dr. Seuss

## Year 6 residential trip to Kingswood, Dearne Valley

Last week a group Year 6 children went to Kingswood Residential Centre for two nights on their residential trip.

The children took part in a variety of activities including zip wire, buggy building, climbing, night walk and archery.

The children all had lots of fun and we were very proud of how many of them showed determination and resilience during the activities.

Once we get through our hundreds of photos we will upload them all to our website! Here are just a few!



# Year 4 trip to Magna Science Museum

Year 4 had a fantastic time exploring Magna! They visited the Earth, Air, Water and Fire zones, investigating all the different activities in each one. They also took part in a fun sound workshop, where they learnt all about how sound travels through vibrations, and made their own musical instruments!

We were very proud of how sensible our children were, they represented the school beautifully, and they were very enthusiastic about everything we did!



## Year 6 Leavers in the Chad

If you have pre-ordered a copy of the Chad souvenir edition for the Year 6 Leavers, these will be delivered direct to school on the day of publication.

Ordered copies will be handed out to the children whose parents ordered them, for them to take home.

For anyone who did not place an order, copies will be available to purchase in local retailers on the day.

## Inset days

Our Inset Days for next year are as follows:

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 (Admin Day)

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2026

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2026

School will be closed to children on these days.

## Summer Fayre

Our Summer Fayre is due to take place on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

If you, or anyone you know would like to hold a stall at the Fayre, please ask them to contact the office as soon as possible so we can get them booked in, either via email on [admin1@leaspark.notts.sch.uk](mailto:admin1@leaspark.notts.sch.uk) or on 01623477629.

## Sports Day

Don't forget it's our Sports Day tomorrow, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2025!

Our track will again be accessed via our school field, at the rear of the school. Upon arriving at school, please follow the path around the left hand side of the school and proceed diagonally across the school field. Once through the wooden gate, follow the pathway that has been created up to the field at the back of Manor Academy and take your place at the side of the track. Please note: the temporary path is uneven in places. Please take care with your footing.

Lower School will be taking to the field at 09:30am. Parents may wait on the front playground after school drop-off, should they so wish, until the gates are re-opened for Sports Day visitors.

Upper School will be starting at 1:30pm. Parents may arrive from 1:10pm.

Please send your child to school wearing their named PE kit, with their refillable water bottle and a named sun hat. If the weather is fine, please also ensure they are wearing sunscreen and have some with them that they can re-apply themselves.

We wish all our participants the best of luck and have all our fingers crossed for great weather.

## Coming soon.....Bastille Day!

We are celebrating Bastille Day on the 14<sup>th</sup> July and will be doing lots of fun activities in our classes throughout the day.

We will provide a yummy French snack for children at playtime, should they have wish to divulge in one! If not, please do send your child with a snack as normal – the more French the better!

Our lovely catering staff will be serving up a French themed lunch, which all children are invited to. Please complete the form via the link sent to you by text today.

If your children still wish to bring sandwiches, you are more than welcome to send your child with some French inspired food and snacks in their lunchbox to embrace the day too!

Please note our fish free and nut free policy does still apply. Thank you.



Join us for

# Bastille Day

July 2025

**Poulet Basquaise**  
or  
**Quorn Basquaise**  
Egg  
served with  
pomme purée & petit pois

**Dessert**  
Sablé Biscuit  
Gluten

*Bon appétit!*

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The poster features a central illustration of the Eiffel Tower in white, set against a red background. To the left of the tower is a stylized rooster in blue and red. To the right are several balloons in blue, white, and red. A French flag ribbon (blue, white, and red) is draped across the scene. The text is arranged in a clean, modern font, with the main title in large, bold letters. The bottom of the poster has a green banner with the council's logo and name.

# 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:

6A

## Golden Tickets

Class	Amount collected this week	Running total so far this half term:
3B	0	4
3P	2	2
4C	0	12
4G	0	0
5C	2	2
5H	3	8
6A	0	1
6P	0	5



Winner of the Week:

5H

Overall winner this half term so far:

4C

## Rapid Wristbands



Class	Name
3B	Elias W
	Oliver W
3P	Maisie S
	Scarlett B
4C	Nathan D
	Adela R
4G	Freya H
	Esme L
5C	Ronnie W
	Scarlet D
5H	Harry P
	Jacob S
6A	Jacob M
	Madison S
6P	Harry O
	Kai R

## Zones of Regulation Champion



Class	Name
3B	Ayda C
3P	Lottie Mae M
4C	Mia B
4G	James C
5C	Penny P
5H	Ivy T
6A	Erin G
6P	Jonah R

## Tea Party



Class	Name
3B	Seth R
3P	Elliott R
4C	Emilie G
4G	Ashton G
5C	Joshua S
5H	Jayce H
6A	Ben U
6P	Elliott S



## Reading Certificates





Class	Name	No. of reads & award given
3B	Amelia M	25 reads = Bronze
3P	Isabelle R	25 reads = Bronze
3P	Frances L	200 reads = Ruby
3P	Emily C	200 reads = Ruby
4C	Mia B	150 reads = Platinum
4G	Abel R	25 reads = Bronze
4G	Freya H	100 reads = Gold
5H	Harry P	100 reads = Gold
5H	Aiden G	150 reads = Platinum
5H	Sophie S	250 reads = Emerald
5H	Millie S	300 reads = Sapphire
5H	Pyper T	300 reads = Sapphire
6A	Erin G	75 reads = Diamond
6P	James S	100 reads = Gold
6P	Henry R	200 reads = Ruby
3P	Harrison P	25 reads = Bronze

# Well done everyone!


Thumbs Up!			
	Class	Name	Amount awarded
	3B	Charlotte T	150
	3P	Reuben M	75
	4C	Samuel F	75
	4C	Ruby R	75
	4C	Rory B	150
	4C	Myla B	150
	4C	Ella C	200
	4G	Joseph C	75
	4G	Sophie H	75
	4G	Luch B	75
	4G	Harry B	75
	4G	Athena D	75
	4G	Fearne M	75
	4G	Tristan M	75
	4G	Faith R	100
	4G	Neave W	100
	4G	Missy B	150
	5C	Scarlet D	75
	5C	Freya G	75
	5C	Ella M	75
	5C	Devon T	75
	5C	Rnnie W	100
	5C	Ellie-Mae B	100
	5C	Alexander F	100
	5C	Freddie B	100
	5C	Fearne C	100



Book Vending Machine	
	
Lower School Winner	
Class	Name
3P	Max H
Upper School Winner	
Class	Name
6A	James C

Dinner Winners		
	Class	Name
	3B	Tafadzwa M
	3P	Emily C
	5C	Ava D
	6P	Oscar W



Shout Outs			
	Class	Name	Reason & From
	Year 6	To all children who attended the Year 6 residential	For pushing their bravery and having a go at all the activities - well done!
	Year 4		A huge well done to Year 4 for being so sensible and well-behaved on our trip to Magna! You represented the school brilliantly.

## Attendance Awards

The Attendance Award for w/c 16/06/2025 goes to **Class 6P** with **96.7%**

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 **95.1%** - the national target is **96%**!

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

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS



## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

As its name suggests, YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of Google's online video-sharing platform. Its colourful user interface is designed with young people in mind, and it offers a curated, family-friendly experience with features like age-based content settings and parental controls.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT BYPASSING FILTERS

YouTube Kids is less likely to show inappropriate material than YouTube, but there have been reports of the app showing age-inappropriate content to young viewers. One investigation found that YouTube Kids had shown videos that promote skin bleaching, weight loss, drug culture and firearms to children as young as two, as inappropriate content had bypassed the platform's algorithms and human moderators.



### BE WARY OF ADVERTISING

Like Google's regular YouTube app, YouTube Kids features pervasive advertising before a video plays. While these adverts are designed to be family friendly and are subject to a strict review process, it's worth noting that YouTube Kids collects information around children's viewing to inform targeted content and advertisements.



### DESIGNED TO BE ADDICTIVE

YouTube Kids is designed to be addictive. The platform's design features, such as the constant stream of new videos and the reward system of points or virtual stickers, can be very engaging and make it difficult for children to switch off. Research has shown that spending too much time using digital services such as YouTube can lead to screen addiction, affecting children's daily routines, studies, and even their social lives.



### SETTINGS CAN BE CIRCUMVENTED

YouTube Kids offers built-in parental controls, enabling you to set screen time limits and curate the content children are able to view; however, children are often more tech-savvy than we think. They can easily bypass or tweak these settings if they have access to the associated Google account password, thereby exposing themselves to age-inappropriate and potentially dangerous content.



### AI-GENERATED MISINFORMATION

There is also a risk of children accessing videos that contain disinformation and misinformation. A BBC investigation found that some YouTube channels are using artificial intelligence (AI) technology to create misleading 'scientific' videos that are recommended to children as educational content. These videos included conspiracy theories and ideas that lack scientific backing.



### DATA COLLECTION RISK

While there are limits on the data that YouTube can collect on children under 13, children can still inadvertently give away sensitive information when using YouTube Kids. The platform collects data on children's viewing habits, content searches and location, which YouTube and third-party advertisers can use.



## Advice for Parents & Educators

### PARENTAL CONTROLS

YouTube Kids offers several settings that allow you to manage what content children can view. For example, you can choose what level of content you want them to access, such as 'Preschool' or 'Younger'. You can also turn off the search function, so that only those videos approved by the YouTube Kids team themselves will appear on a child's recommendations list.



### SET TIME LIMITS

The built-in parental controls let you keep a tab on how long children spend watching videos. You can set a timer that limits screen time and disables the YouTube Kids app once a specified length of time has been reached. It's also worth speaking to children about the dangers of spending too much time on YouTube, to ensure they remain focused on other, more important activities.



### CHECK WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has made it easy for you to keep an eye on what the children in your care have been watching on the app. By clicking on the 'Recommended' icon at the top right of the home screen, you can see which videos they've been viewing, and how much of each. If a child watches YouTube Kids while signed into a Google account, you can check their history through Google's 'My Activity' page.



### WATCH TOGETHER

It's important that you try to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for children. One way to do this is by introducing watching sessions, where you all gather around and share the most enjoyable videos that you have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you both new things to talk about and of keeping an eye on what they're watching.



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# Dates for your Diary

Please see below our main 'diary dates' so far for the 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 (school closed to children):**

Monday 28th July 2025

Tuesday 29th July 2025

Next academic year:

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 (Admin Day)

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2026

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2026

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025** – Year 5 & 6 Cricket Festival 09:30am – 3:00pm (Selected team only)

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2025** – Sports Day – Lower School 09:30am, Upper School 1:00pm

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2025** – Lower School Practical Maths Parent Workshop 09:00am – 10:00am

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025** – Year 6 trip to Clumber Park

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025** – Year 5 Growing Up Talk Parents Meeting 4:45pm (Children may not attend)

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2025** – Year 3 trip to Southwell Minster

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2025** – Upper School Practical Maths Parent Workshop 09:00am – 10:00am

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2025** – Year 2 Parents Welcome Meeting (invite only)

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025** – Year 2 Parents Welcome Meeting (invite only)

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025** – Bastille Day

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2025** – Summer Fayre – 3:15pm

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025** – Reports home

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025** – Year 6 Leavers Presentation – 6:30pm

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025** – Whole School Picnic – 11:45am-1:15pm

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2025** - LAST DAY AT SCHOOL

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2025** – Inset day - School closed to children

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2025** – Inset Day - School closed to children

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025** - Admin Day - School closed to children

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025** – FIRST DAY BACK AT SCHOOL

