



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Thursday 10th September 2026



Headteachers Message



Dear Parents,

Once again, I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all of our families for your support this week. A particular thank you goes to those parents and carers who took the time to offer their positive support, kindness and reassurance. Your kind words, messages and sweet treats meant a great deal to our staff and the local policing team. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a supportive school community, and I am truly grateful for the understanding, encouragement and care that so many of you have shown.

Now for some sad but exciting news, Mrs Inman will be leaving us later this month to take on a new challenge within an academy trust.

Mrs Inman has been a hugely valued member of the Lea CPS team for the past 12½ years, and during that time she has shown incredible commitment, dedication and hard work. She has played such an important part in the life of our school, and her contribution has been very much appreciated by staff, children and families alike.

She will be sorely missed by everyone at Lea CPS, and whilst we are sad to see her leave, we are also excited for her as she begins this new chapter. We wish her every success and happiness in her new role — although we know she will always remain a very special part of the Lea family.

We are delighted that Miss Smith will be taking over as our new School Business Manager. We look forward to supporting her as she steps into this important role and wish her every success for the future...we have every confidence that she will be amazing!

Best Regards

Lynne Slater - Head Teacher

Attendance Matters!

Holidays in Term Time

As we begin a new school year, we would like to remind families of the importance of **regular school attendance**. Being in school every day is important not only for children's academic progress and learning, but also for their **mental wellbeing, friendships, confidence and sense of belonging**.

Every school day provides valuable opportunities for children to learn, develop relationships and take part in the wider life of our school. We therefore encourage all families to make attendance a priority and ensure that children are in school, on time, every day wherever possible.

Please be aware that **holidays taken during term time will not be authorised**.

Where a holiday is taken during term time and the circumstances meet the relevant criteria, families may also be liable for a **penalty notice/fine from Lancashire County Council**.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us to give every child the best possible start to the new school year.

Important: Staff Car Park -

No Parent Access

We would like to remind all parents and carers that, **with immediate effect, the staff car park must no longer be used by parents or carers for dropping off or collecting children**.

This applies to the **start and end of the school day, Breakfast Club and Schools Out (before 4.30pm)**.



Due to our increased staffing numbers, the staff car park is now much busier. More importantly, following the **serious incident last term**, we must take every possible step to ensure the safety of our children, families and staff. The staff car park is a **working area for staff and authorised vehicles only**. Parents and carers must not drive into, park in, or use the car park to drop off or collect children. We appreciate that this may be an inconvenience for some families, but **the safety of our children and staff must come first**. We ask that everyone follows this requirement consistently. In addition I must also request that families do not block driveways of our neighbours when dropping off or collecting children from either entrance. Thank you for your cooperation and continued support in keeping our school site safe. A disabled parking space is available for those with a valid blue badge who are coming into school.

Uniform Expectations



We encourage the children to take pride in their appearance and to wear their uniform and badge with pride. All uniform and PE items should be unbranded, apart from items with the Lea logo. Black school shoes should be worn every day except for PE days when plain black trainers should be worn. With regard to jewellery, only plain stud earrings are allowed- **NO** hoops, no bracelets or necklaces should be worn. 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 be worn after the Easter break, green gingham dresses for girls and grey school shorts for boys. Black school shoes are still required. **Our school uniform policy and uniform requirements can be found via the following links:**
<https://www.leacp.lancs.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=87&type=pdf>
<https://www.leacp.lancs.sch.uk/page/?title=School+Uniform&pid=144>

Y6 SATs Week 10-13/05/27

Parents of Y6 children please be aware that your child's SATs will take place from Monday 10th May - Thursday 13th May 2027. Please do not book any holidays during this time.

Open Day for EYFS applicants Sept 2027

We are excited to welcome parents and children to our school in preparation for our September 2027 intake.
Friday 2nd Oct 10am
Wednesday 18th Nov 1.30pm and 4pm
Look out for a link for a booking form in future newsletters

School Admissions September 2027 Primary and Secondary Schools



School admissions are now open!
Secondary school admissions: If your child is in Year 6 you can now apply for their secondary school place at: www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools
It's quick and easy to do and you will receive email confirmation of your application. **You must apply even if you already have siblings in school.** If you live in Lancashire you can include out of area preferences on your online application.
Saturday 31 October 2026 - National closing date for secondary applications for Sept 2027 (statutory).
For guidance on high school transport see: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/school-transport/>.
Primary School Admissions: If your child is in their last year of pre-school/nursery* you can now apply for their primary school place at: www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

	It's quick and easy to do and you will receive email confirmation of your application. You must apply even if you already have siblings in school. If you live in Lancashire you can include out of area preferences on your online application. Friday 15 January 2027 - National closing date for primary applications for Sept 2026 (statutory). Friday 16 April 2027 - Offers issued to parents (The national offer date is 16 April, if this date falls on a weekend or a bank holiday, offers are sent the next working day.)
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Free School Meals 	Universal free school meals are an automatic entitlement for all children in EYFS, Y1 and Y2. If you get any of the qualifying benefits, your child's school can get extra funding, called pupil premium. If your child is in Y3 or above, your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the qualifying benefits. If your financial circumstances have changed and you think you may be eligible, please visit: https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/ to check eligibility and apply.
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Class Assembly Dates 	Look out for dates coming soon! 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	Dates for your diary - Autumn Term	02/10/26 - Open am for Sept 27 Starters 05/10/26 - Nasal Flu Vaccine Day 18/11/26- Open pm for Sept 27 Starters 31/10/26 - Applications close for High Schools 18/11/26- Open pm for Sept 27 Starters 15/01/27 - Applications close Primary School 10-13/05/27 - Y6 SATs week
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