NEWSLETTER

Leas Park Junior School

Week commencing 9th November 2026

Welcome to our Newsletter,

Last week saw our Year 3 children have a wonderful day learning about volcanoes and earthquakes and our Year 5 children enjoyed a day out to Nottingham University to learn about Viking history, see below for more details and pictures.

It is Children in Need on Friday 13th November; your children can come to school in Pudsey clothing, pyjamas or anything spotty! Donations can be made on ParentPay until the end of Friday. If you have ordered any Pudsey items these will be given out once they have been delivered.

Next week it is our Anti-bullying week which will start with "odd socks day" on Monday (16th November). More information on the activities and pictures of the children in their odd socks will follow. If you have any concerns about your child and bullying, please speak with Miss Cope.

Christmas at Leas Park 2026

Christmas is fast-approaching and we have lots of fun events and activities planned for our children and parents to enjoy:



Wednesday 2nd December – Christmas Fayre: This will take place in the hall straight after school. **Donations of wine, toiletries, chocolates etc would be very welcome** and these can be dropped in to reception any time.



Friday 4th December – Whole school visit to the Panto: We are taking the whole school to see Cinderella at Mansfield Palace Theatre. The children will get to experience the magic of the theatre with celebrity performers and wonderful sets; they are sure to have a wonderful time.



Mon 7th & Tues 8th December – School discos: Lower school will be having their disco on Monday evening 6.00 - 7.30pm and upper school on Tuesday, 6.00 -8.00pm. Children can dance the night away in their best party clothes and there will be a small tuck shop for treats!



9th, 10th &11th December – Carol services: These will take place at St Edmunds Church. Please see below for further information.



Thursday 10th December– Christmas jumper & dinner day: Children can wear their fanciest Christmas jumper and are welcome to have a Christmas dinner, even if they usually have sandwiches. The form has been sent out to complete. Please respond by 27/11/26 and let us know either way, whether your child would like a dinner or not.



Thursday 17th December – Non-uniform activity day: Children are welcome to wear their own clothes for the day, whether Christmassy or comfortable and enjoy a fun-filled day of Christmas games and activities!



Friday 18th December – Christmas Party Day: The final day of term will be filled with music and Christmas cheer as we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas!

Christmas Carol Services

NEW FOR 2026: We are delighted to invite you to our **Christmas Carol Service**! These are being held at **St Edmund's Church,** bringing our school community together to celebrate the joy of the season.

The services will feature the Christmas story, a blessing and heartfelt carols which are already being practiced.

The church can accommodate 2 visitors per child. Please meet us at the church to enjoy the service on:

Wednesday 9th December – 1.30pm – 2.30pm – Year 4

Thursday 10th December – 9.30am – 10.30am – Year 3

Thursday 10th December – 1.30pm – 2.30pm – Year 6

Friday 11th December – 1.30pm – 2.30pm – Year 5



We look forward to seeing you there — let's make this a magical start to the festive season!

School 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

Letters and nomination forms for our Parent Governor vacancies have been sent out via email today.

Achievements

At Leas Park it is not just the in-school achievements that we like to celebrate, but those reached out of school too. We understand that some children take part in extracurricular activities and in some cases, they flourish in their chosen activity!

We are thrilled to share some incredible news – Alfie W in Year 5 has raced his way to victory, taking **first place** overall in the motocross White Rose Championship! He was also awarded the Champion of Champs trophy, for gaining the most points overall in the whole championship.

With determination, skill, and a fearless spirit, Alfie tackled every twist and turn with remarkable precision. His hard work, countless hours of practice, and unwavering passion for the sport have truly paid off!

This win is more than just a trophy — it's a shining example of what happens when you chase your dreams with dedication and courage. We couldn't be prouder of Alfie and look forward to seeing where his motocross journey takes him next.

Let's all give a huge round of applause to our young champion!!



School Admissions Consultation 2028 - 2029

Nottinghamshire County Council's consultation invites you to give your views about the proposed admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools in Nottinghamshire for 2028-2029.

Please find a summary of the consultation below. Full proposed arrangements can be found here School admissions consultation 2028 to 2029 | Nottinghamshire County Council

The closing date for your views is 22nd November 2026.

You can respond on the public website using the response form or email admissionsconsultations@nottscc.gov.uk

Year 3 Earthquakes and Volcanoes

On Wednesday, children in Year 3 took part in an exciting, active workshop with One Day Creative, exploring tectonic plates, volcanoes and natural disasters through movement and drama. They used their bodies to demonstrate how tectonic plates move and collide, role-played the different parts and types of volcanoes, and created freeze-frames to bring famous earthquakes to life, estimating their strength on the Richter scale. They also explored other natural disasters, including tsunamis, bringing their learning to life through creativity and collaboration.





















Year 5 trip to Nottingham University

What a fantastic day Year 5 had at Nottingham University! They took part in an exciting, carousel-style workshop where they explored different aspects of Viking life and history.

The children became Viking experts as they rotated around four activities, learning all about **Viking runes**, discovering the significance of **burials**, investigating how Vikings influenced **place names** and exploring the different **weapons** they used.
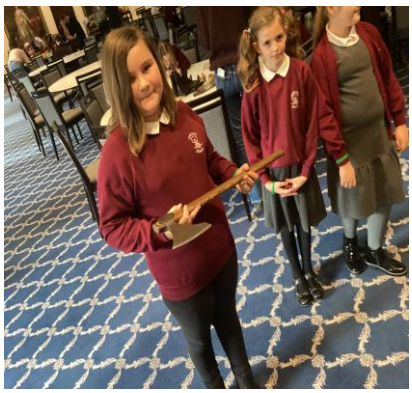
It was a brilliant opportunity to bring our Vikings topic to life, deepen our historical knowledge and discover even more fascinating facts about the past. The children showed fantastic curiosity, enthusiasm and engagement throughout the day. Well done Year 5!



















Punctuality/Lateness

Each day, registration begins at 8.45am. Any pupils arriving after 8.45am should enter through Reception. Registers close at 9.15am. Anyone arriving between 8.45am and 9.15am will be given an 'L' late mark.

Schools are now expected to mark those arriving after 9.15am with a 'U' unauthorised late mark on the register.

Lateness of any kind causes disruption to the class and everyone's learning. This has a negative impact on your child's own learning as they will miss key guided-reading time.

We are legally required to correspond with each parent if your child has more than 5 occasions of lateness or, if the amount of lateness totals over 60 minutes. This is to try to ensure that collectively, we can bring lateness down.

Unauthorised late marks may result in a referral for a Penalty Notice for Unauthorised attendance.

Please see the updated Attendance Policy on our website for further information.

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 **02/11/2026 goes to Class 3BP with 99.7%**

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

The whole school attendance percentage this academic year to date is **96.48%** - the national target is **96%**

Please help support us in raising our attendance.

Thank you!

Eco Class



Winner of the Week:

4G



Shining Stars



Class	Name
3BP	Brooke M
3K	Tommy S
4C	Charlie F
4G	Rosa C
5R	Alfie W
5O	Ayda C
6A	Samuel M
6C	Riley James B
6P	Matilda S

Zones of Regulation Champion



Class	Name
3BP	Judia B
3K	Maisie M
4C	Jaxon N
4G	Jade J
5R	Emily T
5O	Aubree W
6A	Benjamin B
6C	Esme L
6P	James C



Golden Tickets



Class	Amount collected this week:	Running total so far this half term:
3BP	0	0
3K	2	2
4C	1	1
4G	2	2
5R	3	3
5O	1	1
6A	0	0
6C	2	2
6P	0	0

Winner of the Week:	Overall winner this half term so far:
5R(5J)	5R(5J)

Dinner Winners



Class	Name
3BP	Reuben F
3K	Tommy M
4C	Barney R
4G	James W
5O	Amelia S
6A	Athena-Rose D
6C	Sadie H
6P	Winter L

Maths Stars



Class	Name
3BP	Maverick R
	Flossie H
3K	Jessie F
	Chester W
4C	Elijah T
	Teddie W
4G	Henry T
	Mollie V
5R	Safiya D
	Vyga P
5O	Lily C
	Freddie H
6A	Nyla B
	Emilie G
6C	Amber S
	Missy B
6P	Franchezka B
	Alex P

Book Vending Machine



Lower School Winner

Class	Name
3BP	Lenny C

Upper School Winner

Class	Name
6P	Adela R







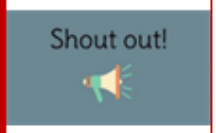
Reading Certificates



Class	Name	No. of reads	Award given
3BP	Judia B	25	Bronze
3BP	Solomon C	25	Bronze
3BP	Noah Y	25	Bronze
3BP	Max W	25	Bronze
3BP	Isla G	25	Bronze
3BP	Jessica G	50	Silver
3K	Rupert W	25	Bronze
3K	Jude W	25	Bronze
3K	Charlie B	25	Bronze
3K	Evelyn L	25	Bronze
3k	Chester W	50	Silver
3K	Alice D	50	Silver
4C	Aurora H	25	Bronze
4C	Leo D	25	Bronze
4C	Emily B	50	Silver
4G	Effia W	25	Bronze
4G	Ollie S	25	Bronze
4G	Lily L	25	Bronze
4G	Elodie G	25	Bronze

Class	Name	No. of reads	Award given
4G	Daisy G	50	Silver
4G	Oliver L	50	Silver
5O	Amelia S	50	Silver
5O	Phoebe R	50	Silver
5O	Amelia M	50	Silver
5O	Grayson E	50	Silver
5O	Arla D	50	Silver
5O	Isabella D	50	Silver
6A	Grace B	25	Bronze
6A	Joseph C	50	Silver
6A	Emilie G	25	Bronze
6A	Priya W	50	Silver
6A	Darcy G	50	Silver
6C	Ella C	25	Bronze
6C	Abigail W	50	Silver
6P	Tasmin M	25	Bronze
6P	Alex P	25	Bronze
6P	Adela R	50	Silver
6P	Saffire W	25	Bronze

Shout Outs



Class	Name	Reason & From
6A	Nyla B	For being kind, welcoming and helpful for Mrs Pursey yesterday
	All of year 5	For there amazing behaviour and attitude when we went to the University of Nottingham to learn about the Vikings. The team there gave us some lovely feedback on how well behaved our pupils were. A big well done to all of you!! From Mrs Overton and Mrs Roberts

Dojos!



Class	Name	Amount awarded
3BP	Judia B	25
3BP	Scarlett-Louise B	25
3BP	Ross C	25
3BP	Olivia C	25
3BP	Jessica G	25
3BP	Roman L	25
3BP	Miley M	25
3BP	Sofia S	25
3BP	Max W	25
3BP	Theo T	25
3BP	Toby T	25
3BP	Maverick R	25
3BP	Dexter P	50
3BP	Reuben F	50
3BP	Lenny C	50
3K	Ezra A	25
3K	Maisie M	25
3K	Ffion S	25
3K	Mason B	25
3K	Albert E	25
3K	Reuben H	25
3K	Corey J	25
3K	Sydney J	25
3K	Zahlia A	50
3K	Honey B	50
3K	Charlie B	50
3K	Logan D	50
3K	Holly B	50
4C	Charlie F	25
4C	Heidi H	25
4C	Elijah T	25
4C	Charlie D	50

Class	Name	Amount awarded
4C	Aurora H	50
4C	Isobel L	50
4C	Lunar-Rae B	75
4G	Billy M	25
4G	Daisy G	25
4G	Amelia H	25
4G	Effia W	25
4G	Mimi F	25
4G	Lottie C	25
4G	Mollie V	25
4G	Ollie S	25
4G	Oliver P	25
5O	Quinn T	25
5O	Amelia S	50
5O	Esme W	50
5O	Ethan-James H	50
5O	Gracie H	50
5O	Isabella O	50
5O	Reeva S	50
5O	Elias W	50
5O	Aubree W	50
5R	Emily T	50
5R	Callum Jake H	50
5R	Norah K	50
5R	Frances L	50
5R	Theo S	50
5R	Maisie S	50
5R	Erynn W	50
6P	Alice R	25
6P	Joseph A	25
6P	Saffire W	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

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

Tuesday 1st December – Year 3 & 4 Jingle Jog
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 December – Year 4 Carol Service at St Edmunds – 1.30pm – 2.30pm
Thursday 10th December - Year 3 Carol Service at St Edmunds – 9.30am – 10.30am
Thursday 10th December - Year 6 Carol Service at St Edmunds – 1.30pm – 2.30pm
Thursday 10th December - Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner day
Friday 11th December - Year 5 Carol Service at St Edmunds – 1.30pm – 2.30pm
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

Leaflets & Community Events



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Healthy Family Team Newsletter

NHS
Nottinghamshire Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust





We just wanted to say a big hello and remind you about the services on offer locally to support families.

Parentline

Nottinghamshire

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



Advice Line

Nottinghamshire

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

Derbyshire Contact

This is for parents, carers and practitioners who want to speak to the Family Health Service for advice or support.

Call: 01246 515100

Doncaster Contact

This is for parents, carers and practitioners who want to speak to the Doncaster Health Visiting and School Health Team for advice or support.

Call: 03000 218 997

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Healthy Family Team

Your Notts Directory

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.

SUPPORT

Your Notts Directory
is the local offer for Nottingham and Nottinghamshire.
Visit: www.yournottsdirectory.org.uk

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PARENT & CARER GROUP

Do you want to make a difference to Children and Young People's Health Services?
Why not join our Parent and Carer Involvement Group?
We meet online, once a month.
You do not have to attend every meeting, just the ones you can.

JOIN US

MORE INFO

Visit: www.nottinghamshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/iev-involvement-partner-opportunities

WOW!

Health for Kids!



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

www.healthforkids.co.uk

Speech and Language

Do you have any questions or concerns about your child's talking or communication?
The Speech and Language Team are happy to help,
please call their advice line on:

0300 123 3387
OPTION 1

LOCAL HELP

Find your local library:
Visit: www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/culture-leisure/libraries

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Find your local Family Hub:
Call: 0300 500 80 80
Visit: www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/care/family-hub-networks

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Hello autumn

BEST START

The early years of a child's life, from early pregnancy to age 5, is when their brain develops the most and they grow the quickest. Having the right start makes a big difference to a child's future.
The Nottinghamshire Best Start offer tells you about services and support available during this time. The offer is aimed at the whole family, whether you're a mum, dad, grandparent, or carer.
Visit: www.yournottsdirectory.org.uk/best-start-for-life/nottinghamshire-best-start-offer

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Trust Honesty Respect Compassion Teamwork

Was this resource useful? All feedback is appreciated.
Please contact The Health Promotion Team:
Call: 0115 8760136 Email: HealthPromotionTeam@nottshc.nhs.uk

Vocals

YOUTH CHRISTMAS SING

WORKSHOP & CONCERT FOR ALL SINGERS
AGE 5-14



WORKSHOP DAY: SATURDAY 12TH DECEMBER
CONCERT: SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER

Music for everyone

@MfENotts
www.music-for-everyone.org



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

"So well organised and a fantastic experience for all!" - Course Parent

How to book

Scan the QR code to go straight to the booking page.
Book over the phone Monday - Friday, 9am - 5pm
Ask us for a paper form to complete and post with a cheque payable to 'Music for Everyone'.

Contact

admin@music-for-everyone.org
Music for Everyone, 10 Goose Gate, Hockley, Nottingham NG1 1FF
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