Lane End Primary School Newsletter

Learn, Believe, Aspire and Achieve

April 2026

This half term:

We have an action packed next few weeks. Welcome to our many new families who have recently joined us. It's great to have you with us.

Our Fabulous Library

Books can be borrowed every Tuesday after school. We have lots of new and exciting books for all ages.

New Parent Governors

Elena and Tash have recently joined our Governing Board and will be finding ways to gather parents' views. Look out for surveys and drop ins over the summer term.

School Uniform

Thank you for your positive response to our updated uniform policy. Everyone looks smart and ready to learn.

Reception places for September

We have a few places available for new starters. If you or your friends and neighbours are looking for a place for September please logo on to the portal https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/apply-for-a-primary-school:

Diary:

Every Friday: Flourishing Families cookery club
21 & 23rd April: Y5 Into University
23rd April: Y5 Dynamic Cricket trip
30th & 5th May: EYFS Story Bus visiting
5th May: Y4 British Library workshop
7th May: Y5 Synagogue trip
11th- 15th May: Y6 SATS week
18th - 22nd May: Sports Days week
18th May: Y2 Skelton Grange trip
21st May: Y4 theatre trip
22nd May: Drama Club performance

Friday 22nd May - break up for half term
Return on Tuesday 2nd June

Handwriting Competition

Winners will be announced on Friday 15th May.



Most improved since September



Neatest poem

Mundane and Magic Project with Sheffield University



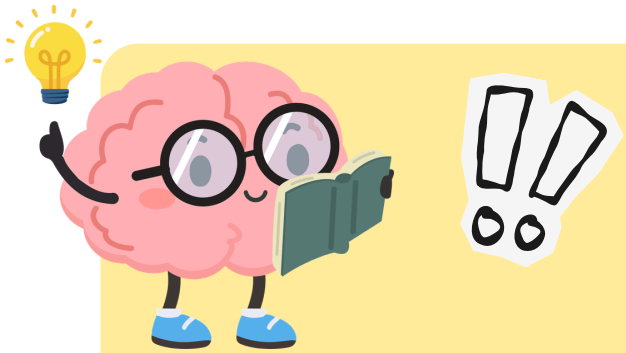
We have been chosen to work with Dr Liz Chesworth on a Knowledge Exchange Project this term.



Y1 will be exploring wildlife in myth, folklore, and in the environment. They will work with a professional story teller to create stories.



Y1 will create fired and glazed ceramic birds to help us bring our stories to life.



How to help your child's development

The British Government have published guidance for parents about brain development:

- Avoid screen time for under 2s and for 2-5 years, keep it to no more than an hour a day.
- Choose slow-paced, predictable content as this is better for young brains. Fast-paced, over-stimulating social media-style videos may affect how young children learn to concentrate, so it's best to avoid them.
- Avoid young children using screens alone as it reduces opportunities for social time and active play. Try watching and discussing content together with your child as it supports their development and helps you protect them from harmful content.
- Swap out screens at bedtime or mealtimes for reading stories or playing simple games.
- Children copy everything you do – their brains are like sponges. Be mindful of how often you use screens around your child.



What's new with inspections?

Ofsted

From November 2025 inspections have changed a lot:

- <u>No Single Overall Grade:</u> Schools will no longer be labeled as simply "Outstanding" "Good" or "Inadequate".
- <u>New "Report Cards":</u> Instead of a summary rating, you will see a detailed, colour-coded report card covering several key areas.
- <u>Five-Point Grading Scale:</u> Areas of performance are graded on a new, more descriptive scale:
  a. **Exceptional**: Among the best in the country.
  b. **Strong Standard**: Excellent and consistent work.
  c. **Expected Standard**: Doing everything they should be doing well.
  d. **Needs Attention**: Work is needed to meet the standard.
  e. **Urgent Improvement**: Significant changes needed immediately.
- <u>Separate Safeguarding Judgement:</u> Safeguarding (how safe children are) is no longer part of the overall grade. It is now a straightforward "Met" or "Not Met" verdict.
- <u>Greater Focus on Inclusion:</u> There is a specific, new emphasis on how well schools support children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and other disadvantaged learners.

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