



Reach for the Stars

# Leas Park Junior School

# NEWSLETTER

Week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025

Welcome to our weekly newsletter. We hope you have had a restful half term holiday and enjoyed some lovely family time.

The children enjoyed an African Drumming workshop during the last week before the holidays and Class 3P had a wonderful Golden Ticket party!

We have lots of events planned for the rest of the Autumn Term so please ensure you keep up to date with our Dates for the Diary page!!

## African Drumming

On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October, we had visitors from the Zamble African Dance Company who delivered African dance and drumming workshops to every class.

Their workshops aim to preserve, promote and share traditional West African culture, offering authentic experiences.

The children had a fantastic time and really enjoyed learning some new dance skills.



# Class 3P Golden Ticket Award

Class 3P won the Golden Ticket Award last term and were awarded their £50 prize. The children have the choice of how to celebrate and they chose to celebrate with a Halloween party!

Their classroom was decorated with spooky decorations, and they even got to carve their very own pumpkins. They played lots of fun party games, including musical statues and apple bobbing — Miss Parkin's favourite! Her cheeks hurt from laughing so much!

They also enjoyed some delicious sweet treats and danced the afternoon away.



## School Council

We are excited to announce that our School Council elections took place on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October. Pupils from across the year groups put themselves forward for the important role of representing their classmates, sharing ideas, and helping shape school life. After thoughtful speeches and enthusiastic hustings, children cast their votes and demonstrated a good understanding of voting etiquette.

Congratulations to our newly elected councillors and deputies and a huge well done to all who took part. We look forward to seeing the positive changes and brilliant ideas they bring to school this year! - Mrs Ainley and Miss Trafford

### Leas Park Junior School - School Councillors 2025-2026

Year 3	Councillor – Ezra J Councillor – Lily L	Deputy – Rio T Deputy – Dollie M
Year 4	Councillor – Heath R Councillor – Ellysia S	Deputy – Jasper S Deputy – Isabella D
Year 5	Councillor - Spencer K Councillor – Ella C	Deputy – Joseph C Deputy – Adela R
Year 6	Councillor – Cohen W Councillor – Scarlet D	Deputy – William R Deputy – Ava D



## Children in Need Day

BBC Children in Need Day 2025 is due to take place on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

In order to raise funds for this very worthy cause, we will be holding a pyjama day. Children will be able to attend on that day in pyjamas for a £1.00 donation via ParentPay.

*Please note, we are unable to accept cash and all donations should be made via ParentPay, thank you. The link to donate is on ParentPay and also below:*

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=18795>

## Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying Week 2025 will take place from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

This year the theme is Power for Good. **The week will kick off with Odd Socks Day on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025.** We encourage all of our pupils to wear odd socks on that day, to raise awareness and to celebrate what makes us all unique.

Every year, bullying impacts the lives of countless young people and silence helps it grow. That's why, this Anti-Bullying Week, we're empowering young people to use their Power for Good to safely speak up and raise awareness when they see bullying, face to face or online.

## Nottinghamshire's school holiday and term time dates consultation 2027-2030

Nottinghamshire County Council is currently consulting on proposed school term and holiday dates for the periods from 2027/2028 until 2029/2030 for community and voluntary controlled schools. The consultation is now open and runs between **29 September and 14 December 2025**.

Please consider the consultation and complete the online survey using the link below. This will allow Nottinghamshire County Council to consider the views of all consultees and ensure they are incorporated into the consultation feedback report which will be considered by Cabinet Member for Education and Special Educational Needs & Disabilities in Spring 2026.

The [consultation on school holiday and term time dates 2027-2030](#) outlines the proposed dates which follows the current model, including two weeks for the October half-term break, a varied Easter break and slight changes to the start and end dates for the academic year.

Nottinghamshire County Council would like to ensure that all stakeholders have an opportunity to comment. Comments can be submitted until 14 December 2025 by:

- [completing the online survey response form](#)
- emailing [schoolholidayconsultation@nottsc.gov.uk](mailto:schoolholidayconsultation@nottsc.gov.uk)

## School Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas Fayre is fast approaching, due to take place on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2025, straight after school at 3:15pm.

If you, or anyone you know, would like to hold a stall, please email the school office via [admin1@leaspark.notts.sch.uk](mailto:admin1@leaspark.notts.sch.uk) letting us know your name, your relationship with the school and what you would like to sell.

As always, we would like to ask for any donations of:

- Large chocolate bars
- Toiletries gift sets
- Wine bottles with screw caps – both full and used, please!
- Pre-loved teddies – clean and in good condition

No bric-a-brac or second-hand books, please.

All donations are as always, greatly appreciated. Please bring them to the school office, thank you.

## Class Dojo

Thank you to everyone who signed up for Class Dojo. We still have a few families yet to sign up so, if you have yet to complete the form, please do so at your earliest convenience, we must have your permission to be able to add you on.

You can use Class Dojo to leave a key message for your class teacher; however it isn't monitored constantly and replies are not sent via this app. Therefore, for all messages, the other usual lines of communication still apply.

# Reminders, messages and additional news – please read!!

## Waterproof coats

Please ensure your child brings a warm, waterproof coat to school every day, 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 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

## Rapid Wristbands



Class	Name
3B	Jeremyl B
	Leo D
3P	Dollie M
	Oliver L
4C	Ivy-Belle G
	Willow C
4G	Kristens V
	Lorenzo D
5H	Grace B
	Priya W
5J	Fearne M
	Abel R
6A	Ronnie W
	Joshua S
6C	Sophie S
	Pippa B
6P	Pyper T
	Brody C

## Eco Class



Winner of the Week:

5J

## Zones of Regulation Champion



Class	Name
3B	Connor B
3P	Billy M
4C	Amelia S
4G	Vyga P
5H	Jayden D
5J	Athena D
6A	Fearne C
6C	Samuel P
6P	Lydia H

## Pen Licences



Class	Name
5J	Joseph C
5J	Faith R

## Dinner Winners



Class	Name	Reason
3B	Leonard W	No reason on ticket
3P	Jade J	For being lovely at lunch.
4C	Arla D	For helping the middays at lunch.
4G	Harley J	For helping the middays at lunch.
5H	Saffire W	For helping the middays at lunch.
6A	Jaxon J	For stacking chairs
6P	Devon T	For stacking chairs

## Shout Outs

Class	Name	Reason & From
4C	Tafadzwa M	Tafadzwa has re-written the ENTIRE story of the Iron Man at home, complete with illustrations and everything! I absolutely loved reading it, and I'm so glad he enjoyed the book so much! - Miss Canniffe
	All School	A huge thank you to everyone for outstanding behaviour during the school council elections - from Miss Armstrong

## Attendance Award

The Attendance Awards for w/c 13/10/2025 goes to **Class 5H** with **97.1%**

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

The whole school attendance this academic year to date is **95.0%** - 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 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

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

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

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November** – Year 4 trip to the Tropical Butterfly House, Anston.

**W/C 10<sup>th</sup> November** – Anti-Bullying Week

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November** – Odd Socks Day

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November** – Armistice Day – 1 minutes' silence

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November** – Children in Need Day -

**W/C 17<sup>th</sup> November** – Assessment Week

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November** – Year 3 Earthquakes and Volcanoes Workshop (in school)

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November** – Class 5J trip to Nottingham University

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November** – Class 5H trip to Nottingham University

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December** – Jingle Jog (Attendance list TBC)

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** – Christmas Fayre – all donations to the office asap, please

**W/C 8<sup>th</sup> December** – Last week of Autumn term clubs

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December** – Lower School Christmas Disco 6pm – 7:30pm

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December** – Upper School Christmas Disco – 6pm – 8pm

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner day

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – Lower School Christmas Performance 10am & 2pm

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Upper School Christmas Performance 10am & 2pm

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Party Day

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Activity Day – non uniform

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January** – Year 6 Palace Theatre Harry Potter Workshop (in school)

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** – Year 4 How to Train Your Dragon Workshop

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February** – Photographers in school – group photographs

**W/C 2<sup>nd</sup> March** - Assessment Week

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** – Year 3 Swimming starts (to 21<sup>st</sup> July – 9 weeks per class)

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March** – World Book Day – theme to be announced



# Dates for your Diary continued ...

- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March** – Y3 Mother's Day Breakfast
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March** – Y4 Mother's Day Breakfast
- Mon 16<sup>th</sup> March** – Y5 Mother's Day Breakfast
- Tue 17<sup>th</sup> March** – Y6 Mother's Day Breakfast
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March** – Y4 Peak Mining Museum Trip (1 class, TBC)
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March** – Y4 Peak Mining Museum Trip (1 class, TBC)
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March** – Comic Relief Red Nose Day
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March** – Parent's Evening
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March** – Parent's Evening
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March** – INSET day – school closed to children
- W/C 20<sup>th</sup> April** - Year 6 Mock SATS week
- W/C 11<sup>th</sup> May**– Year 6 SATS week
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** – Year 5 Residential trip (one night per class)
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June** – INSET day – school closed to children
- W/C 1<sup>st</sup> June** – Year 4 Multiplication Times Tables Check week
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 6 photographs
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 assessment week
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Wed 17<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 6 Residential trip
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 6 Father's Day Breakfast
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 5 Father's Day Breakfast
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June** – Year 4 Father's Day Breakfast
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June** – Year 3 Father's Day Breakfast
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June** – Lower School Evening of Fun
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July** – Summer Fair
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 2 Meet the Teacher
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 2 Meet the Teacher
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July** – Reports home
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July** – Year 6 Presentation Evening
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** – Picnic day
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July** – Talent Show
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July** – Toy day
- Mon 27<sup>th</sup> July** – INSET day – school closed to children

