



Reach for the Stars

Leas Park Junior School

NEWSLETTER

Week commencing 8th September 2025

A very warm welcome to our weekly newsletter. We hope you enjoyed the Summer Holidays, had a well deserved rest and enjoyed some family time!

We are off to a great start this term! Our pupils have joined us ready to learn, looking smart and are settling in nicely to their new classes and daily routines.

Please remember you too can play a vital role in your child's success at school. Help by ensuring they attend every day, having a positive attitude about school, teachers and learning, reading with or to your child each evening and providing quiet time for homework. Thank you for your support at home!

Our new diary dates are listed below, at the end of this newsletter – 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.

A big Thank You!

A huge thank you to all of our parents/carers, relatives and friends for all of your support during the last academic year.

Despite having to rearrange our School Summer Fair, we made a whopping £2352.54, which will go a long way towards new resources and fun activities for the children.

Without the support of our wonderful school community, a lot of our extra activities would not be possible including the ice cream and inflatable slide rides at the school picnic!!



We are absolutely thrilled to celebrate one of our incredible Leas Park stars, Joshua (formerly Class 3P), and his amazing dad, who together set up an outstanding stall at the Summer Fair! With a dazzling array of Pokémon, Disney, Marvel, and football cards — plus exciting mystery bags and fun "guess-the-amount" card games — their stall was a magnet for visitors and a true highlight of the event. This young entrepreneur's creativity and business flair were on full display, with key collector items drawing in eager customers. Incredibly, they raised a whopping £207 — and, in the most generous spirit, chose to donate *every single penny* to our school! We are so, so proud of our utterly brilliant pupil and so grateful for the family's kindness and support. You are a business force to be reckoned with, and we wish you all the luck in the world with your future business adventures!

School Uniform – new and preloved

We now have a new uniform supplier, Uniform Direct. Please contact them for all of your future new school uniform requirements.

We are also working with Cress. Cress is a simple, hassle-free online marketplace designed to help schools, parents and communities access affordable preloved school uniform.

Benefits :-

- Promotes an eco-friendly way for families to access school uniform.
- Help parents save money while ensuring school uniform remains accessible for all.
- Every sale generates income for the school, which will be used for extras for all children in school.

Once this service is set up, we will forward you more information of how to access this.

In the meantime, if you have any school uniform at home that your child has grown out of, that is in clean, good condition, please donate to the school office. (This includes shirts, trousers, skirts and pinafores, not just the logo'd school sweatshirts and cardigans!)

We hope this wonderful service will be useful for you.

uniform direct
www.uniform-direct.com

Official School Uniform Suppliers for
Leas Park Junior School

Burgundy Sweatshirt with Logo	from £8.00
Burgundy Cardigan with Logo	from £9.00
White Polo Shirt TWIN PACK	from £5.00
Black or Grey School Trousers	from £6.00
Black or Grey School Skirts	from £7.00
White PE T-Shirt	from £4.50
Navy or Black PE Shorts	from £4.00

Order your School Uniform Online at
www.uniform-direct.com
Ordering for September? - Allow plenty of time ✓ Order Now

✓ April-June Best time to order ✓ July Expect Delays ✗ Aug-Sept Extreme Delays (not recommended for back-to-school)

Vacancy – Midday Supervisor

We are hiring for Midday Supervisors! If you are a caring, friendly person who is able to communicate effectively with pupils in a calm and positive manner and would enjoy working with children and being part of our committed and supportive midday team, then we would like to hear from you.

All information is available via the school website: www.leaspark.notts.sch.uk/about-us/vacancies

No longer 'fish free'

We are no longer a 'fish free' school. Our current school meals menu will remain the same until it renews after October half term and then any fish dishes will be added.

If your child has sandwiches, they may now have a fish filling or accompaniment, should you wish.

We remain a 'nut free' school and all nut free policies should still be observed. Thank you.

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.

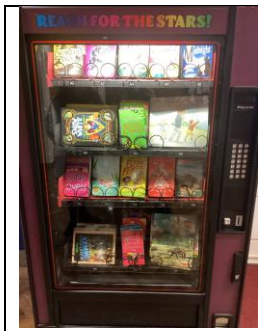
Jewellery

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

Each week, our children have the opportunity to win a variety of awards, either as an individual or as part of their class.

	<p>Golden Tickets</p> <p>Every class and child has the opportunity to be awarded golden tickets from the Senior Leadership Team...Mrs Hall, Mrs Bills, Miss Cope and Mrs Pursey. It can be for achievements such as fantastic work, wonderful manners around school, working well as a whole class and just generally being impressive Leas Park Pupils. These tickets are collected throughout the week and then on a Friday morning, the class with the most are presented with a trophy in assembly. At the end of every half term, the overall winning class/es win a £50 prize to spend on activities for a fun afternoon!</p>
	<p>Leas Park Shining Stars (formerly Tea Party)</p> <p>One child in every class, each week, are awarded a goodie bag and certificate from their teacher for achievements such as great or improved work, thoughtful behaviour around school, fantastic manners and being helpful etc. The children are very proud to receive these goody bags and we love awarding them to our shining stars!</p>
	<p>Zones of Regulation</p> <p>We award our children for identifying their emotions and utilising the correct 'tools' to help them regulate their emotions, thus bringing them back into the 'green zone'.</p>
	<p>Star Writers</p> <p>Awards are given to children who have developed a particular skill in their writing, have included some amazing piece of work that has been shared with their peers to inspire others' work too. These are awarded every three weeks.</p>
	<p>Maths Stars</p> <p>Certificates and pencils are awarded to children who show that they are working really hard to improve their maths skills. These are awarded every three weeks.</p>
	<p>Rapid Wristbands</p> <p>These are awarded to children who demonstrate super times table knowledge at school: children who independently work on their times tables and use them to support their learning. These are awarded every three weeks.</p>
	<p>Reading Certificates</p> <p>The children can work on achieving their reading certificates constantly. The certificates they can be awarded every week in assembly are for the following achievements: Bronze = 25 reads, Silver = 50 reads, Diamond = 75 reads, Gold = 100 reads, Platinum = 150 reads, Ruby = 200 reads, Emerald = 250 reads and Sapphire = 300 reads.</p> <p>Reading is so important and supports all areas of the curriculum. The children are very proud of their reading achievements and they also get to be added to the Reading Raffle for a new reading book, if they read five times in a week!</p>



Reading Raffle – Book Vending Machine draw

Children who read five times a week at home can receive a raffle ticket when their reading log is reviewed. Their name is then written on a ticket and placed in the Reading Raffle draw which take place in assembly.

If their name is pulled out, they will collect a gold coin from the special jar in Mrs Hall’s office and then choose their prize from the book vending machine in the hall. It’s all very exciting! There is one Upper School winner and one Lower School winner every week!



Pen Licence

Once the children reach Year 5 they can begin to use a range of writing materials. The children need to show their teacher that they can develop the shape and style of their letters and writing, including possible joins and show their work at its very best, before they can be considered for a pen licence. Once the teacher is happy that their handwriting confidence is developed enough, they can be awarded their pen licence to use from this point on. They love to develop their handwriting and writing in their books, in pen, is a huge event.



Dinner Winners

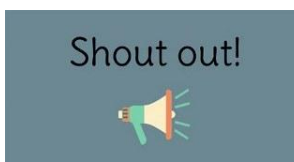
When pupils impress the Midday Supervisors with their manners, super attitudes, helpfulness and when they are an amazing and thoughtful friend, they can be awarded with a yellow ticket. Once back in class, these are added to a pot and one is drawn out by the class teacher each week to be read out in assembly. The winners then get to choose from a selection of prizes!



Thumbs Up!

These are awarded in class to pupils for great effort, good behaviour and for demonstrating the Leas Park Junior School values.

Following each milestone, the children receive different awards e.g. 25, 50, 75



Shout outs!

When a staff member would like a child or class to get a mention for something particularly special that they have done or achieved, they are given a ‘Shout out!’ in assembly.



Attendance Awards

Attendance is very important for your child’s attainment in school and we encourage this with a weekly award for the class who achieve the highest attendance for the previous week.

Children also receive certificates and gifts at the end of each term for reaching that all important 100% attendance.

This year, we are looking at new special rewards for children who have achieved 100% attendance...watch this space!



Eco Award

This is awarded to the most eco-friendly class for their work in recycling and conserving energy in their classroom.

Leas Park Awards

Eco Class



Winner of the Week:

4G

Leas Park Shining Stars (Formerly Tea Party)



Class	Name
3B	Edward C
3P	Emilio H
4C	Ivy-Belle G
4G	Elliott R
5J	Riley-James B
5H	Cameron S
6A	Ivy T
6C	Mason F
6P	Scarlet D

Rapid Wristbands



Class	Name
3B	Teddie W
	Summer T
3P	Taylor R
	Beau G
4C	Amelia S
	Cody B
4G	Reuben M
	Emily C
5H	Nathan D
	Alexander P
5J	Nyla B
	Freddie B
6A	Chloe B
	Ava D
6C	Abigail M
	Jacob S
6P	Benjamin G
	Jenson M

Zones of Regulation Champion



Class	Name
4C	Winnie G
4G	Jack H
5J	Harry B
5H	Charlie E
6A	Frankie G
6C	Sam O
6P	Cohen W

Dinner Winners



Class	Name
4C	Frank D
4G	Erin L
5H	Saffire W
5J	Tasmin M
6A	Ava D
6C	Freya B



Shout Outs

Class	Name
All children	A huge well done to all of our children for settling in well to their new classes, especially our new Year 3 children. We are all very impressed!

Attendance Award

The Attendance Awards for w/c 01/09/2025 goes to **Class 4G** with **99.3%**!

Our current Attendance Policy can be found on our school website.

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.

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):

Friday 17th October 2026

Friday 27th March 2026

Monday 1st June 2026

Monday 27th July 2026

W/C 15th Sept – Clubs to start

Monday 22nd September – Year 6 trip to the Holocaust Museum, Laxton

Thursday 25th September – Photographers in school – individual photographs

Thursday 2nd October – Harvest Festival

Friday 3rd October – Parent Coffee Morning for Year 3 – details to follow

Monday 13th October – Parent's Evenings

Tuesday 14th October – Parent's Evenings

Friday 17th October – INSET day – school closed to children

Tuesday 11th November – Armistice Day – 1 minutes silence

Friday 14th November – Children in Need

W/C 17th November – Assessment Week

Wednesday 3rd December – Christmas Fair

W/C 8th December – Last week of Autumn term clubs

Monday 8th December – Lower School Christmas Disco 6pm – 7:30pm

Tuesday 9th December – Upper School Christmas Disco – 6pm – 8pm

Thursday 11th December – Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner day

Tuesday 16th December – Lower School Christmas Performance 10am & 2pm

Wednesday 17th December – Upper School Christmas Performance 10am & 2pm

Thursday 18th December – Christmas Party day

Friday 19th December – Christmas Activity Day – non uniform

Tuesday 24th February – Photographers in school – group photographs

W/C 2nd March - Assessment Week

Tuesday 3rd March – Year 3 Swimming starts (to 21st July – 9 weeks per class)

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day – theme to be announced



Dates for your Diary continued ...

Thursday 12th March – Y3 Mother's Day Breakfast

Friday 13th March – Y4 Mother's Day Breakfast

Mon 16th March – Y5 Mother's Day Breakfast

Tue 17th March – Y6 Mother's Day Breakfast

Fri 21st March – Comic Relief Red Nose Day

Wednesday 25th March – Parent's Evening

Thursday 26th March – Parent's Evening

Friday 27th March – INSET day – school closed to children

W/C ... - Year 6 Mock SATS week

W/C 11th May– Year 6 SATS week

Wednesday 20th – Friday 22nd May – Year 5 Residential trip (one night per class)

Monday 1st June – INSET day – school closed to children

W/C 1st June – Year 4 Multiplication Times Tables Check week

Monday 8th June – Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 assessment week

Monday 15th – Wed 17th June – Year 6 Residential trip

Thursday 18th June – Year 6 Father's Day Breakfast

Friday 19th June – Year 5 Father's Day Breakfast

Monday 22nd June – Year 4 Father's Day Breakfast

Tuesday 23rd June – Year 3 Father's Day Breakfast

Friday 26th June – Lower School Evening of Fun

Wednesday 8th July – Summer Fair

Thursday 9th July – Year 2 Meet the Teacher

Friday 10th July – Year 2 Meet the Teacher

Friday 17th July – Reports home

Tuesday 21st July – Year 6 Presentation Evening

Wednesday 22nd July – Picnic day

Thursday 23rd July – Talent Show

Friday 24th July – Toy day

Mon 27th July – INSET day – school closed to children

