



NEWSLETTER

Week commencing 7th September 2026

Welcome to our Newsletter,

Welcome back to all our old faces and a huge hello to the new!

We hope you have all had a wonderful summer holiday, made lots of lovely memories and the children have arrived at school refreshed and ready for the year ahead.

This term there are lots of exciting things planned for the children like the Year 3 trip to Clumber Park, the Year 5 Nottingham University trip and the Christmas discos, plus clubs will be starting soon.

Please see below for a full list of the upcoming diary dates. Please check this list regularly as it is subject to change. We will provide as much notice as possible should anything change.

Please ensure you have signed in to our relevant apps for communications and bookings:

- **Arbor** – for communications with and from the school office, all updates and messages are done through here. You can report your child's absence and review/update certain details etc. Please check this regularly to avoid missing any important updates or notices. You can also still call the school to report child absences.
- **ParentPay** – is where you can pay for school dinners, view and pay for trips or events.
- **Dojo** – for updates from your child's class teacher. Absence or lateness reporting is not done through here as the school office cannot see the content of these messages.

Wraparound Care

Wraparound care is in full swing and a roaring success with children already enjoying the activities on offer. If you feel you would benefit from this please see the details below on how to book. Places are booked directly with Rattle & Roll and not through school.

Please note, the staff car park is not to be used for drop-off and collections to enable staff to arrive and leave as needed.



Rattle and Roll Performance

Wraparound Provision at the Leas Park Junior School



Who are we?

Rattle and Roll have been running school based provision for 20 years, running across the Midlands, North West and Oxford. We run wraparound clubs, holiday clubs, specialist performing arts and sports clubs, music lessons and PPA/CPD. We are Ofsted registered and follow Safer Recruitment.

Who can come to our wraparound?

Children aged 7-11 who attend this school. All children must be independently toilet trained to attend the provision.

When will the wraparound run and how much will it cost?

We will continue run breakfast club from 7:45am each day and run after school from the end of the school day until 5:15pm. The times and prices are:

7:45am until school day - £4

End of school day until 4:15pm - £4

End of school day until 5:15 - £8

We accept all childcare vouchers and tax free vouchers.

What food will be provided?

We provide a nutritious breakfast before school and a light tea after school. Breakfast is cereals, toast, juice and fruit. The light tea is varied and includes sandwiches, wraps, crumpets, breadsticks and dips, vegetables and fruit.

What will the children do in our clubs?

Breakfast club is a nice relaxed atmosphere where the children can come and have their breakfast and then choose different activities to do. The after school clubs will include a range of sports (dodgeball, cricket, rounders, netball, badminton etc) and performing arts as well as team games, crafts and some free play activities.

Who will be running the sessions?

All our teachers are recruited following Ofsted's safer recruitment process and everyone holds an enhanced DBS, safeguarding and prevent training. At least one member of staff will have Paediatric First Aid and Food Hygiene training.

How do we book?

We have a flexible online booking system - you can book, change, move and cancel bookings on our system (please note we operate a 72 hour cancellation window so bookings cannot be cancelled during this time). All bookings can be made at www.rattleandrollperformance.com. You will need to set up an account with us before you are able to make any bookings. You can make bookings up until a session is due to begin.

What if I need some help or need to speak to someone?

If you need a hand with any bookings or you would like further information about the sessions or anything we do - please email us at enquiries@rattleandrollperformance.com or call us on 07722014301. 📞 Our office team

School Dinner Price Increase

We have been informed, by our providers, that there will be a slight increase in the cost of school dinners from September 2026. The new cost of a school dinner will be £3.40 when we return after the summer break. If you wish to change your child either onto sandwiches or onto lunches, please ensure you provide notice to the office.

A polite reminder that school dinners should be paid for in advance through ParentPay.

Changes to Free School Meal Eligibility

Your child could be eligible to receive free school meals from September 2026

From September 2026, more children will be able to receive a free meal at school. This is because free school meal eligibility is expanding to include children from households in receipt of Universal Credit regardless of household earnings. Free school meals are available to pupils whose parents are in receipt of one or more of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

A pupil is only eligible to receive a free school meal where both:

- a claim for this support has been made
- their eligibility has been verified by the local authority

Households may also be entitled to a meal if they:

- are in receipt of income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- receive the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- meet criteria set out in separate guidance for families with no recourse to public funds

If you feel that your child will be eligible for free school meals please apply here:

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-meals/free-school-meals-and-milk>

What this means for you

Last week, if your child was in receipt of free school meals, you should have received an email advising whether your child is now either **Targeted, Expanded or No longer eligible**, if you have not received this, please let the office know.

- **Targeted** - for children in households receiving Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less.
- **Expanded FSM** – a new category for children whose families receive Universal Credit but who do not meet the earnings threshold for Targeted FSM.

If you have received the email and have questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Policy Update

Earlier today we sent an email to all parents/carers informing of the implementation of our new Mobile Phone Policy in school. This will take effect from Tuesday 8th September 2026.

Please take the time to read the email and policy sent out. Please note that changes are being made in line with statutory guidance.

Please contact the school office if you have any questions.

Reminders, messages and additional news – please read!!

Weather preparation

Please ensure your child comes to school ready for the weather conditions of the day. In the cold months, coats, hats, gloves and sensible footwear, in the warmer months, light clothing, wearing suncream and ensuring they have plenty of water.

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 close to the end of school, it can be difficult for reception staff to get to the classrooms before the children leave.

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 your current contact information and that it is 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, for authorisation at the discretion of the head teacher. These forms can be accessed via this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/6JJqkm1EqM> or paper copies are available from the leaflet stand in reception or in the office.

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: <https://forms.office.com/e/afhPeAWWgU>

All medication needs to be handed in to 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. Parking in the carpark is not for the use of wraparound care drop off and collections.

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 into 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

Reach

for the

Stars

From next week you will see our awards. Each week, our children have the opportunity to win a variety of awards, either as an individual or as part of their class. Each category is explained below.



Golden Tickets

Every class and child has the opportunity to be awarded golden tickets from the Senior Leadership Team...Mrs Hall, Mrs Bills, Miss Cope and Mrs Pursey. It can be for achievements such as fantastic work, wonderful manners around school, working well as a whole class and just generally being impressive Leas Park Pupils. These tickets are collected throughout the week and then on a Friday morning, the class with the most are presented with a trophy in assembly. At the end of every half term, the overall winning class/es win a £50 prize to spend on activities for a fun afternoon!



Leas Park Shining Stars (formerly Tea Party)

One child in every class, each week, are awarded a goodie bag and certificate from their teacher for achievements such as great or improved work, thoughtful behaviour around school, fantastic manners and being helpful etc. The children are very proud to receive these goody bags and we love awarding them to our shining stars!



Zones of Regulation

We award our children for identifying their emotions and utilising the correct 'tools' to help them regulate their emotions, thus bringing them back into the 'green zone'.



Star Writers

Awards are given to children who have developed a particular skill in their writing, have included some amazing piece of work that has been shared with their peers to inspire others' work too. These are awarded every three weeks.



Maths Stars

Certificates and pencils are awarded to children who show that they are working really hard to improve their maths skills. These are awarded every three weeks.



Rapid Wristbands

These are awarded to children who demonstrate super times table knowledge at school: children who independently work on their times tables and use them to support their learning. These are awarded every three weeks.



Reading Certificates

The children can work on achieving their reading certificates constantly. The certificates they can be awarded every week in assembly are for the following achievements:

Bronze = 25 reads, Silver = 50 reads, Diamond = 75 reads, Gold = 100 reads, Platinum = 150 reads, Ruby = 200 reads, Emerald = 250 reads and Sapphire = 300 reads.

Reading is so important and supports all areas of the curriculum. The children are very proud of their reading achievements and they also get to be added to the Reading Raffle for a new reading book, if they read five times in a week!

	Reading Raffle – Book Vending Machine draw Children who read five times a week at home can receive a raffle ticket when their reading log is reviewed. Their name is then written on a ticket and placed in the Reading Raffle draw which take place in assembly. If their name is pulled out, they will collect a gold coin from the special jar in Mrs Hall’s office and then choose their prize from the book vending machine in the hall. It’s all very exciting! There is one Upper School winner and one Lower School winner every week!
	Pen Licence Once the children reach Year 5 they can begin to use a range of writing materials. The children need to show their teacher that they can develop the shape and style of their letters and writing, including possible joins and show their work at its very best, before they can be considered for a pen licence. Once the teacher is happy that their handwriting confidence is developed enough, they can be awarded their pen licence to use from this point on. They love to develop their handwriting and writing in their books, in pen, is a huge event.
	Dinner Winners When pupils impress the Midday Supervisors with their manners, super attitudes, helpfulness and when they are an amazing and thoughtful friend, they can be awarded with a yellow ticket. Once back in class, these are added to a pot and one is drawn out by the class teacher each week to be read out in assembly. The winners then get to choose from a selection of prizes!
	Thumbs Up! These are awarded in class to pupils for great effort, good behaviour and for demonstrating the Leas Park Junior School values. Following each milestone, the children receive different awards e.g. 25, 50, 75
	Shout outs! When a staff member would like a child or class to get a mention for something particularly special that they have done or achieved, they are given a ‘Shout out!’ in assembly
	Attendance Awards Attendance is very important for your child’s attainment in school and we encourage this with a weekly award for the class who achieve the highest attendance for the previous week. Children also receive certificates and gifts at the end of each term for reaching that all important 100% attendance. This year, we are looking at new special rewards for children who have achieved 100% attendance...watch this space!
	Eco Award This is awarded to the most eco-friendly class for their work in recycling and conserving energy in their classroom.

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 20th November 2026
Thursday 25th March 2027
Friday 28th May 2027
Wednesday 28th July 2027

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W/C 14th September – Homework and after-school/lunchtime clubs start
Tuesday 15th September – Year 6 trip to National Holocaust Centre
Wednesday 23rd September – Year 5 visit from The Space Dome
Thursday 24th September – Year 3, 4 & 5 - Individual photos
Friday 25th September – Year 3 Parent's coffee morning
Tuesday 29th September – Year 3 trip to Clumber Park
Wednesday 30th September – Year 6 WW2 Workshop

Thursday 1st October – Black history Month and World Poetry Day
Monday 5th October – African mask making workshops
Tuesday 6th October – African dance workshops
Thursday 8th October – Harvest Festival
Wednesday 14th October – Parent's Evening
Thursday 15th October – Parent's Evening

Tuesday 3rd November – Year 5O trip to Nottingham University
Wednesday 4th November – Year 5J trip to Nottingham University
Wednesday 4th November – Year 3 Volcanoes and Earthquakes workshop
W/C 16th November – Assessment week
Friday 20th November – INSET Day – school closed to children
Wednesday 2nd December – Christmas Fayre

Friday 4th December – Whole school Panto visit
Monday 7th December – Lower School Christmas Disco 6pm – 7.30pm
Tuesday 8th December – Upper School Christmas Disco 6pm – 8pm
Thursday 10th December - Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner day
Thursday 17th December - Christmas Activity Day – non uniform
Friday 18th December – Christmas Party Day

Dates for your Diary continued ...

2027

Tuesday 23rd February – Group photographs

W/C 1st March – Assessment week

Tuesday 2nd March – Year 3 Swimming starts (to 20th July – 9 weeks per class)

Thursday 4th March – World Book Day

Thursday 4th March – Year 3 Mother's Day Breakfast

Friday 5th March - Year 4 Mother's Day Breakfast

Monday 8th March – Year 5 Mother's Day Breakfast

Monday 8th March – New chicks to arrive at school

Tuesday 9th March - Year 6 Mother's Day Breakfast

Tuesday 23rd March - Parent's Evening

Wednesday 24th March - Parent's Evening

Thursday 25th March - INSET Day – school closed to children

Wednesday 28th – Friday 30th April - Year 5 Residential trip to The Mill (one night per class)

W/C 10th May – SATs week

Tuesday 18th May – Year 6 photos

Friday 28th May - INSET Day – school closed to children

Monday 14th June – Years 3, 4 and 5 assessments

Monday 14th – Wednesday 16th June – Year 6 residential trip to PGL

Thursday 17th June – Year 6 Father's Day Breakfast

Friday 18th June – Year 5 Father's Day Breakfast

Monday 21st June – Year 4 Father's Day Breakfast

Tuesday 22nd June – Year 3 Father's Day Breakfast

Friday 25th June – Lower school Evening of Fun

Wednesday 14th July – Summer Fayre

Tuesday 20th July – Year 6 presentation evening

Wednesday 21st July – Summer picnic

Monday 26th July – Talent show

Tuesday 27th July – Toy day

Wednesday 28th July - INSET Day – school closed to children

Children Join Our Recycle Week Live Webinars

Learn what to recycle at home



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**LIVE ONLINE IN YOUR
HOME/CLASSROOM**

- Meet your local ECO Officer
- Discover why recycling matters
- Learn how recent changes mean we can now recycle more at home

Recycle Week 14- 20 Sept 2026

- **Age 5-7** Mon /Thurs 9am
Wed 11am or Tues /Fri 1:30pm
- **Age 7-11:** Mon /Thurs 11am
Tues /Fri 9am or Wed 1:30pm
- **Age 11+ :** Mon /Thurs 1:30pm
Tues /Fri 11am or Wed 9am



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SEND Inclusion Service

Cognition & Learning Team

NOTTS PARENT EVENT: Understanding Dyslexia and Supporting at Home

General Outline

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 many practical tips for supporting these learners at home

Course Details

Monday, 23rd November 2026 – 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

VENUE: Taking place via MICROSOFT TEAMS
(joining instructions will be sent out separately prior to the session taking place)

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

PLEASE NOTE: This event is FREE so there is no charge for attending

TO BOOK via EVENTBRITE Ctrl + Click Link below:

<https://notts-parent-event-supporting-dyslexia-at-home-23-nov-26.eventbrite.co.uk>

Closing date:
Monday, 16th November 2026 at 12:00 noon

Enquiries – Judith A Knight, SIS Admin Team: sis.sjrw@nottscc.gov.uk or
Tel: 0115 854 6464

*D*ance Clubs for children aged

2-14 *years*



The focus of these sessions is to have fun, build confidence, improve coordination & balance. To encourage a love for movement to music with simple choreography.

Offering a safe & welcoming environment for everyone.

Make new friends & feel part of a team.

All about fitness & dance is so much more than just a dance class but equally we are not a dance school so joining a club means no pressure of exams, competitions or big shows. However we do regular small in-house performances so that children can work towards earning special achievement & participation awards for their hard work,

This is a true highlight of our calendar.



*D*ance clubs on offer :

9am- Movers 4-7years £6 per session (45m)

10am-Mini Movers 2-4years £4 per session (35m)

10:45am-Dance Mix 8 years +, £6.50 per session (1hr)

Saturday mornings at St Lawrence's Church Hall

Get in touch to book a free taster,

Classes run in blocks of approx 6 weeks & payment is taken up front for the full term

Email clare@all-about-fitness.co.uk

Find out more scan to watch a short video showing sessions in action.

Email clare for further details.

