



Reach for the Stars

Leas Park Junior School

NEWSLETTER

Week commencing 9th March 2026

Welcome to our Newsletter,

Our Mother's Day Breakfasts begin this week, starting with Year 3 on Thursday and Year 4 on Friday. We are looking forward to celebrating the amazing women in our lives and can't wait to see you there!

We have egg-citing news... Just this morning, Year 5 have received a batch of eggs which we will be able to watch during their incubation period until they hatch into beautiful little chicks:



Year 6 trip to the Mansfield Museum

Last Monday, Year 6 visited Mansfield Museum to have 'A Peek at the Greeks'. They took part in lots of activities to support their learning in school. They learnt about the playwrights and story-tellers before bringing the story of Theseus and The Minotaur to life in a drama session. They did a treasure hunt to find the Greek Gods and Goddesses and took part in their very own Olympics. The children contributed their knowledge and asked lots of interesting questions. The museum staff commented on the excellent behaviour and attitudes of our Year 6 children. The staff said, "they were a pleasure from start to finish!"



World Book Day

We celebrated World Book Day on Thursday and had an amazing, story-filled day in school! Our children and staff went all out, dressed as characters from their favourite books.

During the day we got crafty and created our favourite characters using spoons, plates, paper and paint. We also participated in a live lesson that celebrated the magic of stories and the joy of writing. That inspired us to write our own imaginative tales based on our favourite books and characters. We also voted for the best children and staff costumes. We had a wonderful day from start to finish and it was lovely to see everyone embrace their creative side.



Thank you to everyone who has already joined Arbor. We have already seen a large uptake.

If you haven't already done so, can you please ensure that you are signed up to Arbor as this will be an important communication channel. This will be used to book our upcoming parents evening appointments.

Parents evening bookings will go live during the next week. We will update you accordingly. Should you have any questions or issues, please do not hesitate to contact the office.



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 **8:45am**. 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 9:00am 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.

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Nottinghamshire Holiday **Activities** **and Food**

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Nottinghamshire Holiday Activities and Food



What is the Holiday Activities and Food programme?

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme is funded by the Department for Education. The programme aims to support the wellbeing of children aged between 5 and 16 years, focusing on physical and mental wellbeing by providing a variety of activities during school holidays.

Local activity providers run face-to-face sessions that are fully funded for children and young people receiving benefits-related free school meals. Included in each session is a meal.

The aims of the programme are:

- to support children to eat healthily
- to support children to active during school holidays
- to support children in their understanding of health and nutrition
- to support families to be engaged with local support services.

Who is eligible?

The HAF programme is open to children and young people aged between 5 and 16 years (age 4 if in reception class full-time) and receiving benefits-related free school meals. This is different from the universal infant free school meals that children receive in reception, year 1 and year 2.

If you think you are eligible for free school meals but you have not applied, you can **apply for free school meals online:**

www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

We can fund a small number of those who are not eligible for benefits-related free school meals. These places should be discussed on a one-to-one basis with a member of the HAF team. To be eligible for a discretionary place, families will need a professional referral from a support worker, social care or school team.

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Activities and venues

There are plenty of fantastic activities happening across the county as part of the Holiday Activities and Food programme. Programmes run in the spring (Easter), summer, autumn (October) and winter school holidays.

Children and young people can access the following:

- **4 days of face-to-face activity in spring (Easter)**
- **12 days of face-to-face activity in summer**
- **4 days of face-to-face activity in autumn (October half term)**
- **4 days of face-to-face activity in winter**

SEND activities

It is extremely important that providers understand if the child you are booking activities for has any additional needs. Providers aim to offer a quality programme, inclusive for all. It is therefore essential that they are aware of special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and any reasonable adjustments can be considered.

If a child attends a holiday club without full disclosure of support needs, the holiday club may not be able to offer the full support required, and this could result in the place being withdrawn.



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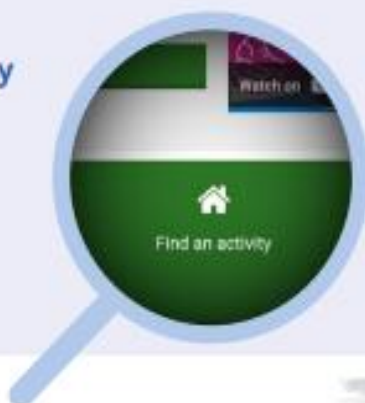


All holiday clubs can be booked through Eequ – our chosen booking system. The below steps show how to book a place.

Visit the HAF Notts website:
www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/HAF

1

Click on the
Find an activity
button:



2

This will then go to our
new bookings page
which looks like this:



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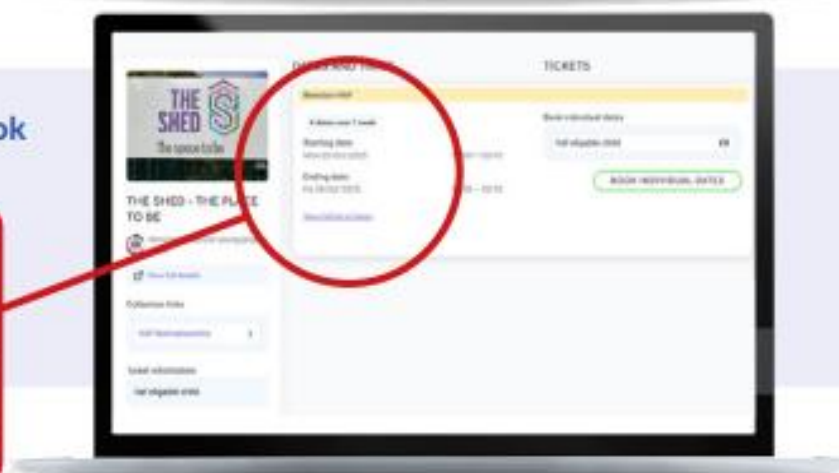
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There will be a list of holiday clubs to choose from either by scrolling, postcode search, map search, activity specific, SEND specific etc. Parents/carers find a holiday club or clubs and click the green **BOOK** button, or register your interest if bookings are not yet open.



4

Choose the dates you want to book



5

Add the details for each child – such as name and date of birth

6

You will then receive a confirmation email for your places booked.



You can also [watch a useful video by Eegu](#), which is also linked on our 'find an activity' page.

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Frequently asked questions:

What's the difference between universal and benefits-related free school meals?

Universal infant free school meals (UIFSM) provides funding for all government funded schools to offer free school meals to pupils in reception, year 1, and year 2. If families are in receipt of benefits, they should still apply for 'benefits-related' free school meals for their children, if they believe they are eligible.

Free school meals are currently available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- **Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)**
- **Income Support**
- **Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance**
- **Income-related Employment and Support Allowance**
- **Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**
- **The guaranteed element of Pension Credit**

Is pupil premium the same as free school meals?

Pupil premium and free school meals are not the same, but they are related. Pupil premium is extra funding for every child who's eligible for free school meals throughout their time at school. The funding goes directly to the school and pays for things like school trips, breakfast clubs, or additional teachers and assistants to provide extra support and one-to-one tutoring.

Once a child is in receipt of benefits-related free school meals, their school will receive additional funding (pupil premium) to help and support them through their education.



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What if my child has specific needs?

If your child requires assistance for the activity, please contact the provider to discuss further – you may be welcome to attend with your child or the activity provider may offer extra support for your child. We also have specific Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) provision, please discuss with the provider of the activity on booking.

Is food provided?

Yes. As part of every Nottinghamshire Holiday Activities and Food programme, refreshments and a meal will be provided free to each child and young person attending.

Please mention any dietary requirements your child has when booking. We will endeavour to meet all dietary needs.

Is transport provided?

Unfortunately, we cannot offer transport to each person wanting to take part in an activity. Where residents live in a rural locality, we will aim to support travel, but this will be considered on a one-to-one basis and by application. Please contact us via haf@nottscc.gov.uk.

How do I know my child is safe?

All our providers are DBS checked and Ofsted registered where required (under 8 provision). There are several checks that providers must pass to be a deliverer of the programme, to ensure your child is in the safest of hands.

At the time of booking you must also supply a password for collection of your child. We also ask for an emergency contact number where an appropriate adult can be reached. Please ensure that this number is current and active whilst your child is at their chosen activity.



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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	0	5
3P	0	1
4C	0	2
4G	0	5
5H	2	4
5J	0	5
6A	0	3
6C	1	2
6P	0	3

Winner of the Week:

5H

Overall winner this half term so far:

3B, 4G, 5J



Leas Park Shining Stars



Class	Name
3B	Evie B
3P	Freddie M
4C	Winnie G
4G	Yana P
5H	Priya W
5J	Scarlet S
6A	Joshua S
6C	Freddy M
6P	Joseph O

Zones of Regulation Champion



Class	Name
3B	Owen S
3P	Dollie M
4C	Louie B
4G	Norah K
5H	Mia B
5J	Missy B
6A	Lyla E
6C	Pippa B
6P	Ruby-Leigh H

Rapid Wristbands



Class	Name
3B	Emily B
	Rio T
3P	George C
	Billy M
4C	Freddie H
	Elias W
4G	Max H
	Elliot R
5H	Francheska B
	Myla B
5J	Lucy B
	Ashton G
6A	Evie C
	William R
6C	Sophie S
	Bree M
6P	Devon T
	Pagan B

Times Tables Rockstars

4C

Total:	184
Top three highest scorers:	
1st:	Luna M
2nd:	Ayda C
3rd:	Arla D



4G

Total:	309
Top three highest scorers:	
1st:	Alfie W
2nd:	Frances L
3rd:	Scarlett B

Winner of the Week

4G

Well done everyone!

Book Vending Machine



Lower School Winner

Class	Name
3P	Jade J

Upper School Winner

Class	Name
5J	Annie B



Shout Outs

Class	Name	Reason & From
	3P	For an INCREDIBLE first session swimming at Rebecca Adlington. The instructors were blown away with each and every one of you, well done!
Shout out!	Ayda C	For going green on TTRS by filling her whole heat map up with green!
	Miss Parkin	For receiving the most votes for the best costume!
	All efforts on World Book Day	A huge thank you to all children and staff who made an effort on World Book Day! It really adds to the celebrations :)
	Year 6	For representing Leas Park so well on our trip on Monday to the Mansfield museum, everyone was impressed by the interaction and enjoyment they showed. From all the Year 6 staff.

Reading Certificates

Class	Name	No. of reads	Award given
6A	William R	50	Silver
6A	Alex F	50	Silver
6A	Ariela B	75	Diamond
6A	Ava D	100	Gold
6A	Devon T	100	Gold
6C	Aiden G	75	Diamond
6C	Daisy M	150	Platinum
6P	Charlie O	50	Silver
5J	Annie B	75	Diamond
5J	Alice R	75	Diamond
5J	Neave W	75	Diamond
5J	Freddie R	100	Gold
5J	Faith R	150	Platinum
5H	Alexander P	75	Diamond
3P	Amelia H	50	Silver
3P	Lily L	50	Silver
3P	Rosa C	100	Gold
3P	Ollie S	100	Gold
4C	Amelia S	100	Gold
4C	Frank D	25	Bronze
4G	Leo R	25	Bronze
4G	Bella G	50	Silver
4G	Elliott R	75	Diamond
4G	Emily C	150	Platinum
3B	Isobel L	50	Silver



Dinner Winners

Class	Name
3B	Charlie D
3P	Oliver L
4C	Frank D
4G	Scarlett B
5H	Winter L
6A	Chloe B



Thumbs Up!

Class	Name	Amount awarded
5H	Rory B	50
5H	Benjamin B	50
5H	Cameron S	50
5H	Grace B	50
5H	Jayden D	50
5H	Charlotte D	50
5H	Jonah F	50
5H	Spencer K	50
5H	Oliver M	50
5H	Alfie T	50
5H	Chloe W	50
5H	Abigail W	50
5H	Emilie G	75
5H	Cody B	75
5H	Mia B	75
5H	Myla B	75
5H	Priya W	75
5H	Adela R	100
5H	Ella C	100
3P	Daisy G	75
3P	Zac G	50
3P	Emilio H	50
3P	Amelia H	50
3P	Frankie K	50
3P	James W	50
3B	Dexter C	50
3B	Victoria K	50
3B	Owen S	75
3B	Isobel L	75
3B	Eissa J	100
3B	Aurora H	100
6C	Billy T	50
6C	Daisy M	50
6C	Freddie B	50
4G	Carter B	100
4G	Alfie W	100
4C	Ethan-James H	50
4C	Oliver W	50
4C	Arla D	100
4C	Phoebe R	100
4C	Luna M	150
6C	Freya B	50
6C	Mason F	50
6P	Maisie P	50
6C	Libby H	50



Attendance Award

The Attendance Award for **w/c 02/03/2026** goes to **Class 5H** with 100%

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

The whole school attendance this academic year to date is 95.32% - 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

Monday 9th March – Y6 Heights and Weights

Thursday 12th March – Y3 Mother's Day Breakfast

Friday 13th March – Y4 Mother's Day Breakfast

Monday 16th March – Y5 Mother's Day Breakfast

Tuesday 17th March – Y6 Mother's Day Breakfast

Wednesday 18th March – Y5 visit to St Edmund's Church 'Easter Experience' (5J am, 5H pm)

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

Tuesday 24th March - Zones of Regulation refresher, Parent workshop 3:30-4:15pm

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
- Wednesday 24th June** – Year 3 visit to Southwell Minster
- 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