



Reach for the Stars

Leas Park Junior School

NEWSLETTER

Week commencing 26th January 2026

Welcome to our Newsletter.

Last week saw the start of our Spring Clubs which will run until 20th March and our Year 5 students took a trip to the National Justice Museum.

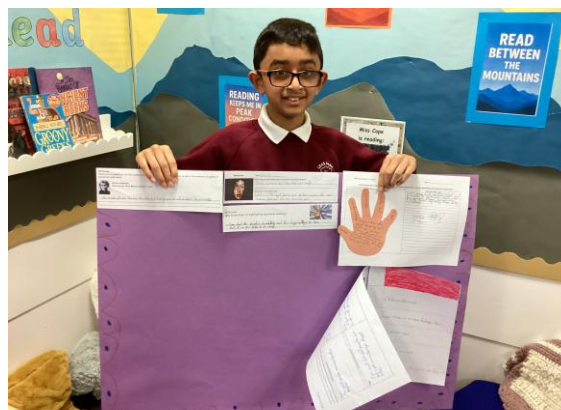
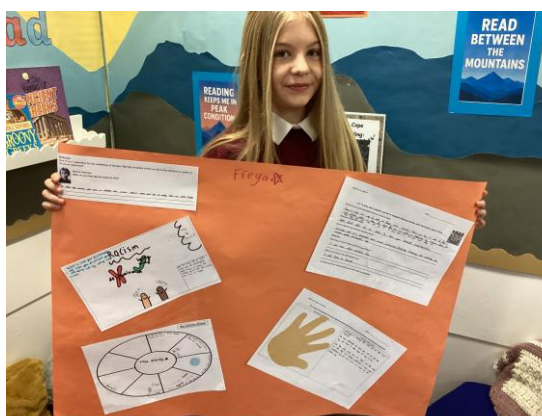
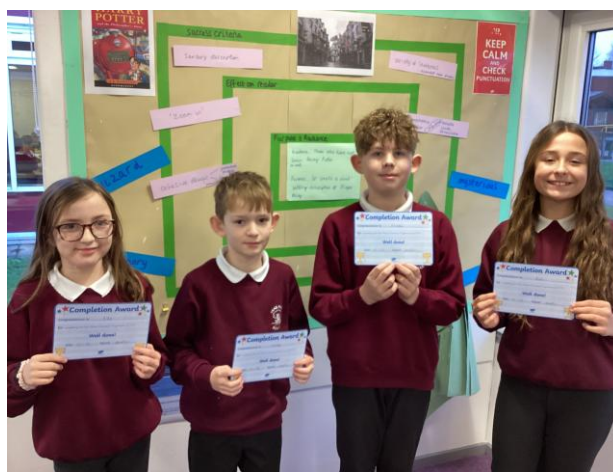
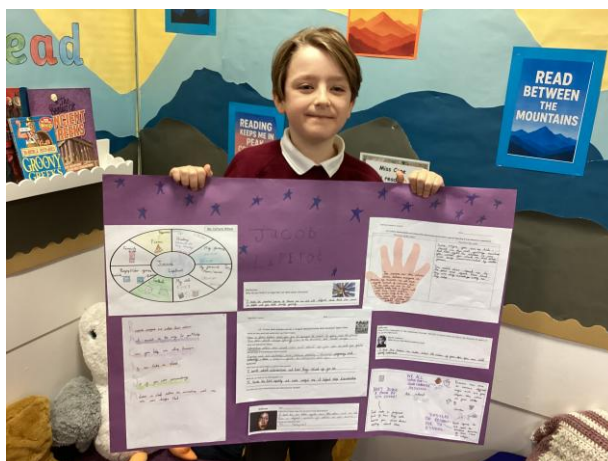
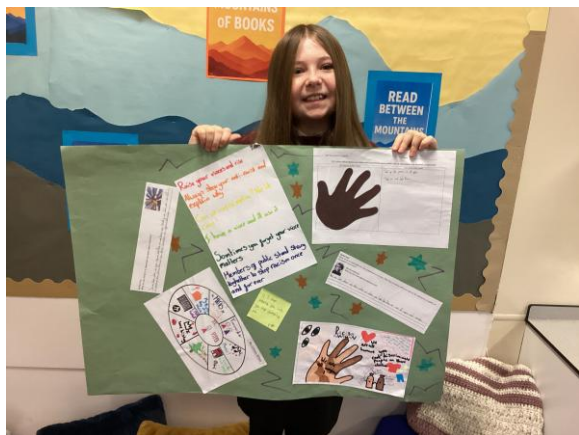
Year 5 Trip to the National Justice Museum

On Thursday, Year 5 went on a trip to the National Justice Museum to explore crime and punishment through time. They looked at artefacts, used during Georgian and Victorian times and discovered how prisoners were kept. They also visited youth and civil courts where they learned about law and the justice system, explored roles within the courtroom and acted out a historical case. It was a wonderful day, enjoyed by both children and staff.



6C AREP Assembly

On Friday 6C held a class assembly to celebrate the work they had completed in their equality, diversity and anti-racist RSHE work. Parents were invited to see what we covered in our AREP (Anti-Racist Education Programme) lesson. We were joined by Deepa, from the local authority, who helped deliver the lessons and presented the class with their certificates of completion.



Communication Update

We are excited to inform you that we have moved our information system to Arbor. Using Arbor will enable us to communicate with you more efficiently and will in time bring many of the systems we use into one place.

Over the next couple of weeks parents will be sent an email with information on how to log on to the Arbor Parent App.

We will be using Arbor to:

- Contact parents by sending messages through the app
- Book clubs – **from next term**
- Book parents' evening appointments
- Pay for school dinners, trips and any other items – **please continue to pay via ParentPay until a date is set for the switch over.**

What parents can see:

- The student's address and home phone number if they live with the student
- Any student details they are marked down as a Primary Guardian for
- Bookings to clubs and trips, but not who signed the child up (school or another guardian)
- Payment history, including which parent logged a top up

What parents can't see:

- The student's address and home phone number if they don't live with the student
- Another Guardian's address or contact details - they can only see their name
- Who logged a phone call or the call notes

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.

HOME START Mansfield

Elders & Toddlers Playgroup

Tuesdays
9:30-11:30

Trinity Methodist Church,
High Street,
Mansfield Woodhouse

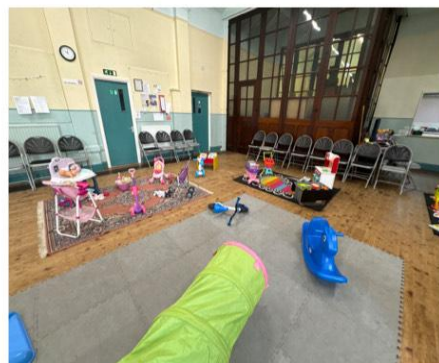


A playgroup for parents, grandparents, children under 5 and over 60s who would like some company



FREE

Term time only
Free hot drink and
biscuits



*For more info: email
homestartplaygroup.mansfield@gmail.com*

PIC•COLLAGE



Healthy Family Team Newsletter for Primary Schools



Nottinghamshire Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

hello
WINTER



AHOJ TERE HALLO
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HELLO HALO
MERHABA KUMUSTA
BONJOUR

Hi!

We just wanted to say a big hello and remind you about the services on offer locally to support families.

Nottinghamshire

Parentline Text 07520 619919

This is a text messaging service delivered by the Healthy Family Team for parents and carers.

Monday to Friday,
from 9am to 4.30pm

* it's OK to *
ASK for HELP

Nottinghamshire

Advice Line Telephone 0300 123 5436

This is for parents, carers and practitioners who want to speak to the Healthy Family Team for advice or support.

Monday to Friday, from 9am to 4.30pm

Nottingham City Contact

This is for parents, carers and practitioners who want to speak to the Children's Health Advice Hub for advice or support.

Call: 0300 300 0040

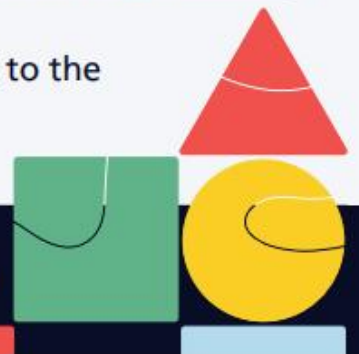
Doncaster Contact

This is for parents, carers and practitioners who want to speak to the Doncaster Health Visiting Team for advice or support.

Call: 0300 021 8997



Healthy Family Team



SEND



The Healthy Family Team may be able to contribute to EHCP requests and Annual reviews when actively working with your child/young person or where they have been involved within the last 12 months. Please inform your EHCP case worker or school Senco if input is required.

SUPPORT

NOTTSHELPHYOURSELF.ORG.UK
is the local offer for Nottinghamshire.
www.nottshelpyourself.org.uk
CALL: 0300 500 80 80



Winter

Was this resource useful?
All feedback is appreciated.

Please contact The Health Promotion Team:
Call: 0115 8760136
Email: HealthPromotionTeam@nottshc.nhs.uk



Speech and Language



Do you have any questions or concerns about your child's talking or communication?

We are happy to help, please call the advice line on:

**0300 123 3387
OPTION 1**



Health For Kids Website

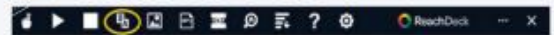


This website offers a fun, engaging and interactive way for children to learn about health. It links parents and children to appropriate health and wellbeing services.

You can download articles into other languages at the click of a button on the ReachDeck task bar.

How to translate the website

You can translate the website using the symbol highlighted in the image below. By clicking on this symbol, you open an options menu with different languages. Once you select the language of preference, the page will be automatically translated.



HAVE FUN



www.healthforkids.co.uk



Healthy Family Team



SEND Inclusion Service

Cognition & Learning Team

NOTTS PARENT EVENT: Supporting your Child as they Move to Secondary School

General Outline

Is your child due to transfer from primary to secondary school in Nottinghamshire?
Do they have an additional need that may require some extra support with transition?
Transition from Year 6 to Year 7 can be an exciting, but challenging time for a child and for their parent or carer. This session will help parents and carers support their child to say a positive goodbye to primary school and prepare for the secondary school environment. **We will look at practical ideas and resources to use with your child to enable a smooth September start**

Who is this event for?

This is a FREE online event for parents and carers of children with additional needs who are resident in Nottinghamshire, or whose child attends or will be attending a Nottinghamshire school

Course Details

Wednesday, 25th February 2026 – 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Taking Place via Microsoft TEAMS

(Joining instructions will be sent out prior to the session taking place)

The course presenters will be **Kate Eyre** and **Laura Leedham** from the Cognition & Learning Team, SEND Inclusion Service (SIS)

PLEASE NOTE:

This is a FREE event and there will be no charge for attending

TO BOOK via Eventbrite Ctrl + Click Link below:

<https://notts-parent-event-supporting-child-during-move-to-sec-school.eventbrite.co.uk>

An invitation to join will be sent to your e-mail inbox a few days before the event, so please check your 'inbox', as well as 'deleted' or 'junk mail' folders to find the Link

Closing date: Friday, 13th February 2026 at 12:00 noon
(half-term 16-20-Feb 26)

Enquiries – Judith A Knight: sis.sjrw@nottsccl.gov.uk or Tel: 0115 854 6464



SEND Inclusion Service

Cognition & Learning Team

NOTTS PARENT EVENT: Understanding Dyslexia and Supporting at Home

This 2-hour webinar is suitable for the parents and carers of learners who have been identified as having dyslexic traits

We will cover what we understand by the term dyslexia and the implications it has for learning

We will then provide lots of practical tips for supporting these learners at home

Please note this is the same material covered in November 2025 but held at a later time for parents who cannot attend the morning session

Course Details

Wednesday, 4th March 2026 at 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
(EVENING)

Taking Place via Microsoft TEAMS

(Joining instructions will only be sent out separately to those booked on correctly)

The course presenters will be **Bridget Thornhill, Ruth Screeton** and **Sandhya Sharma** from the Cognition & Learning Team, SEND Inclusion Service(SIS)

PLEASE NOTE:

This is a FREE event and there will be no charge for attending

TO BOOK via EVENTBRITE Ctrl + Click Link below:

<https://notts-parent-event-understanding-dyslexia-supporting-at-home.eventbrite.co.uk>

An invitation to join will be sent to your e-mail inbox a few days before the event, so please check your 'inbox', as well as 'deleted' or 'junk mail' folders to find the Link

Closing date: Wednesday, 25th February 2026 at 12:00 noon
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SEND Inclusion Service

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NOTTS PARENT EVENT: i-Pad Apps for Learners with SEN

General Outline

So, you have an i-Pad but aren't sure what apps you could use, the app store has more content than you could ever cope with and you haven't got the time or understanding of what to look for. During this session we will look at some of the free and low-cost apps you could use to support your child, as well as using some of the features built-in to the iPad to help make them more accessible whilst retaining control

- Free apps
- Low-cost apps
- Accessibility
- Peripheral devices
- Strategies for managing the i-Pad

Having an iPad with you will be useful if you want to download the apps during the session: you will need credit on your device if you want to install them. Details of the apps demonstrated and discussed will be shared after the event

Course Details

Wednesday, 20th May 2026 – 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

VENUE: ST GEORGE'S CENTRE, What 3 Words ///skills.noted.casino
91 Victoria Road, Netherfield, Nottingham NG4 2NN

The course presenters will be **Neil Oldbury**, and **Sam Bingham** or **Jane Hare** from the Cognition & Learning Team, SEND Inclusion Service (SIS)NO

PLEASE NOTE: This is a FREE event and there is no charge in attending

TO BOOK Ctrl + Click Link here:

<https://notts-parent-event-i-pad-apps-for-learners-with-sen.eventbrite.co.uk>

Closing date: Friday, 8th May 2026 at 12:00 noon

Enquiries – Judith A Knight : sis.sjrw@nottscc.gov.uk or Tel: **0115 854 6464**

Leas Park Awards

Eco Class



Winner of the Week:

6P

Golden Tickets



Class	Amount collected this week:	Running total so far this half term:
3B	4	6
3P	2	4
4C	1	8
4G	0	2
5H	5	5
5J	0	2
6A	0	0
6C	0	0
6P	1	1
Winner of the Week:		Overall winner this half term so far:
5H		4C



Leas Park Shining Stars



Class	Name
3B	Lunar-Rae B
3P	Henry T
4C	Charlotte T
4G	Erin L
5H	Chloe W
5J	Scarlett S
6A	Joey W
6C	Luca R
6P	Devon T

Zones of Regulation Champion



Class	Name
3B	Charlie D
3P	Mimi F
4C	Gracie H
4G	Scarlett B
5H	Abigail W
5J	Bella W
6A	Evie C
6C	Daisy M
6P	Joseph O

Pen Licences



Class	Name
5J	Ollie Smalley
5J	Kyla Moore

Maths Stars



Class	Name
3B	Elijah T
	Leo D
3P	Luna B
	Elodie G
4C	Elias W
	Reeva S
4G	Frances L
	Ellis N
5H	Emilie G
	Winter L
5J	Missy B
	Miley T
6A	Chloe B
	Mason M
6C	Billy T
	Samuel P
6P	Pyper T
	Cohen W

Times Tables Rockstars



4C

Total:	958
Top three highest scorers:	
1st:	Amelia S
2nd:	Louie B
3rd:	Luna M

4G

Total:	136
Top three highest scorers:	
1st:	Lorenzo D
2nd:	Harley J
3rd:	Scarlett B

Winner of the Week

4C

**Well
done
everyone!**

Dinner Winners



Class	Name
3B	Jeremyl B
3P	Daisy G
4C	Amelia S
4G	Lorenzo D
5H	Jonah F
5J	Ben S
6A	Alex F
6C	Sam O
6P	Ruby-Leigh H

Book Vending Machine



Lower School Winner

Class	Name
3B	Leo D

Upper School Winner

Class	Name
5H	Adela R



Reading Certificates

Class	Name	No. of reads	Award given
6P	Coen D	100	Gold
5J	Annie B	50	Silver
5J	Freya H	50	Silver
5J	Ollie S	50	Silver
5J	Neave W	50	Silver
5J	Patty J	75	Diamond
5J	Freddie R	75	Diamond
5J	Kyla M	75	Diamond
5J	Joseph C	75	Diamond
4G	Erin L	25	Bronze
4G	Jack H	25	Bronze
4G	Yana P	25	Bronze
4G	Theo S	75	Diamond
4G	Ronnie A	75	Diamond
4G	Ellis N	75	Diamond
4G	Alfie W	75	Diamond
4C	Grace B	25	Bronze
4C	Elias W	50	Silver
4C	Phoebe-Grace S	50	Silver
4C	Arla D	75	Diamond
4C	Amelia S	75	Diamond
4C	Winnie G	75	Diamond
4C	Lily C	100	Gold
3P	Taylor R	25	Bronze
3P	Matilda W	50	Silver
3P	James W	50	Silver
3B	Charlie D	100	Gold
3B	Teddie W	75	Diamond
3B	Athena S	50	Silver
3B	Rory M	50	Silver
3B	Leo D	50	Silver



Shout Outs

Class	Name	Reason & From
4G	Alfie W	For getting his Going Green certificate on Times Table Rockstars. Well done!

Dojo!

Class	Name	Amount awarded
3B	Summer T	50
3B	Aurora H	75
3P	Amelia H	25
3P	Freddie M	25
3P	Beau G	50
3P	Taylor R	50
4C	Isabella O	50
4G	Ellysia S	25
4G	Bella G	50
4G	Jack H	50
4G	Lorenzo D	50
4G	Ronnie A	50
4G	Alfie W	75
4G	Carter B	75
4G	Frances L	75
5H	Bede N	50
5H	Myla B	50
6C	Ella M	25
6C	Sophie S	50
6P	Millie S	50
6P	Brody C	50

Attendance Award

The Attendance Award for **w/c 19/01/2026** goes to **Class 6A** with 99.55%

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

The whole school attendance this academic year to date is 94.76% - 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 27th March 2026

Monday 1st June 2026

Monday 27th July 2026

Tuesday 10th February – Safer Internet Day

Monday 23rd February – Year 4 How to Train Your Dragon Workshop

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

Monday 9th March – Heights and Weights

12th March – Y3 Mother's Day Breakfast

Friday 13th March – Y4 Mother's Day Breakfast

Monday 16th March – Y5 Mother's Day Breakfast

Monday 16th March – Heights and Weights mop up

Tuesday 17th March – Y6 Mother's Day Breakfast

Wednesday 18th March – Y4 - Class 4G - Peak Mining Museum trip

Thursday 19th March – Y4 - Class 4C - Peak Mining Museum trip

Friday 20th March – Comic Relief Red Nose Day

Monday 23rd March – Year 3 trip to Creswell Crags

Wednesday 25th March – Parent's Evening

Thursday 26th March – Parent's Evening

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

Monday 13th April – Year 6 Parents SATs Meeting

Thursday 16th April – Year 3 Roman Workshop

W/C 20th April - Year 6 Mock SATS week

Tuesday 5th May – Year 6 visit to Perlethorpe

W/C 11th May– Year 6 SATS week

Tuesday 19th May – Year 6 photographs ***this has been changed from 5th June***

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

Friday 5th June – Year 6 photographs

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

Friday 12th June – Year 6 Great Project starts

Dates for your Diary continued ...

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

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

Thursday 18th June – Year 4 visit to Magna

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

Thursday 2nd July – Sports Day – Year 3 & 4 - 9.30am – 11.00am

Thursday 2nd July – Sports Day – Year 5 & 6 - 1.30pm – 3.00pm

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

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