

October Newsletter

I can't believe that we've been back to school for a month already! It's been very busy but we have been so pleased with how the children have settled into school. They are really enjoying being together and are coping well with the new expectations in each year group. Lots of wonderful learning has been going on too. All year groups have started their 'Inquiries' for this term. As many of you heard about at the Parent Curriculum Meetings, Inquiry is the approach we have chosen as the way we teach much of the curriculum. In our Inquiries, there is always a character to help and this gives the children a great purpose for their learning. We find this means they are really engaged in their learning and it makes it more memorable too.

PARENT CURRICULUM MEETINGS

Thank you so much for attending the Parent Curriculum meetings in each year group and the Reception Phonics Meeting over the last week. It was great to see you all and to work together to support your child in the best way possible. We do understand that not everyone is able to attend due to work and childcare commitments so we have made the slides from the meeting available on the website here:

<https://www.wensumtrust.org.uk/lodgelane/news-and-events/lodge-lane-news/curriculum-and-phonics-meetings-2025>

Do take a look as there's lots of useful information on them. They may not make as much sense as they did in the meetings when the teachers were able to explain but they'll always be happy to answer questions if needed.

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

October is Black History Month and year groups will be discussing this with the children in different ways, appropriate to their age.

In Reception, children will read the book 'My Hair'. In Y1, children will learn about Mae Jemison, the American engineer and former astronaut. In Year 2, children will learn about Katherine Johnson whose calculations as the human computer, enabled the Mercury and Apollo space missions. In assembly, children will learn about Mary Seacole, a British Nurse during the Crimean War. Maybe you would like to find out some more about these people at home with your child and let them bring in what they have learned to share with the rest of the class or in Assembly?

OPEN AFTERNOONS

You will see from the dates below that each class has 3 open afternoons after half term. We have changed these slightly from last year so that they happen before Parent/Teacher meetings. In KS1, the idea is that you get to see your child's work in their books so that you get a feel for what they have been doing in class, which you can then discuss with their teacher at Parent/Teacher meetings. In Reception, the feel is slightly different. For the first open afternoon, the team will set up some activities with the children so that you can further understand what they have been doing in phonics and so you can support your child more effectively at home too.

SCHOOL POLICIES

Our revised policies for safeguarding, attendance and behaviour and emotional regulation 2025 -2026 are available to read on our website:

<https://www.wensumtrust.org.uk/lodgelane/information/school-policies>

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READING RECORD BOOKS

Each child will have a Reading Record book. This is primarily for you to record the reading that you have done together at home of their school book. Please write a comment, or simply sign the book each time you have read with your child at home. It is very important to read regularly with your child at home. 10 minutes a day makes all the difference to their progress and skills with reading. Staff will acknowledge the reading you have done at home together although they won't write about the Guided Reading session they have done in school as we find it more useful to be working with the children. We also have our own records we keep in school.

SAFETY AROUND SCHOOL ENTRANCE

Parking – Unfortunately, we have noticed a lot of parents parking opposite the school gates – particularly on rainy days. This causes an obstruction and makes driving and crossing the road more dangerous. We need to make the entrance to school as safe as possible. Please do not park opposite the gate or the yellow zigzag lines – there are plenty of side roads to park in or you could park in the car park at Morrison's. If this continues, although we don't want to, we may need to start making notes of number plates as well as asking the community police to make a visit.

CHILDREN STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2026

If you know anyone whose child is due to start school next September, please encourage them to come and have a look round at our Open Events. Even if they don't live in the local area, they still have a chance of a getting a place.

Wednesday 15th October 6.00pm-7.30pm

Tuesday 21st October 1.15pm-2.45pm

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PUPIL PREMIUM ELIGIBILITY

If you think your child may be eligible for Pupil Premium funding, please follow the link below and submit the form to Norfolk County Council.

If we are informed that your child is eligible then the school will pay for some of their uniform, all school trips and one after school club every half term.

The school also gets funding for each child eligible for Pupil Premium funding which is used to help them in school. Please see more information in the letter accompanying this newsletter. Every penny counts with school funding, so we need as many parents who are eligible as possible to complete the form.

[Pupil Premium Application Form](#)

Once eligible, the funding stays with your child for 6 years which means that they will be entitled to free school meals in Junior School if you are still eligible.

PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS

You will soon be able to sign up via Scopay to attend a meeting with your child's teacher after half term. You can sign up for a 10-minute slot with your child's teacher and we offer morning, afternoon and evening appointments. It is an opportunity for you to find out how your child has settled this year and how they are getting on with their learning. You will be sent an email to tell you once these go live to book.



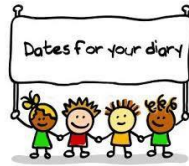
HALF TERM

School closes for Half Term on **Friday 24th October.**

and the children come back on **Monday 3rd November.**

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OCTOBER			
15 th	Open Event for Prospective Parents	6-7.30pm	School Hall
21 st	Open Event for Prospective Parents	1.15-2.45pm	School Hall
24 th	Friends of Lodge Lane Annual General Meeting		9.15am
24 th	Last day School re-opens 3rd November		
NOVEMBER			
3 rd	School reopens		
4 th	School photos		
4 th	Parent Open afternoon	2.20pm	In Classrooms
5 th	Parent Open afternoon	2.20pm	
6 th	Parent Open afternoon	2.20pm	
10 th	Panda parent/teacher interviews	8.40-11.40am	
10 th	Turtle parent/teacher interviews	1-5pm	
11 th	Hedgehog parent/teacher interviews	8.40-11.40am	
11 th	All classes – parent/teacher interviews	3.30-6.30pm	
12 th	Tiger parent/teacher interviews	8.40-11.40am	
12 th	Turtle parent/teacher interviews	4.00-6.30pm	
13 th	Owl parent/teacher interviews	8.40-11.40am	
13 th	Flu Immunisations – 2 nd catch up session		
14 th	Leopard parent/teacher interviews	8.40-11.40am	
14 th	Turtle parent/teacher interviews	3.30-4.30pm	
14 th	Children in Need	Non uniform day	
21 st	Friends of Lodge Lane Winter Fair	After School	

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DECEMBER			
8 th	YR Nativity	Tiger and Panda	2pm
9 th	YR Nativity	Tiger and Panda	2pm
10 th	Y1 Christmas play	Owl and Turtle	2pm
11 th	Y1 Christmas play	Owl and Turtle	2pm
12 th	Christmas Jumper Day		
18 th	Y2 Christmas carols in the hall	Leopard and Hedgehog	2.30pm
19 th	Last day of term		
JANUARY			
6 th	School reopens		

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Friday 3rd October
9.30am - 11am

Wednesday 15th October
6pm - 7.30pm

Tuesday 21st October
1.15pm - 2.45pm

**No need to book,
Just turn up to any event!**

Email: office@lodgelane.norfolk.sch.uk
Call us: 01603 413946

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OPEN EVENING 2025

TUESDAY 21 OCTOBER

TOURS WILL TAKE PLACE AT:

3.30pm

4.15pm

5pm

To book a tour please...

Follow this [Booking Link](#)

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Find out more...

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FOOTBALL CLUB

FIREWORKS *Night*

@LAVARE PARK

Buxton Road, Norwich, NR6 7GD

WEDNESDAY 5TH NOV

5PM - 10PM

FIREWORKS AT 7:30

LICENSED BAR & FUNFAIR

Single Ticket £5 / Family Tickets £15

(1 adult, 3 children OR 2 adults, 2 children)

Raising funds for the
Clubhouse development



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AtoBetter
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FREE Learn to Fix Your Bike Workshop

Sunday 19 October, 1pm - 4pm
Old Catton - Scout Group

AtoBetter invites you to join us at our **FREE** Old Catton workshop delivered by Joe (Mace Cycle Services).

Our workshop is aimed at beginners aged 16+ looking to learn the basics. You'll get stuck in with some hands-on learning and take away skills to enable you to keep you/your family's bike in tip top condition.

Spaces are limited, so sign up as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Scan the QR code or use the link below:
[LTF-OldCatton.eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/LTF-OldCatton)



If you have any questions, contact AtoBetter:
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Dental Screening Session

for Children aged 0 – 11 years

with



Happy Smiles Club.

John G Plummer & Associates
Dental Surgeons

Where - Sprowston Library

When – Tuesday 28th October 10.00am – 1.00pm

To book a place email –

[cspartnercommunitybroadland@norfolk.gov.](mailto:cspartnercommunitybroadland@norfolk.gov.uk)

[uk](mailto:cspartnercommunitybroadland@norfolk.gov.uk) with :

- Your preferred time (sorry, we are unable to guarantee this but will give you the nearest time available).
- Names and date of birth of children to be seen by the dentist.
- Your postcode and a contact phone number.

You will receive an email confirming that you have an appointment by October 24th.



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