



Reach for the Stars

Leas Park Junior School

NEWSLETTER

Week commencing 2nd February 2026

Welcome to our Newsletter.

Our swimming lessons will start in March for Year 3s, with 3P going first. Please remember to complete a goggles/earrings form if needed. These are available in reception on the leaflet stand.

Year 6 parents are now able to purchase SATs books to help your children with their exam preparations. Please see ParentPay for more information on this.

Upcoming guest

This week will see a very special visit from world famous drummer Jeff Rich, from the band Status Quo. He will be holding a drum masterclass for our children. Jeff was the drummer of Status Quo for 16 years and is now concentrating full-time on drum and percussion workshops. This will be a unique experience for all our children and staff to enjoy. Look out for photographs from the day next week!



Figure It Out Friday

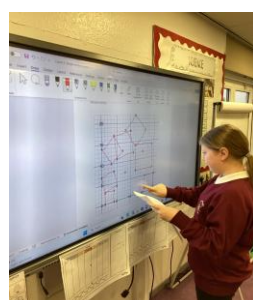
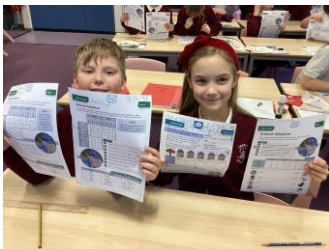
Year 3 used their knowledge of the four calculations to solve some very tricky problems.

Year 4 had a go at some logic puzzles, working out who adopted which animal using a matrix and some clues. They also had a go at Einstein's problem, which he said only 2% of people could solve - some of the children managed to figure it out! They showed lots of resilience and problem-solving skills!

Year 5 played a game of Snap! They had some divisions (which they had to work out quickly) and the answers. These were shuffled together, then dealt out and then had to match the division with the answer. The winner was the person who had the biggest pile. The students ended up working together to figure out the answers.

Year 6 used their protractor skills to measure and investigate angles in triangles, when they were drawn inside a circle! They also had to use their skills and knowledge of try to find 8 squares hidden in a set of coordinates.

Excellent teamwork and resilience shown by all classes!



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

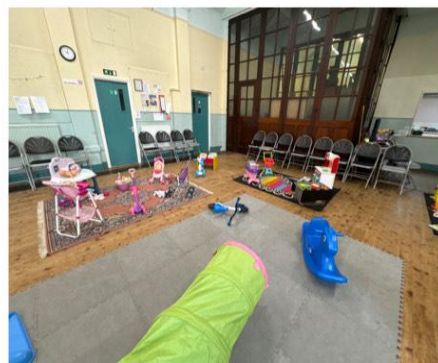


A playgroup for parents, grandparents, children under 5 and over 60s who would like some company



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
iHOLA RE OLA HEJ
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

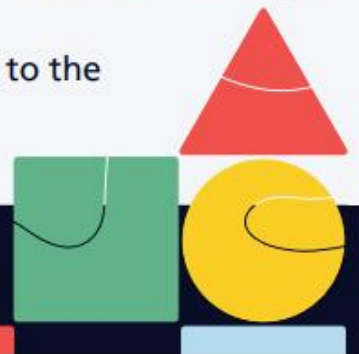
Doncaster Contact

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



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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

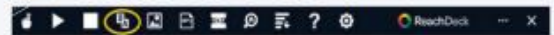


This website offers a fun, engaging and interactive way for children to learn about health. It links parents and children to appropriate health and wellbeing services.

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: 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
(half-term 16-20-Feb-26)

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



SEND Inclusion Service

Cognition & Learning Team

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:

5J

Golden Tickets

Class	Amount collected this week:	Running total so far this half term:
3B	2	8
3P	1	5
4C	0	8
4G	0	2
5H	5	10
5J	2	4
6A	0	0
6C	0	0
6P	0	1

Winner of the Week:

5H

Overall winner this half term so far:

5H



Leas Park Shining Stars

Class	Name
3B	Victoria K
3P	Amelia H
4C	Phoebe-Grace S
4G	Jasper S
5H	Bede N
5J	Annie B
6A	William Reast-R
6C	Mason F
6P	Millie S

Zones of Regulation Champion

Class	Name
3B	Leonard W
3P	Effia W
4C	Aubree W
4G	Joshua L
5H	Oliver M
5J	Freddie R
6A	Joey W
6C	Sophie S
6P	Pyper T

Pen Licences

Class	Name
5H	Rory B
5H	Oliver M
5H	Spencer K
5H	Cody B

Star Writers



Class	Name
3B	Athena S
	Jaxon N
3P	Ollie S
	Taylor R
4C	Phoebe R
	Grace B
4G	Kristens V
	Maisie S
5H	Emilie G
	Rory B
5J	Abel R
	Kyla M
6A	Frankie G
	Ava-Mae L
6C	Freddy M
	Freya B
6P	Sid B
	Joseph O

Times Tables Rockstars

4C

Total:	254
Top three highest scorers:	
1st:	Luna M
2nd:	Louie B
3rd:	Amelia S



4G

Total:	187
Top three highest scorers:	
1st:	Frances L
2nd:	Joshua L
3rd:	Heath R

Winner of the Week

4C

**Well
done
everyone!**

Dinner Winners



Class	Name
3B	Eissa J
3P	Mason R
4C	Ethan H
4G	Callum-Jake H
5H	Esmae R
5J	Missy B
6A	Ava D
6C	Pippa B
6P	Devon T

Book Vending Machine

Lower School Winner

Class	Name
4G	Grayson E

Upper School Winner

Class	Name
5J	Tasmin M



Reading Certificates

	Class	Name	No. of reads	Award given
	6C	Mason F	50	Silver
	6C	Ella M	75	Diamond
	6A	Mason M	50	Silver
	6A	Ava D	75	Diamond
	6P	Ben G	75	Diamond
	5J	Missy B	75	Diamond
	5J	Athena D	25	Bronze
	5J	Esme L	100	Gold
	5J	Alice R	50	Silver
	4G	Norah K	50	Silver
	4G	Harley J	25	Bronze
	4G	Vyga P	25	Bronze
	4C	Ayda C	50	Silver
	4C	Louie B	25	Bronze
	4C	Isabella O	25	Bronze
	3B	Eissa J	25	Bronze
	3B	Charlie F	50	Silver
	3P	Mimi F	25	Bronze
	3P	Dollie M	50	Silver
	3P	Ezra J	75	Diamond
	5H	Ella C	75	Diamond
	5H	Chloe W	100	Gold
	5H	Priya W	150	Platinum



Shout Outs

	Class	Name	Reason & From
	6P	Charlie O	Being so polite-always!
Shout out!	4C	Charlotte T, Reeve S, Amelia S, Luna M	For getting their Going Green certificates on TTRS - turning their heatmaps completely green!
	4G	Heath R, Frances L and Eden B	For getting their Going Green certificates on TTRS - turning their heatmaps completely green!

Dojo!		
Class	Name	Amount awarded
6P	Thomas F	25
6P	Logan S	50
6P	Ruby-Leigh H	75
5H	Sam F	25
5H	Peyton F	50
5H	Mia B	50
5H	Adela R	75
5H	Alex P	75
4G	Bobby S	25
4G	Harley J	50
4G	Joshua L	50
4G	Leo R	50
4G	Maisie S	50
4C	Grayson E	50
4C	Gracie H	50
4C	Elias W	50
4C	Phoebe R	75
4C	Amelia S	100
3P	Emilia F	25
3P	Billy M	25
3P	Marley C	50
3P	Matilda W	50
6C	Freddy M	50
6C	Freya G	25
6C	Jacob L	50
6C	Pippa B	50
6C	Samuel P	25
3B	Alfie-Lee B	50
3B	Owen S	50
3B	Isobel L	50
3B	Rio T	50
3B	Olivia J	50
3B	Leonard W	50
3B	Eissa J	75
3B	Lunar-Rae B	75
3B	Sylvester P	75



Attendance Award

The Attendance Award for **w/c 26/01/2026** goes to **Class 3P** with 99.03%

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

The whole school attendance this academic year to date is 94.85% - 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 – Friday 10th July** – Year 6 transition dates to Manor
- Thursday 9th July** – Year 2 Meet the Teacher
- Friday 10th July** – Year 2 Meet the Teacher
- Wednesday 15th July** – Summer Fayre ***Changed from 8th July***
- 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