

June Newsletter

Dear Families,

Apologies for the delay in the June Newsletter hitting your inboxes. It turns out that when poor Belinda is off sick, the whole school grinds to a halt!

We have already been very busy since half term. Lots of lovely learning is taking place in classes with a new bug-related Inquiry starting in Reception, chicks and ducklings arriving in Reception and Year 1 and Year 2 beginning their rehearsals for their end of year show.

Very soon, the end of the year will be upon us but there is lots to enjoy before the Summer Holidays arrive. You will find lots of information within this newsletter so please read it through carefully so that nothing is missed.

School is so very busy at this time of the year so children (and staff!) are likely to be very tired. I know it can be tempting to let children stay up later in the nicer weather and weekends can be very busy but please try to help children to stay well-rested as this benefits us all.

I hope you and the children will enjoy the events we have planned over the last few weeks.

Best wishes

Sarah

Sarah Spears
Head of School

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STAFFING

We are very sad to announce that our School Support Manager, Theresa Lewis, will be leaving us at the end of the academic year. Theresa has worked at Lodge Lane since 2008 and has been an invaluable member of the admin team ever since. She is so well-organised, helpful and knowledgeable and we will miss her experience hugely. It may not be obvious to parents what Theresa does, unless you have spoken to her about Cheeky Monkeys bookings or Scopay but she does so many things behind the scenes. From sorting contracts, to advertising for recruitment, to doing staff sickness returns, ordering supplies, working on finance - the list is endless. She has also been a massive support to me in my new role as Head of School, as there is nothing that Theresa doesn't know. She hasn't quite decided what she will do when she leaves us but I know that whatever she does, she will be an asset to her new work place. Thank you, Theresa for all you have done at Lodge Lane. It is very much appreciated! We are still working on what will happen when Theresa leaves but will update you when we know more.

We are also pleased to finalise the class-based staffing for the next academic year. After an interview process held this week, we are thrilled to welcome James Flowerdew to our teaching team next year. James has been training in Turtle Class this year and so is already known to many of the children and their families. He has already shown himself to be a fantastic teacher with a real passion for the profession and we are sure that he will be a great addition to our staff. We know that you will all make him feel very welcome over the next few weeks and months. Congratulations, James!

Year Group	Class	Teachers	Educational and Pastoral Assistant
Reception	Panda Class	Mrs Rachel Campbell (Monday and Tuesday) Mrs Sarah Spears (Wednesday) Mrs Kirsty Joubert (Thursday and Friday)	Mrs Sarah Cork
Reception	Tiger Class	Miss Leanne Davey (Monday) Mrs Roisin Surtee (Tuesday – Friday)	Mrs Trina Marshall (Monday – Thursday) Mrs Hannah Woodruff (Friday)

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Year Group	Class	Teachers	Educational and Pastoral Assistant
Year 1	Owl Class	Mrs Rachael Hoffbauer	Mrs Amanda Bunnage
Year 1	Turtle Class	Miss Laura Keatley (Monday – Thursday) Miss Leanne Davey (Friday)	Mrs Charlene Ellis (Monday – Wednesday) Mrs Gemma Cole (Thursday – Friday)
Year 2	Leopard Class	Mrs Becky Farmer	Mrs Hannah Woodruff (Monday and Tuesday) Mrs Kerry Hales (Wednesday – Friday)
Year 2	Hedgehog Class	Mr James Flowerdew (Monday – Wednesday) Miss Tasha Read (Thursday – Friday)	Mrs Nikki Cocking

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IN SCHOOL TRANSITION ARRANGEMENTS (REMINDER OF ARRANGEMENTS)

Please find below a reminder of the arrangements for our current Reception and Year 1 children visiting their new classes.

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. You will already have sent your child's current teacher an email with their 3 friend choices for their new class for 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.

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

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.

ART GALLERY



Our Lodge Lane Art Gallery will take place next week on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th of June. Each child has chosen their favourite piece of art work that they have worked on during the year and Rachael Hoffbauer, our Art lead teacher, has worked so hard to mount them beautifully in frames. Thank you to her, and to the whole team, for helping to get the gallery ready. I know it has taken many hours of work to do this.

The children's work will be displayed in the KS1 part of the school each day on the days mentioned above from 3pm until 3:45pm. Please do take this opportunity to come and see the children's wonderful work. We have so many wonderful artists! After the gallery is finished, children will be able to bring their mounted piece home for you to keep and will bring the rest of their artwork home with them at the end of the year.

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Summer Splash Menu – Thursday 25th June



Please see below a menu change for next week. On this day jacket potatoes, sandwiches and pasta twirler will still be available. As Year 1 will be on their trip they will not be able to order this lunch.



FACEBOOK

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=lodge%20lane%20infant%20school>

Here is the link to the Lodge Lane Facebook page. Every Friday, I post a highlight of the week from each year group and from Butterfly Class. Please do follow us on Facebook and then you can see the wonderful range of things that children are learning about each week. It's very useful for when you ask your child what they have been doing at school and the say, "Nothing!" or "Stuff!" Every Friday, I ask the children to share something that they have been doing in class that week and I am always so impressed by how well they remember what they have been doing and by how they describe their learning to the rest of the school. It's a really lovely part of the week.

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SPONSORED MOVE

What an amazing response to the Friends of Lodge Lane's Sponsored Move! We can't thank you enough for supporting your children to take part. The amount raised is a big one! We would like to reveal to the children in assembly the total that they have raised but need your help to do so. Please could you send a photo or video of your child taking part in the sponsored move and send it to Belinda in the office. Then we will make a montage of all the children who took part with the amount raised. Please send anything you have in by Monday 22nd June. Some of you have already sent in a photo or video to the Friends of, so if you have done this you don't need to do it again.

ASSESSMENTS

Y1 children have just completed their Phonics Screening Check, which is a check that assesses how well they can use the sounds they have been taught to decode words. I want to highlight the phenomenal work of both the Reception and Year 1 teams with their teaching of phonics and reading as the children did brilliantly with the check. When you receive your child's report, you will also receive the 'results'.

Y2 children will have teacher assessments in reading, writing and maths this term and these assessments will be moderated. You will know from your child's end of year report in July whether or not they are working at the expected level for their age.



YEAR 2 LEAVERS' SHOW

The children and staff have been working so hard to get their end of year show ready and I'm sure you must have been hearing the songs at home as I have certainly heard them ringing out from the classrooms! Their performances of *Pirates Versus Mermaids* are on 30th June and 1st July at 1:30pm. No tickets are issued for these performances but a general rule would be no more than 2 audience members per child per performance. This is a rough guide and you definitely don't have to bring 2 people to each performance!

CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER SURVEY

Dame Rachel De Souza, the Children's Commissioner, has written to all schools seeking children's views about a range of issues affecting them such as whether they have fun things to do in the local area, online safety, their hopes about the future, and other topics. She would like to gather as many views from children as possible. We will show children the materials in assembly but, having looked at the survey, some of the questions would need to be answered with a parent or carer. It would be lovely if you could help your child take part here:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/TheBigFuture/> It's a great first way to teach children that their voice and opinion is important and a good first step towards understanding democracy.

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CLASS PHOTO STORIES

If you are new to Lodge Lane, I just wanted to explain about our Class Photo Stories. On Wednesday 15th July at 2:45pm and Thursday 16th July at 8:50am classes will be open for you to view your child's class photo story. This is a compilation of photos from across the school year for you to see and is a nice chance to sit with your child and see what they have been up to. If you have more than one child, hopefully you can see one child on each day. However, we are flexible and are happy to put it on at another time if you can't make it – just let us know. Unfortunately, due to safeguarding, we cannot make the photo stories available on social media or the school website.



FRIENDS OF SUMMER PARTIES

These are being held after school on and as below. These can be paid for on Scopay for £2 per child which includes party games, a snack, a drink and a small treat to take away.

Each year group is separate and the teachers also help. The times will be as follows:

Thursday 9th July

YR straight after school **3.15-4.15 pm** (please bring party outfits to school that morning)

Y1 **4:30 – 5:30pm**

Friday 10th July

Y2 straight after school **3.15-4.15 pm** (please bring party outfits to school that morning)

If your child goes to Cheeky Monkeys after school, they will still be able to attend the party.

The Scopay deadline for these payments will be Tuesday 7th July at 8am



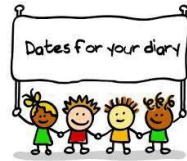
LAST UNIFORM ORDER DATES

Birds of Dereham have let us know the last date for ordering uniform for next year, if you want free delivery to the school.

- Last date to place orders will be Friday 10 July 2026, for free delivery to the school before the summer holidays.
- Free to school ordering will then re-open Monday 7 September 2026, for delivery out to the school w/c Monday 14 September 2026

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<u>JUNE</u>		
18 th June	Y2 Rugby trip, Scottow	
23 rd June	Y2 to visit WWL for assembly and playtime	
22 nd , 23 rd , 24 th June	Art Gallery - details above	After School 3-3.45pm
25 th June	Summer Splash menu as above	
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

<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	
6 th July	Story in new class and bring new class letters home.	
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

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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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SEN Coffee & Chat Morning


A Cuppa, a Chat & Helpful Ideas for Summer!

Is your child facing a new class, a new teacher, or a change in routine after the summer?






Come and join us for a relaxed and friendly coffee morning where parents and carers of children with SEN or emerging SEN concerns can connect, share experiences, and pick up practical tips to help make transitions and the summer holidays a little smoother.


 **Date:** Tuesday 7th July





 **Time:** 9:15am

 **Where:** Lodge Lane Infant School.

 **We'll be chatting about:**

-  Moving to a new year group or classroom
-  Keeping routines going over the summer holidays
-  Supporting emotions, worries and excitement about change
-  Sensory-friendly activities and ideas for summer days including Big Norfolk Holiday Fun
-  Sharing what's worked well for your family

 **What's included?**

-  Tea, coffee and biscuits
-  Friendly faces and informal conversation
-  Practical tips and take-home ideas
-  Time to ask questions and share experiences

Whether you're looking for advice, reassurance, or simply a chance to meet other parents who understand, we'd love to see you there.

Pop in for a few minutes or stay for the whole session - everyone is welcome!



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Online Safety Newsletter

June 2026

Pinterest

You need to be at least 13 years old to use Pinterest.

Pinterest is a social media app, where users can share images and videos (called Pins). Users can browse through the images based on their stated interests, for example cooking. Users can then 'pin' (save) these images to their own boards to revisit.

There is content on Pinterest that is not suitable for young people to see. Also, did you know that there is a messaging element to it, so your child could be interacting with strangers? Therefore, if your child is using Pinterest, it is important to show your child how to use the blocking and reporting tools. You can find out more information, including how to set up parental controls here: <https://help.pinterest.com/en/article/resources-for-parents-and-caregivers-of-teens>

Find out more here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/news-blogs/what-is-pinterest-what-parents-need-to-know/>

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

Online Scams

It is important to be aware that scammers can target your child whilst online through social media, messaging apps and games. These scams often look genuine, and children may not have the digital literacy skills to question their authenticity. This can happen across lots of platforms that your child is accessing, for example Roblox or TikTok. Scams can include:

- Offering in game currency.
- Befriending your child, which can then lead to requests for money or account details/personal information.
- Phishing links, with the intention of sharing malware or requesting account details/personal information.

What can I do?

It is important to have regular conversations with your child about what they are doing online and remind them to:

- Never share passwords or verification codes.
- Speak to you or another trusted adult if they are unsure about anything.
- Ensure appropriate parental controls and privacy settings are in place.
- Talk to your child about the different scams that can appear online and remind your child to check links before clicking on them.
- Remind your child that if they do think that they have been scammed, then to tell you straightaway.

Further information

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/how-deal-online-scams-parent-guide>



Digital Footprints

When we go online, we create a digital footprint, which is a record of what we do online. This can be by visiting websites, sharing photos, liking or commenting on other people's posts or playing games. It is important that children are aware of the digital footprint that they are creating and the lasting effect it can have. Childline provides further information about digital footprints, including advice on how to protect our privacy online:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/taking-care-your-digital-footprint/>

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Risks of Auto saving

Does your child use the likes of WhatsApp, which may automatically download any image/video that is sent to them to their phone's own camera roll? We would advise switching this feature off.

Children may receive lots of photos/videos, particularly within group chats, that they have not requested. If auto download is allowed, then your child does not have control over what is being saved to their camera roll. Potentially, it may also be content that you would not want your child to have saved. Additionally, from a safeguarding perspective, if everything is automatically downloaded to your child's camera roll, it can become difficult to ascertain the source of the image.

How can I disable this feature?

If your child is using a platform that allows this, then there is usually an option to disable this feature, so your child has control over the images saved to their device. The option to disable will be within the settings of the App, here is how to do this on WhatsApp:

- In WhatsApp, go to settings (click on 'You' in the bottom right).
- Click on 'Chats'.
- Toggle 'Save to Photos' to off.



"Retro - Photos with Friends" App

This is a photo sharing app, and it is rated as 13+ by the App store. The aim of the app is users share their photos with close friends only, like a photo journal. Whilst it is marketed as a safer alternative to other social media apps, you do need to be aware of the following:

- Privacy and data access.
- It does include group chats so there is still the potential for cyberbullying and peer pressure.
- Users may feel safer sharing images as it is with close friends, but content can still be shared with others (through screenshots).

If your child is using this app, make sure you check that privacy settings are set up appropriately.

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Storybooks and games from the BookTrust

BookTrust have a whole host of storybooks and games on their website. They have storybooks to read, story time videos to watch and kid's games to play.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/how-we-help/have-fun-at-home/storybooks-and-games/>

Emoji Meanings

Did you know that some children and young people may be using emojis to mean something completely different? For example, a cap emoji may be used to represent a lie. It is important that you are aware of how emojis can be used and keep up to date with the way in which they can be used as their meanings are changeable. You can find out further information here:

<https://www.bark.us/blog/emoji-slang-guide/>

Omoggle

Omoggle is an online platform that is for adults only. However, you can simply lie and say you are over 18 to access it. The platform joins two strangers together and uses AI to rate their appearances in a "mog battle."

As you are paired up with a stranger and can see and hear them, there are serious safeguarding concerns and **young people should not be accessing this site.** Find out more here:

<https://www.waynedenner.com/omoggle-parent-guide/>

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