

May Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Here we are, already 3 weeks into the Summer Term! Already, Reception have enjoyed a wonderful trip to Wroxham Barns where they loved feeding the animals and playing in the new play area, Year 1 and Year 2 have been enjoying Rugby coaching with North Walsham Rugby Club as part of their PE lessons and Year 2 children have had their first visit to White Woman Lane Junior school where they enjoyed playing on the field.

There are lots of events and additional extras coming up this term so we really recommend making a note of the dates at the bottom of this newsletter and keeping an eye on the parent calendar on our website. We do our very best to keep you up to date with what's going on in school but we know that it can get overwhelming.

Sarah

Sarah Spears
Head of School

ART COMPETITION

During Book Week, the children did some fantastic art work using black fine line pens and watercolour paint to create pictures of Winnie-the-Pooh characters. The results are absolutely fantastic! It was so hard to choose two winners from each class which will go on display in the library and the foyer. Every drawing was so well observed and full of character. I'm sure you will agree that they are just delightful!



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We raised an amazing total of £132.80 for comic relief from our free dress day on 20th March. Thank you for your donations!

RUGBY



You will see in the diary dates that each set of classes has a trip to a rugby festival this term. Our Trust has a partnership with North Walsham Rugby Club and as part of this partnership, Year 1 and 2 have been receiving coaching during their PE lessons. Later this term, all infant children across The Wensum Trust will join together at the club's ground at Scottow to take part in a rugby festival.

This is a fully funded trip and you will receive a letter with more details nearer the time.

SPORTS WEEK – PARENT SESSIONS



We have lots of exciting sports activities planned during sports week.

As in previous years, we will be running a session for each year group where we invite parents/families in to join their children for some sports challenges. The plan is that parents take part in sporting activities with their child and then we will end the afternoon with some competitive races. Here are the dates and times for those sessions:

Monday 18th May- Butterfly	1.30-2.30pm
Tuesday 19th May- Reception	1.30-2.45pm
Wednesday 20th May- Year 2	1.30-2.45pm
Thursday 21st May- Year 1	1.30-2.45pm

TIGER WHO CAME TO TEA THEATRE TRIP



On Friday 3rd July, we will be taking the children to see The Tiger Who Came to Tea at Norwich Playhouse. This trip is fully funded by The Friends of Lodge Lane, which we are so grateful for as it is a significant investment. More details to follow nearer the time but we are looking forward to a wonderful experience and it will be so nice to do something altogether.

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SUN CREAM

As the weather starts to improve, please apply sun cream to your child before school. The children find it very difficult to apply themselves and also start sharing it with their friends which shouldn't be happening due to possible allergies/ skin reactions.



GRAPES AND NUTS

If you are sending grapes as part of your child's packed lunch, please cut them in half as if eaten whole, they are a choking hazard.

Please also remember that we are a **nut free school** and this includes most chocolate spreads such as Nutella.



CENSUS DAY MENU SWAP

There will be a school census on Thursday 21st May 2026. On this day, we need as many children as possible to have a lunch provided by school. The menus will be



Tots2Teens Holiday Clubs

We have been asked to share the Tots2Teens May half term and summer holiday activity brochure with parents. Bookings for May go live on Tuesday 5th May at 10:00am, with Summer bookings opening in June 2026. Details are on the link below.

[Tots2Teens May and Summer 2026 Brochure](#)



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YEAR 1 PHONICS CHECKS

During the week beginning the 8th June, all Year 1 children across the country will take part in the Phonics Screening Check. During the check, children will be asked to read 40 words that contain the sounds they have already learnt. Half of these will be real words and half will be nonsense words. The purpose is to check that they are making the progress they should with phonics and early reading. In reality, the check doesn't tell us anything that we don't already know as we have our own internal assessments that track children's progress carefully. The children have already had a practise at the screening check in November and March so they won't be phased by the assessment. We have been so impressed with how well they are doing so there is nothing to worry about.

FRIENDS OF LODGE LANE

Thank you to our Friends of Lodge Lane committee for all the work that they do. We benefit hugely from the extra funds that come into school as it enables us to provide children with extra experiences and resources we wouldn't otherwise afford.

We will need people to help with the Summer Fair on 26th June as this is the biggest event of the year. Please see the Friends of Newsletter you have already received for details.

In addition, Sarah Pickett will be finishing as Treasurer in the Summer as her child moves on to Junior School. Please could anyone help with this important role?

The Friends of have put together a parent survey to find out what parents think and what you would like to see happening in school. Please take a moment to complete this by clicking the link: [Friends of Parent Survey 2026](#)

STAY AND PLAY



The Friends of run a Stay and Play every Wednesday morning in the school all after morning drop off until approximately 10am. If anyone is available to help out with setting up toys etc, please let the Friends of know. We could do with a couple more volunteers to call on for help if needed.

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INTERNAL TRANSITION ARRANGEMENTS

The current Year 2 children have already begun their transition arrangements to White Woman Lane Junior School and have received a separate email about what the plans are for this. Children going to Old Catton Junior School have received an email from them as to what the arrangements are.

Therefore, these arrangements **involve our current Reception and Year 1** children and outline our internal arrangements for managing the transition to the next class.

6th July – On this date, children will visit their new Y1 or Y2 class and have a story with their new teacher. They will come home with a letter saying which class they will be in next year.

8th July – Meet the Teacher – This happens after school pick up. You will need to pick your child up from their current class and then go round to their new classroom where you can go inside, see the new classroom and meet the staff who will be working with your child's class next year.

9th July – Transition Day – On this day, you will need to drop your child off and pick them up from **their new classroom** as they will be spending all day in their new classes. This will be a chance for your child to get to know their new teachers better, spend time in their new classroom and to begin to become familiar with their new routines. **CURRENT Y2 CHILDREN WILL STILL BE IN SCHOOL ON THIS DAY AND WILL NEED TO BE DROPPED OFF TO THE RECEPTION CLASSES AS THEY WILL BE SPENDING THE DAY IN RECEPTION. CURRENT LEOPARDS WILL BE GOING TO PANDA CLASS AND CURRENT HEDGEHOGS WILL BE GOING TO TIGER CLASS.**

If we feel your child will benefit from additional visits to their new class, we will arrange these internally.

HALF TERM

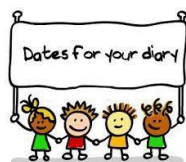
We finish for half-term on Friday 22nd May 2026 at 3pm

School re-opens Monday 1st June 2025.



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<u>MAY</u>		
1-15 th May	Friends of Lodge Lane Sponsored Move	
4 th May	BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED	
6 th May	YR Avian Dance Studios trip	
8 th May	Mr Richmond to visit Y2 children at Lodge Lane	
10 th May	Park Run takeover – see Friends of newsletter	
12 th and 13 th	YR NCMP and Vision/hearing screening – email sent to parents	
13 th May	Y2 Avian Dance Studios trip	
15 th May	Frozen Friday after school	
18 th May	Sports week – see dates above for parent sessions	
20 th May	Y1 Avian Dance Studios trip	
21 st May	Menu change – Census day – see menus above	
22 nd May	Last day	
<u>JUNE</u>		
1 st June	School re-opens	
5 th June	Friends of Father's Day Shop	
8-12 th June	Y1 phonics checks	
12 th June	Non-uniform day for tombola prize donations	
18 th June	Y2 Rugby trip, Scottow	
22 nd , 23 rd , 24 th June	Art Gallery - more details to follow	After School
25 th June	Y1 Rugby trip, Scottow	
26 th June	Friends of Lodge Lane Summer Fair	5-8pm
30 th Jun	Y2 Leavers' Performance	1.30-2.15pm

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<u>JULY</u>		
1 st July	Y2 Leavers' Performance	1.30-2.15pm
1 st July	Y1 Gressenhall trip	
2 nd July	YR Rugby trip, Scottow	
3 rd July	Whole School Trip – The Tiger Who Came to Tea at the Playhouse	
W/C 6 th July	Reports sent to parents this week	
8 th July	Meet the teacher	3.10-3.30pm
9 th July	Whole day transition to new classes - please drop off and pick up your child from their new class. Y2 children – to Reception classes, Leopards to Panda, Hedgehogs to Tiger.	
9 th July	Friends of Lodge Lane – End of year parties	YR 3.15-4.15pm Y1 4.30- 5.30pm
10 th July	Y2 transition morning in new classes at White Woman Lane Junior School – Lodge Lane staff to take children. Drop off and pick up as normal at Lodge Lane.	
10 th July	Friends of Lodge Lane – End of year parties	Y2 3.15-4.15pm
13-17 th July	Y2 Enrichment Week – details to follow	
15 th July	Class photo stories	2.45-3.00pm
16 th July	Class photo stories	8.50-9.05am
17 th July	We finish for the Summer Holidays at 3pm School re-opens Thursday 3rd September 2026 for children in Y1 and Y2	

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📅 Dates: Thursday 7th May –
Thursday 25th June 2026

🕒 Time: 6:00 – 7:00pm

👤👤 Ages: 5–8 years (Mixed)

💷 Price: £50

Perfect for beginners and those new to the game – come along and be part of the fun!

👉 Message us for more information or to sign up. Spaces are limited!

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Online Safety Newsletter

May 2026

FreezeNova (Unblocked games)

FreezeNova unblocked is a website that is free to access and contains a wide variety of games, including shooting, multiplayer and racing games. This site may bypass usual filters, making it easier for your child to access games that you may not want them to play. As there are a variety of games, not all games may be suitable for your child.

There is also FreezeNova Chat, allowing users to chat to their friends and meet new ones. Clearly there are concerns with any online chat facility as there is the potential to view inappropriate content, risk of bullying as well as grooming.

We could not locate any age ratings on this site and there are constant adverts. Childnet have a webpage providing advice on gaming and chat features here:

<https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/gaming/>

Would you like to read this newsletter in a different language? You can use the translate tool on our web version: <https://www.knowsleylcs.org.uk/may-2026-primary/>

Group Chats

Is your child part of any group chats? This could be on social media, for example on WhatsApp or within games such as Fortnite. If so, it is important that you are aware of the potential risks, which include:

- **Inappropriate content** – there is often a lack of moderation within chat facilities so users could be exposed to content/language that is not suitable for their age.
- **Bullying** – there are many instances where inappropriate/hurtful comments are shared within groups, this could take the form of name calling or body shaming. Bullying can also be in the form of excluding others from the group. These issues often overspill into 'real life'.
- **Strangers** – your child could be added to groups with people they do not know or even with someone that they have previously blocked.
- **Conversations can be shared/screen shot** – make sure your child is aware that anything they share within a group can be shared with others.
- **Sharing personal information** – remind your child to be aware of the information they share with others, including images and location.



How can I help make group chats safer?

- Check the recommended age rating and adhere to them.
- Set up age-appropriate parental controls, suitable privacy settings and set screen time limits.
- On WhatsApp you can do a privacy check, by going to settings, privacy and privacy checkup.
- Show your child how to use any reporting and blocking tools.

What else can I do?

- It is crucial to have regular conversations with your child about the risks outlined above and about what they are doing online.
- Talk about who they are chatting with, encourage them to think carefully about what they send and how it could be perceived by others. Talk about positivity and not saying anything hurtful. Ask them to think about whether they would say what they are messaging, face to face.
- Devices should be used in family rooms so you can monitor what they are doing and who they are interacting with.
- Finally, make sure to model good digital behaviour yourself, as children often learn by observing the adults around them.

Further information

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/chat-apps/>

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Roblox - update

What is Roblox?

Roblox is a platform consisting of a collection of games. Players can either create games or play games that other users have created. As a lot of the content is user generated, not all games will be suitable for your child to view/play. If your child is playing Roblox, it is important to monitor



what your child is accessing as well as set up appropriate parental controls. PEGI rate Roblox with a Parental Guidance recommended label, this is because it is a platform of individual, user generated games.

New Age-Based Accounts

From next month, Roblox will introduce two new age-based accounts: Roblox Kids for users ages 5 to 8 and Roblox Select for users ages 9 to 15. Roblox Kids Accounts (ages 5-8) will be limited to games with a 'Minimal or Mild' content maturity label and all communication is disabled by default. Roblox Select accounts (ages 9 to 15) will be limited to games with content maturity labels up to and including 'Moderate'. By default, Experience Chat is ON and Direct Experience Chat is OFF. The differences in chat are outlined here: <https://about.roblox.com/safety-by-age>

Parental Controls

As part of parental controls, you can manage content ratings, communication, screen-time, and spending limits as well as see which games your child is playing on and who their friends are. Roblox are extending these controls to allow you to:

- Block specific individual games (to age 15).
- Manage direct chat settings (to age 15).
- Approve access to specific games.

It is important to regularly monitor what your child is playing on Roblox and who they are interacting with, even if you have parental controls set up. You can find out more about the new accounts and parental controls here:

<https://about.roblox.com/newsroom/2026/04/introducing-roblox-kids-and-select-accounts>

Further information

<https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/roblox-releases-updated-parental-controls-and-age-appropriate-experiences/>

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Screen time guidance for under 5s

The Government now advise limiting screen time for young children. They advise avoiding screen time for under 2 years and to try to keep it to less than 1 hour a day for 2-5 years. Best Start for Life have published an article outlining what content is better, how your own screentime affects your child and how screentime can affect your child's development. Find out more here:

<https://beststartinlife.gov.uk/screen-time-under-5s/>

Do you know what 'looksmaxxing' is?

It is the idea of improving and maximising your looks. Internet Matters have published this article, which provides more information on this topic and outlines the risks (including links to the manosphere):

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/news-blogs/what-is-looksmaxxing-online-safety-guidance-for-parents/>

PEGI is expanding their age ratings

From June, PEGI is adding new categories. "Newly submitted games will be classified with a broader set of criteria that will focus on content and functionality, such as purchases of in-game content, paid random items, communication features, and features that incentivise players to continue playing." Find out more here:

<https://pegi.info/news/pegi-expands-age-rating-criteria-interactive-risk-categories>

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