



Reach for the Stars

Leas Park Junior School

NEWSLETTER

Week commencing 15th September 2025

Welcome to our weekly newsletter.

We have had an amazing week with a World War Two experience for Year 5 and Year 6 shooting off into space!

Don't forget to check out the dates for your diary for details of all of our upcoming events.

Year 6 World War II Workshop

Year 6 stepped back in time last week, to experience life during the Second World War. Palace Theatre visited us on Monday 8th September and held an amazing workshop with our children.

Through drama and roleplay, the children learnt what it was like to take shelter during an air raid, explored the vital roles women carried out on the Home Front, and discovered the challenges of rationing. The day was full of energy, laughter, and thoughtful reflection, helping the pupils bring their history topic to life in a memorable and engaging way.



Year 5 Spacedome experience

The Space Dome came to Leas Park on Friday 12th September, as part of Year 5's Science unit about Space and Earth.

Inside the children travelled through space where they visited planets and other objects in our solar system. In the afternoon, they had a classroom-based session and discovered where light comes from, how it moves and why it is so important to us.

Both classes really enjoyed learning about the movement of the moon and even made 'Moon Wheels' to take home. They had lots of fun throughout the day learning about space!



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.

Closing dates is Friday 19th September 2025.

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 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.

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:

3B

Leas Park Shining Stars (Formerly Tea Party)



Class	Name
3B	Charlie F
3P	Mia T
4C	Isabella O
4G	Isabelle R
5H	Ella C
5J	Bella W
6A	Ellie-Mae B
6C	Billy T
6P	Lydia H



**Well
done
everyone!**

Zones of Regulation Champion



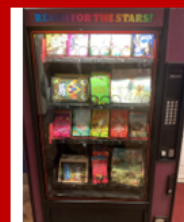
Class	Name
3B	Dexter C
3P	James W
4C	Freddie H
4G	Ellysia S
5H	Lyra W
5J	Ashton G
6A	Lyla E
6C	Freddy M
6P	Pagan B

Maths Stars



Class	Name
3B	Alfie-Lee B
	Athena S
3P	Marley C
	Rosa C
4C	Tafadzwa M
	Grace B
4G	Heath R
	Erynn W
5H	Cody B
	Saffire W
5J	Sophie H
	Lucy B
6A	Leo C
	Jaxon J
6C	Aiden G
	Daisy M
6P	Coen D
	Logan S

Book Vending Machine



Lower School Winner

Class	Name
3P	James W

Upper School Winner

Class	Name
5H	Charlotte D



Golden Tickets



Class	Amount collected this week	Running total so far this half term:
3B	1	1
3P	4	4
4C	1	1
4G	0	0
5H	1	1
5J	0	0
6A	0	0
6C	0	0
6P	0	0
Winner of the Week:		Overall winner this half term so far:
3P		3P

Dinner Winners



Class	Name
3B	Heidi H
3P	Lottie C
4C	Esme W
4G	Finley B
5H	Darcy G
5J	Beau B
6A	Ava D
6C	Ella M
6P	Penny P

Pen Licences



Class	Name
5H	Myla B
5H	Emilie G
5H	Darcy G
5H	Ella C
5J	Nyla B
5j	Neave W

Attendance Award

The Attendance Awards for w/c 01/09/2025 goes to **Class 3P** with **98.8%**!

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

The whole school attendance this academic year to date is **95.5%** - the national target is **96%**!

Please help support us in raising our attendance.

10 September 2025

Dear parent

Keeping your children well this winter

As the winter months approach, you may have concerns about your child's health as coughs, colds and other minor illnesses increase.

Right care at the right time

We have created some web pages which offer you helpful advice about common conditions in babies and children and the symptoms to look out for. We hope this information will help you decide when you can treat your child at home, when you need to seek medical help and which service to choose.



Please visit: www.notts.icb.nhs.uk/childrens-health-and-wellbeing

Please be assured that GPs and health services will want to see your child if you have concerns about their health and welfare. We know that babies can decline rapidly, and GPs will continue to prioritise care for babies and toddlers up to two years old. You should keep a watchful eye on how symptoms develop and trust their instincts.

Your General Practice Team is made up of a range of healthcare professionals who work at your practice and in the wider community to help you and your family get the right care when you need it. Depending on their needs, your child may be seen by another general practice team member such as a Nursing Associate or Advanced Physiotherapist.

If you are unsure, use 111.nhs.uk or phone 111 to get assessed and directed to the right NHS service.

Pharmacies

Most Community Pharmacies are offering the Pharmacy First service which includes NHS medicines where appropriate to treat the following in children:

- Sinusitis in those aged 12 years and over
- Sore throat in those aged 5 years and over
- Impetigo (a type of skin infection) in those aged over 1 year.
- Infected insect bite in those aged over 1 year



- Earache in children 1 -17 years (please note: this cannot be provided by distance selling pharmacies)

Your GP practice may refer you to this service, but you can also walk into your local pharmacy and ask how they can help you.

As well as the Pharmacy First service, over the counter medicine from your local pharmacy can help manage symptoms of many minor illness, including paracetamol, ibuprofen and eye drops. Pharmacists can provide advice on the use of these medicines and instructions are provided in the packaging.

Vaccinations

One of the main ways that you and your family can stay well over the winter months is by making sure you are protected from illness.

Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) is a common cause of coughs and colds. The RSV vaccine protects newborn babies and is offered at 28 weeks of pregnancy. If you are 28 weeks pregnant or over, speak to your GP or maternity team about this vaccine.

Your GP and some community pharmacies will be delivering flu vaccines to children who are aged two and three and your GP will also be delivering flu vaccines to children aged two to 17 with certain long-term health conditions. All other eligible children will be able to get a flu vaccination through the school immunisation team. All flu vaccines for children are given through a nasal spray rather than an injection. Getting the flu vaccine can protect your child from serious illness this winter. Last December, 93 children under five were hospitalised due to flu in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire.

It's not too late for your child to catch up on their MMR vaccination. The MMR vaccine is normally given at 12 months and the second dose at three years and four months. But older children and adults can have it if they were not vaccinated when they were younger. Two doses give life-long protection.

Speak to a GP to arrange an appointment if you think you or your child needs to catch up.



Find out more about vaccine eligibility and how to book at:
www.notts.icb.nhs.uk/vaccinations

Absence from school

If your child is unwell and cannot attend school, you don't need a sick note from your GP.

If your child feels well in themselves, you can request that their school administer over the counter medicines to treat their symptoms as needed. **This is at the Head Teacher's discretion** and only covers those medicines where it would be detrimental to your child's attendance if they are not given. This includes non-prescription medicines such as paracetamol, ibuprofen and antihistamines. **A doctor's prescription is not required for**

this. The medicine should be clearly labelled with your child's name and include the packaging so that staff can follow the generic age-related instructions.

Coughs and colds

If your child has a cough or cold, try to encourage them to cough or sneeze into a tissue, throw it away and wash their hands afterwards. We also recommend that they don't visit grandparents and other vulnerable people when they are poorly.

Make sure you also have liquid paracetamol or ibuprofen at home to deal with mild fever.

We are very grateful for your support of your local NHS.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Briggs". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke underneath the name.

Dr Dave Briggs
Medical Director
NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire



Emotion Coaching

How to Support Your Child When Their Feelings Get Big

A workshop available to Nottinghamshire families of children who are adopted, in kinship care and/or were previously in care



4th December 2025



This session will cover how children and young people understand emotions and what can happen when their feelings overwhelm them. We will look at Emotion Coaching – a way for families to teach children about their emotions and respond “in the moment” when big feelings happen.



10am - 2pm



**Edwinstowe House, High Street
Edwinstowe Nottinghamshire NG21
9PR**

BOOK NOW:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/workshop-for-families-of-children-who-were-previously-in-care-tickets-977904226867?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

For More Information, Contact Us:



0115 977 4747



virtual.schoolenottssc.gov.uk

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

Thursday 18th September – Year 6 Kingswood Residential Trip Parents Meeting – 3:30pm in the hall

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 – 09:00am

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

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

