



NEWSLETTER

Leas Park Junior
School

Week commencing 12th October 2026

Welcome to our Newsletter,

On Thursday 8th October, a representative from The Beacon Project came to school to deliver our Harvest Festival assembly.

The Beacon Project is a drop-in centre supporting Mansfield's homeless & vulnerably housed community. They have an amazing team of volunteers and are funded entirely by donations and grants.

We had generous amounts of food brought in to school which has all been donated to The Beacon Project. Thank you so much for your amazing support.

Last week the children had two fantastic days taking part in the African mask making and dance workshop and our Year 4 children had a wonderful visit to the Tropical Butterfly House, see below for more information and pictures.

This week will be our last week before the half term holidays and our parents' evenings are on Wednesday and Thursday.

Thank you to all those who have already booked via Arbor. The booking system has now closed however you can call the school office if you would like to book an appointment.

Reminders

The closing date for applying for a secondary school place for your current Year 6 child is on 31st October.

The best way to apply is online at www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/admissions You will find information to help you through the registration process online. Other ways to apply:

- contact the NCC admissions team to make an application over the telephone or to request an application form on 0300 500 80 80
- download an application form from www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/admissions

Whole school trip to the panto – Consent for this must be completed by the end of the school day on Friday 16th October. Please use the link sent to you via Arbor to complete. If you have not received a link please call the office so we can resend it.

Year 5 trip to Nottingham University – The closing date for consent and payment is Thursday 15th October. Please ensure you go onto ParentPay as soon as possible to complete this.

Co-opted Governors

We currently have vacancies for **Co-opted Governors** and **Parent Governors** on our Governing Board and would like to hear from anyone who is interested in supporting the continued success of our school.

School governors play an important role in helping to shape the strategic direction of the school, ensuring that pupils receive the best possible education and that school resources are used effectively. Governors work closely with the Headteacher and senior leaders, providing support, challenge and oversight.

This is a voluntary role, but it is highly rewarding and provides an opportunity to make a meaningful contribution to the school and wider community.

If you know anybody who would like to find out more about becoming a Co-opted Governor, please contact the school office at admin1@leaspark.notts.sch.uk

We will send letters and nomination forms for our Parent Governor vacancies when we return to school from the half term break.

Rattle and Roll wraparound care provision

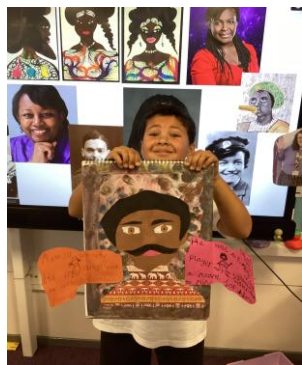
We have seen great success with the new before and after school run by Rattle and Roll. Numbers are rising and the children attending are enjoying the sessions in a calm and relaxed atmosphere. If you would like your child to attend, please visit the Rattle and Roll website to book your child on.

Please could we kindly ask, if you are pre-booking your child on to an after-school session, that you remind your child that morning.

As per the Rattle and Roll booking system, there is no cut off as to how late you can book your child onto a same day session, with this in mind, if you do book your child on to an afternoon session late in the same day, please call the office to let us know so we can inform your child that they are attending.

African Dance Workshop and mask making

To celebrate Black History Month, our children enjoyed an exciting African mask decorating and dancing workshop, exploring African culture through creativity, music and movement. Across school, classes have also been researching inspiring Black people throughout history, as well as people making a difference in communities today, before creating artwork to celebrate their achievements. The children showed fantastic enthusiasm and creativity throughout and behaved brilliantly. It has been wonderful to see them learning, celebrating and being inspired by the contributions of Black people both past and present.



Year 4 trip to The Tropical Butterfly House

Year 4 had a wonderful day at the Butterfly House! They saw lots of amazing animals, learnt about the uses of feathers, fur and scales and how different animals use their senses to survive. They even got to meet some cool animals up close and personal! The children were amazing and we were so proud of their attitude and effort!



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 **05/10/2026** goes to **Class 6C** with **100%**

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

The whole school attendance percentage this academic year to date is **97%** - the national target is **96%**

Please help support us in raising our attendance.

Thank you!

Eco Class



Winner of the Week:

6A



Shining Stars

Class	Name
3BP	Reuben F
3K	Ava S
4C	Owen S
4G	Marley C
5J	Lorenzo D
5O	Gracie H
6A	Bella W
6C	Sadie H
6P	Sophie H

Zones of Regulation Champion

Class	Name
3BP	Olivia C
3K	Fred S
4C	Pixie W
4G	Lottie C
5J	Bobby S
5O	Quinn T
6A	Priya W
6C	Abel R
6P	Ashton G



Golden Tickets

Class	Amount collected this week:	Running total so far this half term:
3BP	1	9
3K	1	7
4C	1	9
4G	1	8
5J	3	12
5O	4	12
6A	3	7
6C	1	7
6P	1	7

Winner of the Week:

5O

Overall winner this half term so far:

5J & 5O

Dinner Winners



Class	Name
3BP	Dexter P
3K	Tommy S
4C	Barney R
4G	Dollie M
5J	Callum-Jake H
5O	Ethan-James H
6A	Charlie M
6C	Oliver M
6P	Adela R

Star Writers



Class	Name
3BP	Sienna B
	Ross C
3K	Rupert W
	Ffion S
4C	Leo D
	Olivia J
4G	Ezra J
	Matteo M
5J	Norah K
	Jasper S
5O	Seth R
	Grace B
6A	Grace B
	Chrlotte D
6C	Beau B
	Abigail W
6P	Nathan D
	Rory B

Book Vending Machine



Lower School Winner	
Class	Name
4C	Aurora H
Upper School Winner	
Class	Name
6C	Esme L



Reading Certificates



Class	Name	No. of reads	Award given	Class	Name	No. of reads	Award given
3BP	Jessica G	25	Bronze	5O	Amelia S	25	Bronze
3K	Alice D	25	Bronze	5O	Gracie H	25	Bronze
3K	Chester W	25	Bronze	5O	Isabella D	25	Bronze
4C	Summer T	25	Bronze	5O	Lily C	25	Bronze
4C	Barney R	25	Bronze	5O	Ayda C	25	Bronze
4C	Charlie D	25	Bronze	5O	Reeva S	25	Bronze
4G	Oliver P	25	Bronze	5O	Cody B	25	Bronze
4G	Dollie M	25	Bronze	5O	Esme W	25	Bronze
4G	Ezra J	25	Bronze	6C	Myla Bck	25	Bronze
5J	Max H	25	Bronze	6C	Ezme L	25	Bronze
5J	Lottie-Mae M	25	Bronze	6C	Abigail W	25	Bronze
5O	Phoebe-Grace S	25	Bronze	6P	Adela R	25	Bronze

Shout Outs

	Class	Name	Reason & From
	5J	Eden B, Alfie W, Harrison P and Frances L	For their excellent team work and putting together a 'rock'n'roll' dance.
Shout out! 	3k	Ffion S and Honey B	For taking it upon themselves to do more homework than has been set.
	Year 4	All of Year 4	For being so amazing on our trip to the Butterfly House. The children were a real credit to the school and we were so proud of them!

Dojo

	Class	Name	Amount awarded	Class	Name	Amount awarded
	3BP	Lydia S	25	5J	Ronnie A	25
	3BP	Rosie B	25	5J	Scarlett B	25
	3BP	Vienna M	25	5J	Safiya D	25
	3k	Bobby K	25	5J	Max H	25
	3k	Charlie B	25	5J	Erin L	25
	3k	Evelyn L	25	5J	Reuben M	25
	4C	Connor B	25	5J	Ellis N	25
	4C	Alfie-Lee B	25	5J	Yana P	25
	4C	Jeremyl B	25	5J	Vyga P	25
	4C	Leo D	25	5J	Eden B	50
	4C	Olivia J	25	5O	Grace B	25
	4C	Rio T	25	5O	Cody B	25
	4C	Lunar-Rae B	50	5O	Frank D	25
	4C	Pixie G	50	5O	Arla D	25
	4C	Eissa J	50	5O	Grayson E	25
	4C	Athena S	50	5O	Ivie M	25
	4G	Matteo M	25	5O	Oscar H	25
	4G	Marley C	25	5O	Sreerag R	25
	5J	Finley B	25	5O	Phoebe R	25
	5J	Joshua L	25	5O	Oliver W	25
	5J	Lorenzo D	25	6P	Adela R	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 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

Monday 16th – Friday 20th November – Anti-Bullying 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

Wednesday 9th – Friday 11th December – afternoon visits to the church for carol singing, parents welcome, time TBC

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

This **ANTI-BULLYING WEEK**
we will **Break the Silence**
about bullying



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SILENCE**

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

From
**MONDAY 16th to FRIDAY 20th
NOVEMBER 2026**



If you're worried about bullying and/ or want to be
involved in Anti-Bullying Week this year, please contact

Miss Cope

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Do you want to **stop** smoking?

Free app for 6 months

Stopping smoking is the single most beneficial thing someone can do for their health.

Smoke Free provides evidence-based behavioural support in an app. It is the most popular stop smoking app available, having been downloaded over 7 million times and has received 185,000 5-star reviews.

Nottinghamshire County Council public health team have offered **FREE 6-month** app licences to employees, including those working for organisations providing services to NCC, since November 2024, and we've now expanded the offer so even more people can have the opportunity to use Smoke Free to stop smoking.



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So far:

49 NCC employees have downloaded the app | **35** users have reached the 4-week quit milestone!

The users have totalled over **£20,000 of savings**, over 2,600 smoke free days and about 38,000 cigarettes have not been smoked!



Smoke
Free

Let's hear from Claire, an employee at NCC on her Stop Smoking Journey:

I have smoked since I was about 16, mostly in social settings or when I drank alcohol. I've thought about stopping smoking several times but never have, although over the Christmas period of 2024 I had been away and had smoked far too much and returned to work feeling pretty rubbish.

I saw the advert for the Smoke Free app on the intranet and decided to give it a try. They were so helpful. It was an actual person messaging me, finding out my habits, what I was hoping for etc. Within a couple of days, they had sent me a vape and some vape liquids. They checked in on me weekly, by text and via the app, making sure I had what I needed. They gave me lots of tips when I was feeling tempted and praise especially when I had been out which were the most difficult times for me.

I had my last cigarette on 29th December 2024, I used the vape provided by them until around 25th August 2025 and I have now given that up too. I gradually used it less and less as my confidence in being smoke free grew, particularly in social settings. I am 100% confident that I'll never smoke again. I am so grateful for the app, as without them I'd probably still be thinking about stopping now. The check-ins were really nice and helped to hold me accountable.

If you are considering quitting smoking it is 100% worth it and it was completely free!! Thanks again for your support and keeping in touch with me ten months later. It really has changed my life!

If you download the app, you will have access to:



24/7 support from fully qualified stop smoking advisors, including guidance on how to deal with cravings and relapse, and understand which quit approach is best for you



up to **12 weeks supply** of vapes or Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) to support your quit attempt



additional social support through stop smoking clinics and community groups



motivational tools such as progress, money saving and improved health indicators, goals, success badges and fun daily missions to keep you committed to quitting

Here's some more feedback from NCC employees using the app:

"Feel great and proud I have kept at it. Thanks for all your support and getting me off the cigarettes. No looking back!"

"Can't thank you enough. 40 years smoking. Love the app."

"Has it really been 6 months? Didn't realise and yes I am still smoke free and I will never touch a cigarette again. Thanks so much. I wouldn't have done it without your help at the start. Literally changed my life."

"It's nice to have the count on the app of how much time not smoking, the money saved and seeing the health missions updated. The advisors have always been very helpful. Much appreciated."

"Not only the advisors and app were fabulous but also the products themselves as I have tried several times before and not succeeded so thank you."

"It's not been easy, but the support means a lot, thank you for everything."



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Christmas is Coming!

During the run up to Christmas, why not take a break and let your kids enjoy a fun-filled workshop on a Saturday afternoon, followed by a concert on Sunday for the whole family at the iconic Albert Hall in Nottingham.

Get into the Christmas spirit with lots of well-known Christmas songs including some familiar favourites!

Young singers will be joined by other members of the MfE 'singing' family too on the concert day for this mega-Christmas extravaganza!

Singers will be divided into two age-group choirs:

Vocals 1 (school yrs 1 - 3)

Vocals 2 (school yrs 4 - 8)

Music packs, including lyrics and audio tracks, will be sent out approximately one month before the event, giving everyone the chance to learn the songs as best they can before the singing afternoon.

Saturday 12 December - Singing Afternoon

Nottingham Trent University
Clifton NG11 8NS
All Groups: 2.00 - 5.00pm

Sunday 13 December - Concert

Albert Hall, Nottingham NG1 5AA
Rehearsal: 12.30 - 2.45pm
Concert: 3.30 - 5.30pm

Workshop Fees: £25

Less 10% discount if 2+ children from the same family. Use code Vocals10.

MfE runs a subsidised scheme for all courses, more details from the MfE office 0115 9589312

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How to book



Scan the QR code to go straight to the booking page.



Book over the phone Monday - Friday, 9am - 5pm



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