



Executive Headteacher – Mrs Rachel Hocking

3 September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you and your family have had a wonderful summer break and enjoyed some special time together.

It has been an absolute delight to welcome the children back to school this week. I am pleased to share that they have settled in extremely well and have returned with enthusiasm, positivity and a real readiness to learn. It has been lovely to see the school buzzing with energy once again.

I would also like to extend a very warm welcome to all of the new families who have joined our school community this year. We are delighted to have you with us and look forward to getting to know you in the months ahead. To our existing families, thank you for your continued support. We greatly value our partnership with you and look forward to working together throughout the year to ensure the very best outcomes for all of our children.

The start of a new academic year is always an exciting time, bringing fresh opportunities, new experiences and lots of learning. As ever some of the dates we have planned for the year, are in this letter

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to our school. We are excited about the year ahead and look forward to working with you all.

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. Children are welcome to keep kit in school or bring it in on PE days. PE days for the autumn term are:

- Monday: Birch (Miss Atkinson) Outdoor, Fir (Miss Collins), Cedar (Mrs Warren/Miss Pattison) Y3/4 Indoor
- Tuesday: Chestnut (Mrs Armstrong) Indoor and Sycamore (Miss Stephenson) Indoor
- Wednesday: Elm (Miss Cook) Indoor, Oak (Miss Glendenning) Indoor and Juniper (Miss Thubron) Outdoor

- Thursday: Oak (Miss Glendenning) Outdoor, Pine (Miss McCumiskey) and Maple (Mr Home) Indoor
- Friday: Elm (Miss Cook) Outdoor, Birch (Miss Atkinson) Indoor and Juniper (Miss Thubron) Indoor

Year 4 and children in Pine class (not Y3 children) will be swimming on a Wednesday morning, a separate letter will follow this.

Forest School and Muddy Monsters

Following the successes from previous years, we are thrilled, once again, to welcome back Muddy Monsters for one day a week (Wednesday). Year 3 and Year 6 will receive a weekly session throughout the year. The sessions will be linked to the National Curriculum and make use of our fantastic grounds. A separate letter will follow.

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 Arbor 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 at the times below. Please note that there will be **NO** admission the main reception doors outside these time:

7.45am-7.55am

8.15am-8.25am

In line with safeguarding procedures, no one will be admitted via the school office. The school office does not open until 8.30am

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 and payments can be made via your Arbor account. The booking system will close on a Monday morning and any changes will need to be telephoned into the main office.

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. PLEASE NOTE - Whilst we will try to keep to these, dates, some may change due to unforeseen circumstances.

September	
7 th	Stay and Play for families new to Nursery.
10 th	Parent Coffee Morning. 9:15am – 11:00am
30 th	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
October	
6 th	Co-operate Afternoon – Parent and child learn together event. 2:15pm. Year 1 – 6 only.
7 th -9 th	Y6 Residential to Robinwood
13 th , 14 th , & 15 th	Autumn term open evening for parents/carers. Sign up slots to be shared closer to the event (3:45pm – 5:45pm).
21 st	ARMS Coffee Afternoon. 2.15pm
21 st	Class assembly – Sycamore - parents/carers invited to attend. 3.00pm start.
November	
4 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. 9 th	Anti-bullying week in school. More information to follow. Parent Coffee Morning 9:15am-11.00am
11 th	Class assembly - Chestnut - parents/carers invited to attend. 3.00pm start.
13 th	Charity Event: Children in Need. Activities in school. Parents need not attend.
25 th	Class assembly – Juniper – parents/carers invited to attend. 3.00pm start
26 th	Parent Workshop – Online Safety. 1.30pm

	Decorations Day. Parents invited into school 2:30 – 3:30pm. Years 1 – 6 only. Christmas Jumper Swap Shop in the Hall.
December	
3 rd	Christmas Disco: Nursery and Reception: 2.30pm-3.10pm Year 1 and 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.
4 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. £1 entry
11 th	Christmas Fair. 3:00pm. More information to follow.
14 th	Christmas Party: Years 5 and 6. Afternoon
15 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.
15 th	Christmas Party: Years 1 and 2. Afternoon.
15 th	Winter Wonderland: Parents invited into school to enjoy Christmas activities and songs in the school grounds with children in Reception and Nursery. 9.15am-10.45am/1.15pm-2.45pm – times to be allocated to children
16 th	Christmas Party: Years 3 and 4. Afternoon
17 th	Christmas Party: Nursery and Reception.
January	
13 th	Parent Coffee Morning. 9.15am-11.00am
20 th	Class assembly – Cedar - parents/carers invited to attend. 3.00pm start.
February	
3 rd	Class assembly – Fir – parents/carers invited to attend. 3.00pm start.
5 th	Respect Afternoon – Parent and child learn together event. 2:15pm. Year 1 – 6 only.
March	
3 rd	Class assembly – Maple – parents/carers invited to attend. 3.00pm start.
5 th	World Book Day. Children invited to come to school dressed as a favourite character.
16 th , 17 th & 18 th	Spring term open evening for parents/carers. Sign up slots to be shared closer to the event (3:45pm – 5:30pm).
19 th	Comic Relief. More Information to follow.
24 th	Early Years Spring Day. Parent/carer event. More information to follow.
April	
21 st	Class assembly – Birch – parents/carers invited to attend. 3.00pm start
28 th	Parent Coffee Morning. 9.15am-11.00am
May	
10 th	SATS week for Year 6 children. Statutory assessments can only be administered in this week.
26 th	Class assembly – Oak – parents/carers invited to attend. 3.00pm start
June	
wc 7 th	Multiplication Screen for Year 4 children. Statutory assessments can only be administered in this week.
9 th	Parent Coffee Morning. 9.15am-11.00am

wc 14 th	Phonics screen week for all Year 1 children and some Year 2. Statutory assessments can only be administered in this week.
23 rd	Class assembly – Elm – parents/carers invited to attend. 3.00pm start
28 th	Sports Day: Nursery, Years 3 – 6: 9:15am Reception, Years 1 and 2: 1:30pm
July	
12 th	Year 5 and 6 End of Year Performance. 9:30am and 2:15pm.
16 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:

- **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.

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
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Term Dates 2026-27

Autumn Half Term Break 2026:

School closes Friday 23 October and reopens Monday 2 November

Christmas Break 2026:

School closes Friday 18 December and reopens Monday 4 January

Spring Half Term Break 2027:

School closes Friday 12 February and reopens Monday 22 February

Easter Break 2027:

School closes Thursday 25 March and reopens Monday 12 April
(May Day Holiday – Monday 3 May)

Summer Half Term Break 2027:

School closes Friday 28 May and reopens Monday 7 June
(Summer INSET to be confirmed in line with LA polling arrangements)

Summer Break 2027:

School closes Friday 16 July