

July Newsletter



Dear Families,

Somehow, we are coming to the end of another school year – and what a year it has been! I continue to feel incredibly proud to lead the wonderful school community at Lodge Lane. Our children are a joy to spend time with, and it has been a privilege to watch them grow, learn and flourish throughout the year. Every child has made fantastic progress from their own starting points, and I am sure you are just as proud of them as we are.

I would also like to take this opportunity to heap praise on our incredible staff team. They are the most dedicated, hardworking and caring group of people, and they really are the hearts and minds that make Lodge Lane what it is.

Just in the last couple of weeks alone, we have welcomed ducklings and chicks into school, opened our Art Gallery, celebrated our Year 2 Leavers' Show, enjoyed rugby trips, visited Gressenhall with Year 1, taken Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to see *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*, and held our fantastic Friends of Lodge Lane Summer BBQ. We still have year group parties, end-of-year reports, Meet the Teacher, transition days and Year 2 Enrichment Week to look forward to before we finish for the summer.

Providing such a wide range of memorable experiences alongside high-quality teaching and learning is something we are incredibly proud of. Of course, opportunities like these don't just happen. They take an enormous amount of planning, organisation, energy and enthusiasm, and I would like to thank every member of our staff for going above and beyond, every single day, to make Lodge Lane the special place that it is.

In less than two weeks' time, the Year 2s leave us to move on to Junior School. Anyone who came to see their Leavers' Show would have seen what a fantastic year group they are. They are full of confidence and have been such a fun and enthusiastic group of children to work with. I know that they are ready for the challenges of Junior School where I am sure that they will go from strength to strength. We wish them all the best of luck in Year 3.

I hope that you all have a wonderful summer when it comes and enjoy the last two weeks of term followed by a very good rest!

Best wishes

Sarah

Sarah Spears

Head of School
Lodge Lane Infant School

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BUTTERFLY CLASS

We are delighted to share some wonderful news about Butterfly Class! For those who may not know, Butterfly Class is our specialist alternative provision for children from Lodge Lane Infant School, Garrick Green Infant School and Arden Grove Infant School who have complex additional needs. We are thrilled that Norfolk County Council has confirmed funding for the provision for another year.

This is Butterfly Class's first year in its current form, and we couldn't be prouder of what the team has achieved. Every day, they provide a nurturing, highly personalised environment where children feel safe, understood and able to thrive. It has been wonderful to see the progress the children have made—not only in their learning, but also in their confidence, communication, independence and wellbeing.

Recently, the provision was reviewed by an Educational Psychologist, who gathered feedback from both parents and staff to evaluate its strengths and identify future areas for development. We were incredibly proud to hear that, of all the alternative provisions she has evaluated, she had never received such overwhelmingly positive feedback from parents. That is a real testament to the dedication, expertise and compassion of the Butterfly Class team.

A huge thank you to everyone involved in making Butterfly Class such a success—we can't wait to see what another year will bring!

Butterfly Class staff team:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Manuela Martin	Manuela Martin	Manuela Martin	Manuela Martin	Manuela Martin
Vikki Harris	Vikki Harris	Vikki Harris	Vikki Harris	Vikki Harris
Holly Sear	Holly Sear	Holly Sear	Pixie Mobb	Pixie Mobb
Zoe Goddard	Katrina Cook	Katrina Cook	Katrina Cook	Katrina Cook

DIGITAL MAGAZINE

Please follow this link to access a summer digital magazine called 'Raring2go!' - full of ideas for the summer break: [Raring to Go! – Norwich](#)

YEAR 2 ENRICHMENT WEEK

In the final week of term, Y2 will be taking part in an enrichment week. During this week, they will be enjoying a 'Festival' theme and will be engaging in all sorts of interesting and exciting activities such as glow in the dark dodgeball (thanks to Premier Education for this free session), face painting, campfires and lots more that I know the Year 2 team have up their sleeves. Y2 parents, look out for a letter very soon explaining more.

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MENU CHANGE

The following menu will be available on Thursday 16th July 2026. Sandwiches, jacket potatoes and pasta twirler will also be available as usual.



Thank you to our wonderful PTFA, the Friends of Lodge Lane, who have worked tirelessly again this year to raise much needed extra funds for our school.

We know that as children move to Junior School, their parents tend to step down from the Friends as well so a big 'thank you' to Sarah Pickett as Treasurer for her contribution this year in particular.

Through the events organised and run by the committee, the Friends of Lodge Lane have either paid for or made significant contributions to - school trips, chicks and ducklings, Christmas presents, leavers' gifts, year group parties 'wish list' resources for each class the list goes on.

Thank you for supporting all of the events which raise these funds and please let us know if you can help at all next year - we are always looking for new members to join the committee or to help at events and the more help we have, the less there is for each individual to do. It is essential that we have new members next year to take over from all those who are leaving.

We would also like to thank those who have volunteered their time to help at school this year – hearing children read, keeping the library tidy, coming on school trips – all of these roles have helped our children and we are very grateful to you all.

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TRANSITION TO NEW CLASSES

As already explained in previous newsletters, on Monday 6th July, when your child has been to their new class for their story session, they will bring a letter home to tell you which class they are in. We have spent a lot of time organising the classes for next year taking into account the children's friendship choices and making sure the classes are balanced. Teachers have already held handover sessions where your child's current teacher has briefed their new teacher about them making sure key information is passed on.

On Wednesday 8th July you will be able to head to your child's new class to meet their new teachers from 3:10pm onwards. The Year 1 classes are at the front of the school by the car park with Owl Class on the left as you look at the building and Turtle Class on the right. The Year 2 classes are round the back of the building by the playground. Leopard Class is the first class you come to if you're coming round from Year 1 and Hedgehog Class is the second class you will come to. Feel free to come into the classrooms, have a look around and chat to the staff teams.

On Thursday 9th July, your child will spend the whole day in their new class. Please drop off your child at their new classroom and pick them up from there too. Year 2 will be heading to Reception for the day with Hedgehogs going to Tiger Class and Leopards going to Panda Class. It is also the Reception and Y1 class parties that day so Reception children will need to bring their party clothes. Staff will help them get changed and take them to the party. If your child is not going to the party, you will need to collect them from their new Year 1 class.

END OF YEAR REPORTS

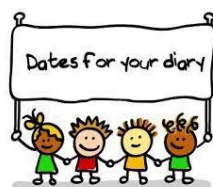
Individual end of year reports will be emailed to all classes on Tuesday 7th July. If, when you have read your child's report, you feel that you need a discussion with your child's teacher, please liaise directly with the teacher to arrange this.

REMINDER OF LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM

Our last day of the school year is Friday 17th July when we finish at 3pm. Cheeky Monkeys will be open until 6pm as normal that day.

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<u>JULY</u>		
6 th July	Story in new class and bring new class letters home.	
7 th July	Reports sent out to parents	
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	
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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Online Safety Newsletter

July 2026

Social media to be banned for under-16s

The government has announced that social media platforms will be blocked from offering services to under-16s from next Spring. The ban will include platforms like Snapchat, TikTok, YouTube, Instagram, Facebook and X.

Furthermore, there will also be blocks on live streaming and communication with strangers (these restrictions will also apply to 16 and 17-year-olds) and the government will also be looking at overnight curfews and breaks in infinite scrolling.

You can read the Government's press release here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/social-media-to-be-banned-for-under-16s-in-landmark-government-move-to-givekids-their-childhood-back>

In addition, you can find some FAQs here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/fact-sheet-new-rules-to-protect-children-online/fact-sheet-new-rules-to-protect-children-online>

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

WhatsApp

We frequently receive reports of children using WhatsApp inappropriately, such as sharing images to embarrass others, sending hurtful messages, spreading rumours, or excluding people from group chats to make them feel left out. It is important to think about whether WhatsApp is the right platform for your child. For example, you should consider if your child has the critical thinking skills to recognise bullying and can they manage peer pressure and refrain from joining in on hurtful behaviour?

Users should be at least 13 years old to use WhatsApp. WhatsApp have announced that they are rolling out the option of Parent-Managed accounts for those under the age of 13. The settings will include allowing you to choose who can contact your child and ensuring only you can add them to groups. Find out more here: <https://faq.whatsapp.com/894871699629864>

What should I be aware of if my child is using WhatsApp?

- **Group chats:** Everyone within a group, even if they are not one of your child's contacts, can see all messages within that group.
- **Inappropriate content:** users can be exposed to content that is not suitable for their age.
- **Location sharing:** talk to your child about the potential danger of sharing their location.
- **Chat lock/secret code:** users can lock chats as well as apply a secret code setting, so a chat does not appear in the main chat.
- **Screen time due to addictive nature**
- **AI:** WhatsApp includes Meta AI including Incognito Chat with Meta AI so nobody (including Meta) can read your conversations.

What can I do?

- Check privacy settings e.g. who can add them to groups.
- Ensure your child understands that they can leave a chat at any time. Find out more here: <https://faq.whatsapp.com/424124173736394>
- Show your child how to block and report other users. Find out how here: <https://faq.whatsapp.com/1142481766359885/>
- Set up appropriate parental controls.
- Talk about who they are chatting with, encourage them to think carefully about the messages they send and how they might be received.
- Chat to your child about the groups that they belong to.

Further information

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

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Livestreaming

What is livestreaming?

Livestreaming is when an individual broadcasts video live over the internet. People can watch livestreams from any device that is connected to the internet.

What are the risks?

There are risks associated with watching livestreams that you should be aware of. The main risk being that your child may see or hear something inappropriate as your child may come across themes or content that is not suitable for them. It is difficult to moderate live content as it is happening in real time.



How can I help my child?

- All online platforms have an age rating, ensure your child only accesses platforms that are appropriate to their age. For example, TikTok has an age rating of 13.
- For any platforms that your child uses, ensure appropriate parental controls and privacy settings are applied.
- Take an interest in what your child is doing online and on a regular basis, ask your child to show you what they are accessing.
- Ensure your child knows how to use any reporting/blocking tools on the app that they are using and as always please ensure that your child knows to talk to a trusted adult if they see anything that concerns them online.

Further information

- <https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/livestreaming-parents/>
- <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/what-is-live-streaming/>

Instagram: New supervision tool

You must be over 13 years of age to set up an account. Instagram is used to post photos and videos as well as send direct messages, make voice/video calls, and send disappearing messages.

Instagram have introduced a new supervision tool allowing parents/carers to view the general topics their child is engaging in. Find out more here: <https://about.fb.com/news/2026/05/new-supervision-tools-parents-insights-teens-algorithm/>

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Netflix Playground

Netflix Playground hosts a number of games aimed at kids aged 8 and younger. The games include Sesame Street and Peppa Pig.

It is available as an app to all Netflix subscribers and has no additional in-app purchases and no adverts. Find out more here:

<https://www.netflix.com/tudum/articles/playground-kids-game-hub-news>

Moving to secondary school

Is your child moving to Secondary school this year? If so, Internet Matters have published a variety of resources on their website to support this transition:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/moving-to-secondary-school-online-safety-guide/>

Screentime balance over the summer holidays

With Summer holidays approaching, we know children may be spending more time alone. Vodafone and SWGfL have published some advice on how to navigate common digital risks and tips on how to balance screen time. We hope you have a lovely, safe summer!

- <https://www.vodafone.co.uk/newscentre/features/digital-awareness-uk-30-digital-risks-young-people/>
- <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/balancing-screen-time-over-the-holidays-advice-for-parents-and-carers>

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One of our previous pupils Oscar Aspin is taking on the following challenge. Please read below from his mum.

Oscar who is now 12 and in Year 7 at Sprowston High School is taking on a massive challenge with his Dad. Anyone who remembers Oscar will know he's never been hugely into sport but he's really taken to biking. He and his Dad have decided they are going to bike from Norwich to Glastonbury (450km plus) in the Summer Holiday and they are doing it for his favourite dog rescue, where we got our much loved family dog Bluey from, Safe Rescue for Dogs.

I would love to be able to pass on to him any messages of support from his old Teachers, he's so proud of himself for doing it as are we obviously. He and Ben completed 108km yesterday in training and it went really well, with some much deserved cake at the end of it.

I've attached a poster which has a QR code for the go fund me page and also the link below.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/oscarandben?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=WA#supportersList

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[HTTP://NATIONALTENNIS.ORG.UK/CAMPS/NORFOLK](http://nationaltennis.org.uk/camps/norfolk)

CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION -
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