



Headteacher – Mrs Rachel Hocking

3 September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you have all had a lovely summer break and this finds you all safe and well. The weather has certainly been kind to us. This makes all the difference! For those families who have worked with us previously, we look forward to working with you once again. Those families, who are new to our school – welcome. Whichever bracket you fall into, it is a privilege to be part of your child's education.

As last year, to help families prepare for numerous school events, I am writing to share some dates and key information in school for this academic year. Such information will also feature in our monthly newsletters, weekly bulletin and on our school website. Whilst we endeavour to adhere to such dates, please be mindful, there will be times these need to change.

PE Days

In order to support fundamental life skill and preparation for the future, children in Years 1-Year 6 are asked to get changed into PE kits in school. We have allocated changing areas/rooms around school in order to accommodate this. This is based upon the phase in which the children are educated. Children are welcome to keep kit in school or bring it in on PE days. PE days for the autumn term are:

- Monday: Oak (Miss Glendenning) and Chestnut (Mrs Armstrong)
- Tuesday: Birch (Miss Atkinson) and Sycamore (Miss Stephenson)
- Wednesday: Oak (Miss Glendenning) and Birch (Miss Atkinson) (outside) Pine (Miss McCumiskey), Chestnut (Mrs Armstrong) and Sycamore (Miss Stephenson)
- Thursday: Elm (Miss Cook), Fir (Miss Chapman) and Maple (Miss Collins)
- Friday: Juniper (Miss Thubron), Cedar (Mrs Warren/Mr Home)

Years 4 and 5 will be swimming on a Wednesday morning, a separate letter will follow this.

Forest School and Muddy Monsters

Following the successes from last year, we are thrilled, once again, to welcome back Muddy Monsters for one day a week (Wednesday). Year 3 will receive a weekly session with Years 1 and 2 accessing the provision on a half termly basis. The sessions will be linked to the National Curriculum and make use of our fantastic grounds.

We will write out to year groups separately to advise when it is your child's turn.

Forest school will continue for Nursery and Reception led by our staff. Please ensure wellies and spare clothes are brought into school as soon as possible.

Year 1 learners will continue to access our treasure garden as part of their outdoor learning.

Pick Up Times

The times for collection at the end of the school day are:

- Nursery: 3.15pm-3.30pm (allowing parents to navigate the school site for sibling collection)
- Reception: 3.20pm
- Year 1 and Year 2: 3.25pm
- Year 3-Year 6: 3.30pm

Breakfast Club and Wrap around Care

Our Breakfast Club starts at 7:45am and is staffed by members of our team, in the school hall. The cost is £3.00, per child, per day. Those who are entitled to free school meals, breakfast club will be offered at no cost. Please contact the office for further information. If you wish to book a place at breakfast club, please do so using your Eduspot account. When dropping children off for breakfast club, please remember the staff car park is only to be used by Blue Badge holders. Drop off for breakfast club is on the Key Stage One yard.

After school wrap around care:

CARE Kids runs every night until 6:00pm. Such facility is operated by our staff team, once again, in the school grounds. The costs are below:

- Until 4:30pm: £6.00 per child, per night.
- Until 6:00pm: £10.00 per child, per night.

Bookings can be made via your Edupot account. Bookings are to be made no later than one week in advance.

Celebrated Events in School

Below is a list of some celebrations in school and parent events. More information will follow closer to individual events. Throughout the year more will be added, sporting events and trips, for example. Whilst we will try to keep to these, dates, some may change due to unforeseen circumstances.

September	
8 th	Stay and Play for families new to Nursery.
11 th	Parent Coffee Morning. 9:15am – 11:00am
October	
1 st	Phonics Workshop: Parent session for reception aged children. An insight as to how we teach phonics in school and how you can support your child. 9:15am or 2:30pm
7 th	Co-operate Afternoon – Parent and child learn together event. 2:15pm. Year 1 – 6 only.
21 st , 22 nd and 23 rd	Autumn term open evening for parents/carers. Sign up slots to be shared closer to the event (3:45pm – 5:45pm).
22 nd	Class assembly – Sycamore - parents/carers invited to attend. 3.00pm start.
November	
5 th	Firework/Spooky Day in Nursery and Reception. Children invited to come to school dressed in their Halloween costumes for a day of fun and Halloween crafts. This is an in-school event only; Parents need not attend.
w.c. 10 th	Anti-bullying week in school. More information to follow. Parent Coffee Morning 9:15am.
12 th	Class assembly - Chestnut - parents/carers invited to attend. 3.00pm start.
14 th	Charity Event: Children in Need. Activities in school. Parents need not attend.
26 th	Class assembly – Juniper – parents/carers invited to attend. 3.00pm start
27 th	Decorations Day. Parents invited into school 2:30 – 3:30pm. Years 1 – 6 only. Christmas Jumper Swap Shop in the Hall.
December	
4 th	Christmas Disco: Nursery – Year 2: 4:15pm – 5:00pm Years 3-6: 5:30pm – 6:15pm Online safety session will be available for parents to attend whilst children are at the disco.
5 th	Christmas Jumper day and Christmas lunch in school.
10 th	Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity in the school hall. 9:30am and 2:00pm. Parents welcome to attend.
12 th	Christmas Fair. 3:00pm. More information to follow.
15 th	Christmas Party: Years 5 and 6. Afternoon.
16 th	KS2 (Years 3-6 children to attend only) service at All Saints Church. All children singing. Years 3 and 4 narrating. Sign Squad signing some of the songs.
16 th	Christmas Party: Years 3 and 4. Afternoon.
17 th	Winter Wonderland: Parents invited into school to enjoy Christmas activities and songs in the school grounds with children in Reception and Nursery. Time to be confirmed.
17 th	Christmas Party: Years 1 and 2. Afternoon.
18 th	Christmas Party: Nursery and Reception.
January	
14 th	Parent Coffee Morning
21 st	Class assembly – Cedar - parents/carers invited to attend. 3.00pm start.
February	
6 th	Respect Afternoon – Parent and child learn together event. 2:15pm. Year 1 – 6 only.
4 th	Class assembly – Hazel and Pine – parents/carers invited to attend. 3.00pm start.

13th	INSET. School closed to children.
18 th	Class assembly – Maple - parents/carers invited to attend. 3.00pm start.
March	
6 th	World Book Day. Children invited to come to school dressed as a favourite character.
17 th , 18 th & 19 th	Spring term open evening for parents/carers. Sign up slots to be shared closer to the event (3:45pm – 5:30pm).
18 th	Class assembly – Oak – parents/carers invited to attend. 3.00pm start
21 st	Comic Relief. More Information to follow.
April	
1 st	Early Years Spring Day. Parent/carer event. More information to follow.
1 st	Class assembly – Birch – parents/carers invited to attend. 3.00pm start
29 th	Parent Coffee Morning.
May	
6 th	Class assembly – Elm – parents/carers invited to attend. 3.00pm start
11 th	SATS week for Year 6 children. Statutory assessments can only be administered in this week.
20 th	Class assembly – Fir – parents/carers invited to attend. 3.00pm start
June	
w.c 1 st	Multiplication Screen for Year 4 children. Statutory assessments can only be administered in this week.
w.c. 8 th	Phonics screen week for all Year 1 children and some Year 2. Statutory assessments can only be administered in this week.
10 th	Parent Coffee Morning
29 th	Sports Day: Nursery, Years 3 – 6: 9:15am Reception, Years 1 and 2: 1:30pm
July	
13 th	Year 5 and 6 End of Year Performance. 9:30am and 2:15pm.
17 th	Summer Service at All Saints Church. 9:30am

Communication

If you need to speak with your child's class teacher, please contact the school office and they will arrange for the class teacher to contact you via telephone. The school office number is: 0191 4334080. Please note, the school Office is open from 8:30am until 4:30pm. Calls outside of these hours will direct you to an answer machine. Messages will be checked the following working day.

During the last year we have refined our communication channels with you. The following approaches will be taken:

- **Monthly Newsletter:** These will include future dates, celebrations, notices and points of interest.
- **Weekly Bulletin:** Events for the week ahead will be shared with any timely reminders.
- **Text Messages:** This service will be used when we need to communicate messages quickly

Please do remember to follow our school Facebook page and website where we will share celebrations and upcoming events in school. <https://www.lobleyhillprimaryschool.co.uk/>

Thank you to all parents/carers who took the time to complete the parental survey. The feedback concluded that 99% of our children feel safe in school and 96% are happy. Parents also appreciated our weekly newsletter which we are delighted is helping improve communication.

In response to the survey, we will now turn our attention to supporting children's wider development through our PSHE curriculum and aspirations.

Term Dates 2025-26

School opens to Reception-Y6 pupils on Tuesday 2 September 2025
(INSET Day Monday 1 September)

Autumn Half Term Break 2025:

School closes Friday 24 October and reopens Monday 3 November

Christmas Break 2025:

School closes Friday 19 December and reopens Monday 5 January

Spring Half Term Break 2026:

School closes Friday 20 February and reopens Monday 2 March
(INSET Day Friday 13 February)

Easter Break 2026:

School closes Thursday 2 April and reopens Monday 20 April
(May Day Holiday – Monday 4 May)

Summer Half Term Break 2026:

School closes Friday 22 May and reopens Monday 1 June
(Summer INSET to be confirmed in line with LA polling arrangements)

Summer Break 2026:

School closes Friday 17 July

Many thanks for your support, I look forward to working with you and your children once again this year.

Take care.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Rachel Hocking
Headteacher