



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026



## Headteachers Message



Dear Parents/Carers,

This morning we were treated to a truly amazing Y3 class assembly that wowed children, parents and staff as they shared their learning in so many memorable and creative ways. Well done to all Year 3, it really was a pleasure to see you shine on our stage.

Last night we were delighted to meet the families of our new children starting in EYFS this September. It was lovely to welcome them to our Lea Family.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and restful half term break! Remember we close tomorrow at the normal time of 3.20pm and reopen on WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 8.40am.

Best regards

Lynne Slater - Head Teacher

## Weekly Tips & Signs

### National Year of Reading 2026

#### Tip of the week:

*Encourage re-reading favourite books – familiarity builds confidence and enjoyment.*

**Makaton**- supporting emerging language and communication.

*This week's sign of the week is:*

**Happy / Pleased**



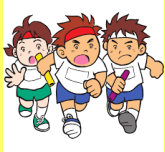
Happy/Pleased  
Two claps with cupped hands

## Car Parking



We have been made aware that there was yet again an incident of inconsiderate parking at drop off time this week. Please be courteous and thoughtful towards our neighbours in your parking. The incident this week resulted in an anonymous, verbally abusive phone call to our office team, who do not deserve this level of abuse. As always, any form of abuse will not be tolerated and school will take the appropriate actions to deal with this.

## Sports Day



Thank you to all who attended sports day and well done to all of the children who participated. We have had some lovely feedback from parents, including one parent who nominated staff for a Secretly Famous award for their support in encouraging our children to be determined and resilient to finish races with a smile and a huge sense of achievement.

## Job Vacancies within School

We are hiring!

We currently have 4x support staff vacancies (fixed term) starting in September.

Appropriate qualifications and experience are essential.

Please see the full advert details and how to apply via the LCC website, please see 'other information' for the full advert details:

### Grounds and Maintenance Manager




[https://schooljobs.lancashire.gov.uk/nt\\_vacancyDetails.asp?id=67729](https://schooljobs.lancashire.gov.uk/nt_vacancyDetails.asp?id=67729)

### Pastoral TA with an apprenticeship opportunity

[https://schooljobs.lancashire.gov.uk/nt\\_vacancyDetails.asp?id=67730](https://schooljobs.lancashire.gov.uk/nt_vacancyDetails.asp?id=67730)

### SEND TA with an apprenticeship opportunity

[https://schooljobs.lancashire.gov.uk/nt\\_vacancyDetails.asp?id=67728](https://schooljobs.lancashire.gov.uk/nt_vacancyDetails.asp?id=67728)

	<p><b>Intervention TA</b>  <a href="https://schooljobs.lancashire.gov.uk/nt_vacancyDetails.asp?id=67727">https://schooljobs.lancashire.gov.uk/nt_vacancyDetails.asp?id=67727</a></p>
<p><b>Savick Library Holiday Event</b></p> 	<p>The Friends of Savick Library are organising a series of free children's author visits to Savick Library during this year's school holidays. The first author visit will be by Kate Simkins on Wednesday the 27th of May 2026 from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm. The event is for children aged 8 years and above, it involves a hunt in the library to find hidden items.</p> <p><b>Children attending the event must be accompanied by a responsible adult.</b></p> <p>Booking for the event is by completing the following booking form  <a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfHaj18N5ghTOMHAOC769imWLqOxrn1PNMQdqav93j7zP4i7w/viewform">https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfHaj18N5ghTOMHAOC769imWLqOxrn1PNMQdqav93j7zP4i7w/viewform</a></p> <p>You can find out more about the event on the FOSL Facebook page or website and more about Kate and her books on her website <a href="https://www.kate-simkins.com/">https://www.kate-simkins.com/</a>  More children's author visits to Savick Library are planned for the summer holidays.</p>
<p><b>FREE SCHOOL MEALS ARE CHANGING!</b></p> <p><b>IS YOUR CHILD ELIGIBLE?</b></p>	<p><b>From September 2026 free school meals are changing</b> and being expanded to allow more children to become eligible. The government are changing their eligibility criteria so that more families can access the benefit and from September any families that are in receipt of Universal Credit will be eligible for a free school meal. Whilst <b>more children will be eligible</b>, annual free school meal applications must be made.</p> <p>Whilst all the details have not yet been confirmed we are asking ALL our families to complete the following Microsoft form so in September we can run a check for our families to see if their children are eligible for free school meals. We are hoping reapplying annually is something we can do on your behalf, so long as ALL families complete the attached Microsoft form.</p> <p>Here is the link to the form: <a href="https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/N1ayRAbvp9">https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/N1ayRAbvp9</a>  <b>Please could all families complete the form as soon as possible.</b></p> <p>If anyone would like some more information about the changes please have a look at this website as it has a little more information for parents:  <a href="https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2025/06/expanding-free-school-meals-what-parents-need-to-know/">https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2025/06/expanding-free-school-meals-what-parents-need-to-know/</a></p> <p>Unfortunately, we can also confirm that the free school meal vouchers over holiday periods have now come to an end so there will be no vouchers for May half term or the longer summer break.</p>
<p><b>School Uniform Reminder</b></p> 	<p>We encourage the children to take pride in their appearance but must stress that jewellery (only plain stud earrings are allowed- <b>NO</b> hoops), nail varnish and make-up (including transfer tattoos) are not part of our uniform and should not be worn to school under any circumstance. Children will be asked to remove them if they are evident in school. Summer uniforms may now be worn, green gingham dresses or grey school shorts. Black school shoes are still required</p>
<p><b>Preston's Youth Strategy</b></p> 	<p>The Preston Youth Strategy has been developed in conjunction with the Preston Youth Forum which is a network of youth service providers from the voluntary, community, faith, social enterprise and public sector from across the city. These services have worked hard to understand the issues facing young people, aged 8 to 25 in Preston and how youth related services across the city can work together to provide better support to help young people live to their full potential.</p> <p>Please find Preston's Youth Strategy 2025-2035 on the attached link.</p>

<file:///O:/Website/Preston's%20Youth%20Strategy%202025-2035.pdf>

### May Half Term Offers

For May half-term 2026 (starting 26th May), many UK restaurants offer free or £1 kids' meals,

#### Key Free/Cheap Kids' Meal Deals (May Half Term 2026):

- **Asda Cafes:** Kids eat for £1 all day, every day, with no minimum adult spend.
- **Bella Italia:** Kids eat free all day on Thursdays and for £1 Sunday-Wednesday (4-6pm).
- **Tesco Cafes:** Kids eat free with any adult purchase (Monday-Friday).
- **Pausa Cafe (Dunelm):** Kids eat free with every £4 adult spend.
- **Morrisons:** Kids eat free all day, every day with an adult meal over £5.
- **Sizzling Pubs:** Kids mains £1 with an adult main (Monday-Friday 3-7 PM)

### Holiday Club



Schools Out are open for Holiday Club during May half term from 26th May until 2nd June and have some lovely activities planned. Please contact them directly if you would like to make a booking.

### Half Term Events at the Harris

The Harris are running some children's events for half term. Please follow the link for more details:

<https://theharris.org.uk/press-news/may-half-term-activities/>



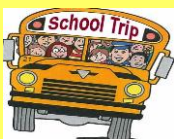
**May Half-Term at The Harris**  
**What's on this week?**



<b>Meet the Artist: Martin Brown</b> Saturday, 23 May in The Studio £3, booking required	1pm
<b>Horrid Harris Crafts</b> Monday, 25 May in The Studio £2, booking required	10am & 1pm
<b>The Harris: Sketch and Stroll</b> Wednesday, 27 May in The Studio £3, booking required	10am, 1pm & 3pm
<b>Baby Bounce &amp; Rhyme</b> Wednesday, 27 May in the Family Library Drop-in, no booking required	10.30am & 2.30pm
<b>Recycled Plastic Crafts</b> Thursday, 28 May in The Studio £3, booking required	1pm & 2.30pm
<b>Cave Bear Craft</b> Friday, 29 May in The Studio £2, booking required	10am & 1pm
<b>Lego Club</b> Every Saturday in The Studio Drop-in, no booking required	9.30am
<b>Storytime Sessions</b> Every Sunday in the Family Library Drop-in, no booking required	2.30pm



### School Trips



We have a number of exciting visits planned across the school this term. Our system will send reminder texts to help prompt you about upcoming payments.

It is important that all families contribute towards the cost of their child's visit. Unfortunately, the school is unable to continue subsidising missed payments and, in some cases, visits may have to be cancelled if sufficient contributions are not received. SCOPay offers the option to pay in instalments over the months leading up to the visit, which can help spread the cost.

### Coffee Mornings

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 9.00am - Children & Families Well-being drop-in.  
Unfortunately, this event has been cancelled by the Children & Families Well-Being team.

New Preston Youth Club in the area!

**FIRST KICK FOUNDATION** in partnership with **Preston City Council**

**AGES 8-16**

**PRESTON YOUTH CLUB**  
@LASCA COMMUNITY CENTRE

The club will provide a fun, safe, and engaging space for young people to come together, take part in activities, and make new friends.

Fun weekly activities such as sports, games, arts, music, and creative projects.

**CLUB OPENING TIMES**  
**Wednesday Evenings 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

Preesall Rd, Larches Ln, Ashton-on-Ribble, Preston PR2 1PQ

For more information call 01772 428086 or email [r.armstrong@firstkickfoundation.org](mailto:r.armstrong@firstkickfoundation.org)

**TOGETHER WE CAN CREATE**

This is a new Youth Club for 8-16 year olds Wednesdays 6-8pm, in the Lea/Ashton-on-Ribble area.

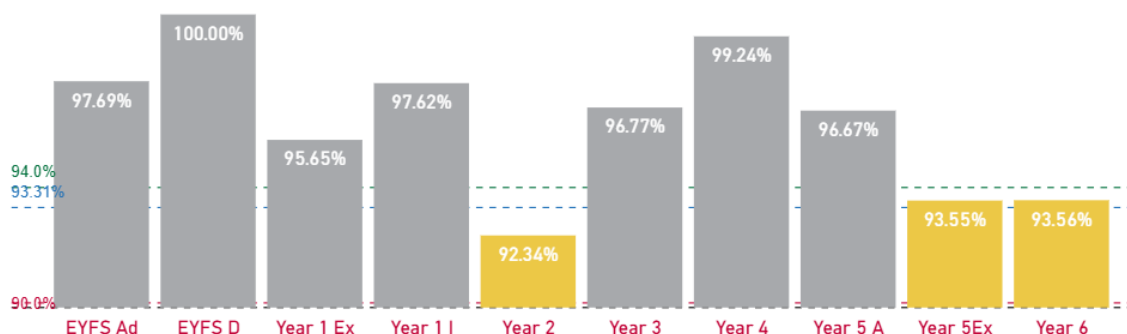
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**Attendance**



EYFS Discoverers were the winners of the attendance award for w/e 08/05/26 - with an attendance level of 100%! (closely followed by Year 4 with 99.24%) They earned the honour of looking after Attendasaurus for a week. Well done EYFS Discoverers!!



If you have any concerns or worries about getting your child into school, please contact Mrs Green or Miss Smith, who will be happy to help

**Class Assembly Dates**

Please go to our website and subscribe to our school calendar which will drop dates into your own calendar.  
<https://www.leacp.lancs.sch.uk/calendar/?calid=1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11&pid=6&viewid=5>

Class assembly dates. Assemblies start at 9.10am and are normally held on Thursday mornings.

Class	Date
Y2	To be rearranged
EYFS Dis	12 <sup>th</sup> Jun 26
EYFS Ad	19 <sup>th</sup> Jun 26
Y4	3 <sup>rd</sup> July 26
Y6 Leavers	17 <sup>th</sup> July 26

**Dates for your diary - Spring Term 2026**

- 22/05/26- Finish for Half Term 3.25pm
- 01/06/26 - INSET day
- 02/06/26 - INSET day
- 03/06/26 - Return after half term & INSETS
- 03-12/06/26 - Y6 Swimming Sessions
- 18/06/26- Y4 Mayan Workshop
- 25/06/26 - Y5 Greek Workshop
- 26/06/26 - Y6 Guild Wheel Bike Ride
- 09/07/26 - Open Evening
- 15/07/26- Performing Arts Assembly
- 16/07/26- Award Assembly
- 17/07/26 - Finish for summer hols 1.30pm



# Lea Community Primary School Calendar 2025/26



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	School Holidays LCC		INSET Days		1.30pm Early Closure