



NEWSLETTER

Leas Park Junior
School

Week commencing 21st September 2026

Welcome to our Newsletter,

Last week Year 6 had a wonderful day at The Holocaust Centre, see below for more information and pictures.

This week our Year 5's will be visited in school by The Space Dome where they will explore the wonders of the universe.

On Thursday it's time to say cheese for Years 3, 4 and 5 for their individual pictures. ****Please ensure your child comes in full uniform and if it is their P.E day, bring their kit in a separate bag*.***

And Friday we will be hosting our coffee morning for our year 3 parents. You can come in, chat with the other parents over a hot drink and then take a walk around school and peek into your child's class to see them working hard during their lesson. If you would like to attend and have not already let us know, please complete the form using this link <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/1HLT75Hd8>

Arbor – Just as a reminder, Arbor will be our main communication portal, this has replaced the old text message system we had.

Any updates or notifications will be done through Arbor. You will either receive in-app messages from the office or emails sent via Arbor. Please ensure you are checking this regularly, so you do not miss any important information. The office is trying to be paperless where possible and things like Withdrawal from Learning responses will also be sent via Arbor. You can also view and amend contact details, leave notifications for the office and report your child's absence through the app.

To keep paperless, for school to administer medication to your child or your child has an appointment or for other absence requests to be made, you can also go onto our school website and complete a withdrawal from learning form or a medication administration form electronically.

We currently have 3 job vacancies available in our school.

We are looking for two Midday Supervisors and a Cleaner. If this is something you, or anyone you know may be interested in, please use the link below:

[Leas Park Junior School - Vacancies](#)

Year 6 trip to The Holocaust Centre

On Monday, Year 6 visited the National Holocaust Centre and Museum as part of their RE work. They followed the story of Leo, a young Jewish boy living in Berlin before the outbreak of WW2 and how his life was impacted. His journey was told sensitively through several stories from Holocaust survivors. The children got to look at and handle artefacts and listen to a variety of experiences. They listened well, asked inquisitive questions and were able to reflect on the lessons learned. The staff commented on their excellent behaviour and attitude.



Dress as a **WORD** *Day*

Spelling Shed



Queen!

Dear Parents and Carers,

"Dress as a Word Day" – Celebrating the Launch of Spelling Shed

We are very excited to let you know that we will soon be launching Spelling Shed in school to support children with developing their spelling skills in a fun and engaging way. To celebrate this, we will be holding a special "Dress as a Word Day" on **Thursday 1st October**

On this day, pupils are invited to come to school dressed up to represent a word of their choice. We encourage children to choose an interesting word – ideally one they haven't used before in their writing or a new one they have come across in their reading book. This is a fantastic opportunity to expand vocabulary and get creative!

Costumes do not need to be elaborate or expensive – simple ideas are often the most effective. For example:

- Dressing as a footballer for the word athletic
- Wearing sparkly clothes for the word shimmering
- Bringing a book and glasses for the word studious

We are really looking forward to seeing the imaginative costumes the children come up with and to celebrating the exciting launch of Spelling Shed together.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

T Hall

Headteacher

www.spellingshed.com



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

Attendance Award

The Attendance Award for w/c 14/09/2026 goes to Class 3BP with 99.71%

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

The whole school attendance percentage this academic year to date is 97.44% - the national target is 96%

Please help support us in raising our attendance.

Thank you!

Eco Class



Winner of the Week:

4C



Zones of Regulation Champion

Class	Name
3BP	Harry O
3K	Ezra A
4C	Pixie G
4G	Rosa C
5J	Erin L
5O	Louie B
6A	Miley T
6C	Amber S
6P	Freya H

Shining Stars

Class	Name
3BP	Owen H
3K	Zahlia A
4C	Aurora H
4G	Oliver P
5J	Heath R
5O	Sreerag R
6A	Freddie R
6C	Neave W
6P	Lyra W



Golden Tickets

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



Star Writers

	Class	Name
	3BP	Lydia S Klevis B
	3K	Honey B Sydney J
	4C	Barney R Rory M
	4G	Elodie G Ezra J
	5J	Maisie S Harrison P
	5O	Cody B Grayson E
	6A	Chloe W Joseph C
	6C	Esme L Ruby R
	6P	Alice R Joseph A



Dinner Winners

	Class	Name
	3BP	Judith B
	3K	Holly B
	5J	Ellysia S
	5O	Oscar H
	6A	Athena-Rose D
	6P	Joseph A



Book Vending Machine



Lower School Winner

Class	Name
4G	Marley C

Upper School Winner

Class	Name
6P	Alice R



Shout Outs

	Class	Name	Reason & From
Shout out! 	Year 6	All Year 6 children	For a wonderful trip to the National Holocaust Centre. The staff and educators there were so impressed with your behaviour, manners and enthusiasm to learn.
	Year 6	Children who have had monitor jobs this week	Staff have been finding Miss Cope all week to say how well our year 6 students have risen to the challenge and responsibility of their new monitor jobs. We are so impressed and thankful to you all year 6. Keep up the great work!
	Year 6	Sadie H	Huge shout out for her resilience towards learning and other aspects. When things get tough, she spurs on.

Dojo

	Class	Name	Amount awarded
	4C	Emily B	25
	4C	Pixie G	25
	4C	Eissa J	25
	4C	Sylvester P	25
	5J	Eden B	25



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

2026

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

Wednesday 24th March – Easter's Decorate an Egg competition

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

Thursday 17th June – Year 6 Manor Intake evening

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 – Friday 7th, 8th, 9th July – Year 6 Manor Transition days

Wednesday 14th July – Summer Fayre

Thursday 15th July – Year 6 Meet a member of the team at Manor

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

Free school meals are expanding

**From
September
2026**

What's changing?

Current eligibility

Most families receiving Universal Credit qualify for income-based free school meals (FSM) only if their annual earned income is £7,400 or less (excluding benefits).

From September 2026

All children in households receiving Universal Credit will become eligible for free school meals.

Free school meals categories

Targeted free school meals

- Available to families who:
- Receive Universal Credit and earn **£7,400 or less per year** (excluding benefits), or
 - Receive certain qualifying benefits, including:
 - Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
 - Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit)
 - Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Expanded free school meals

- Available to:
- All other families receiving Universal Credit, regardless of earnings.

This means all children in Universal Credit households will be eligible for free school meals from September 2026.

Important dates



Applications open:
1 August 2026



Expanded eligibility starts:
1 September 2026

Please note: Applications can be submitted from 1 August 2026, but meals under the expanded scheme cannot begin before 1 September 2026.

What does this mean?

Targeted free school meals children:

- ✓ Free school meals at school in term time
- ✓ Funded Holiday Activities (HAF)
- ✓ Pupil Premium for child's school

Expanded free school meals

- ✓ Free school meals at school during term time
- ✗ Funded Holiday Activities (HAF)

Who will benefit?



More families receiving Universal Credit



More students accessing a healthy meal during the school day



Reduced pressure on household budgets

Find out more or apply: nottinghamshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals



**Nottinghamshire
County Council**



Parent Carer Connecting Event

Are you a Parent Carer of a child with additional needs?
Are you looking for advice and support
within your caring role?

Carers Hub Service are hosting a Parent Carer Connecting event in Mansfield where carers can go to get information, advice and guidance all in one place.



Tuesday 6th October
10.00am to 1.00pm

Civic Corner
Mansfield Civic Centre
Chesterfield Road South
Mansfield
NG19 7BH

To book or get more information email
carershubinfo@carersfederation.co.uk or call
0808 802 1777