



Reach for the Stars

# Leas Park Junior School

# NEWSLETTER

Week commencing 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

We had an amazing week last week; Sports Day, Lower School Evening of Fun and a visit from the British Red Cross !

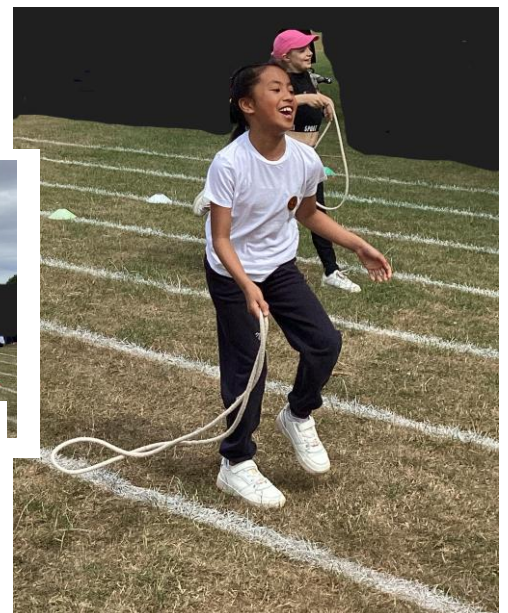
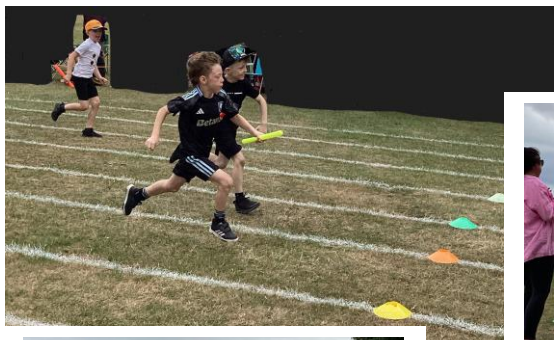
Keep an eye on our Dates for the Diary page below – this is a busy term!

## Sports Day

Sports Day was a great success; the children really enjoyed it and got into the competitive spirit. They completed a series of races and competed against other classes in their phase. A big **thank you** to all the parents and carers for your continued support, it was amazing to see so many of you!

Lower school winner = 3P

Upper school winner = 6A



# Lower School Evening of Fun

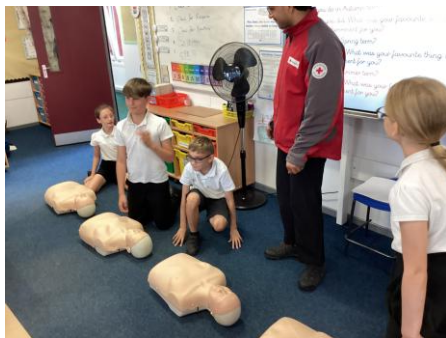
Our Evenings of Fun were a huge success!

Children returned to school with only one plan of action - TO HAVE FUN! They took part in dressing up, playing games, dancing to music and creating crafts. The children had a yummy tea of hotdogs, nachos and an ice-lolly to cool down with. All teachers praised the children for their wonderful behaviour on both nights. Thank you for joining us!



## Red Cross

Last week, British Red Cross came into school to do a CPR workshop with the Year 5 and Year 6 pupils. They learned the 5 rules of CPR and were able to all have a go at practising these life-saving skills on the Annie-dolls. Children also created posters detailing the rules of CPR.



## School Talent Show

Our School Council have arranged our annual Talent Show to take place on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025.

Auditions will be held in class before the finalists are submitted to the show.

Any pupils wanting to audition will be able to do so as long as their act is appropriate for school and not dangerous!

We wish everyone the best of luck!

## Thank you!

A huge thank you to the staff at HW Martin Fleet Maintenance Ltd. in particular Michael, who have donated a massive box of new packs of coloured paper to school.

This will come in very useful for our many crafting projects. Thank you so much for your kindness.

## 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.

We will be having lots of stalls and activities. There will be a flyer to follow with more information.

Can you help us by donating any of the following, please:

- Chocolate
- Wine
- Toiletries (gift sets)
- Items for the Tombola Stall

(No bric-a-brac or books this time, please)

We will be holding a raffle via ParentPay – watch this space for details!

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.

## Uniform Orders (Current Years 3, 4 & 5)

In September, we will be changing the ordering process for uniform so it will be ordered directly through the supplier. To help us with ordering in the uniform stock we need, before the system changes, you will need to place your uniform order for September with us by Wednesday 2 July 2025.

We do not require any payment at this point, this is just to help us with the numbers to order. We have been informed by our supplier that uniform ordered by this date will be in school before we break up for the summer holidays.

Please use the form (link has been text to you) to place your order and submit this by Wednesday 2nd July 2025. Once we have your order in stock we will ask for you to make payment before passing the items onto you. As usual, payment will need to be made through ParentPay.

# 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:

3P

## Golden Tickets

Class	Amount collected this week	Running total so far this half term:
3B	2	6
3P	2	4
4C	4	16
4G	1	1
5C	0	2
5H	2	10
6A	0	1
6P	2	7



### Winner of the Week:

4C

### Overall winner this half term so far:

4C

## Maths Stars



Class	Name
3B	Isabella O
	Frank D
3P	Ellysia S
	Finley B
4C	Charlie M
	Grace B
4G	Amelia C
	Fearne M
5C	Bree M
	Cohen W
5H	Freya B
	Brody C
6A	Isabelle S
	Emmi-Grace S
6P	Zoey M
	Isla-Grace H

## Zones of Regulation Champion



### Class Name

3B	Arla D
3P	Leo R
4C	Ethan S
4G	Athena D
5C	Libby H
5H	Freddy M
6A	Darcie E
6P	Erin J

## Tea Party



Class	Name
3B	Oscar H
3P	Harley J
4C	Esmae R
4G	Harry B
5C	Charlie O
5H	Leo C
6A	Myla W
6P	Luca H



## Reading Certificates



Class	Name	No. of reads & award given
3B	Phoebe R	50 reads = Silver
3P	Yana P	25 reads = Bronze
3P	Ellis N	50 reads = Silver
3P	Joshua L	100 reads = Gold
4C	Darcy G	200 reads = Ruby
4G	Ashton G	25 reads = Bronze
4G	Athena-Rose D	50 reads = Silver
4G	Faith R	150 reads = Platinum
5C	Feddie B	200 reads = Ruby
5C	Frankie G	75 reads = Diamond
5C	Joshua S	75 reads = Diamond
5C	William R	75 reads = Diamond
5C	Ariela B	100 reads = Gold
5H	Sophie S	250 reads = Emerald
5H	Daisey M	250 reads = Emerald
5H	Leo C	50 reads = Silver
6A	Aleksander D	150 reads = Platinum


# Well done everyone!

Thumbs Up!		
Class	Name	Amount awarded
3B	Oscar H	25
3B	Isabella O	75
3B	Phoebe-Grace S	75
3B	Thadsha S	100
3B	Tafadzwa M	100
3B	Ethan H	150
3B	Arla D	150
3B	Frank D	150
3P	Vyga P	100
3P	Harrison P	100
3P	Finley B	100
3P	Bobby S	150
4C	Abigail W	75
4C	Jonah F	100
4G	Joseph A	75
4G	Jasmina B	75
4G	Charles C	75
4G	Tasmin M	100
4G	Ashton G	100
6P	Luca H	100




Dinner Winners		
Class	Name	
3B	Isabella D	
3P	Erin L	
4C	Ella C	
5C	Ava D	
5H	Lyla E	
6A	Madison S	
6P	Cain L	



Book Vending Machine	
	
Lower School Winner	
Class	Name
3B	Amelia S
Upper School Winner	
Class	Name
5C	Devon T



Shout Outs			
	Class	Name	Reason & From
Shout out! 		Miss Harley	For a fab job of organising Sports Day! Everyone had fun - thank you! The Y5 and 6 that came to the Cricket Festival on Monday-you represented Leas Park brilliantly!
		Mrs Pursey	
	6A	All	For winning sports day! Well done all!

## Attendance Awards

The Attendance Award for w/c 23/06/2025 goes to **Class 3P** with **98.1%**

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.

## 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 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

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025** – Talent Show in school

**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

