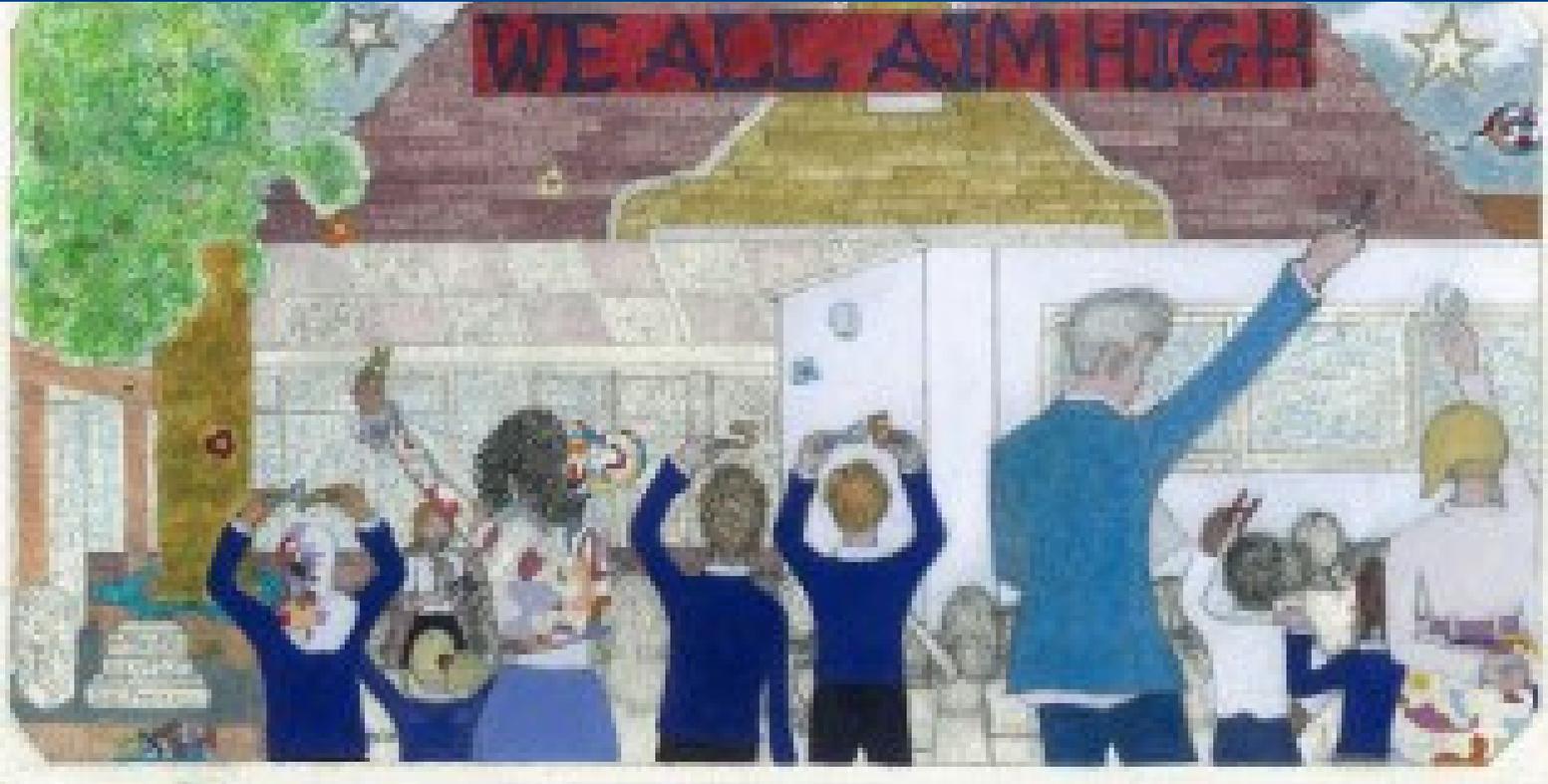


— February 2026 —

Lancasterian Launch

A safe and welcoming learning community where:

- *we all aim high;*
- *everyone is included*
- *creativity is valued.*



Welcome to Our School Newsletter

Welcome to this month's edition of our school newsletter. At Lancasterian Primary School, we are proud to be a safe, welcoming and inclusive learning community where every child is encouraged to aim high and reach their full potential.

Our school is at the heart of Tottenham, a vibrant and diverse part of London, and we are incredibly proud of the many cultures, languages and experiences that make up our school community. Each month, our newsletter is a chance to share some of the wonderful learning, achievements and events that take place across the school.

In this edition, you will see highlights from our classrooms, celebrations from around the school, and important updates for families. We hope this newsletter helps you feel connected to the exciting learning and experiences happening every day at Lancasterian.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us create a positive and inspiring environment for all our children.



Mother Tongue Celebration



By Monika Sulecka

Last week our school celebrated Mother Tongue Day, recognising the many languages and cultures that make up our school community. The celebration was organised by the EAL team and provided a great opportunity to highlight and appreciate the linguistic diversity within our school.

The week began with a whole-school assembly on Monday, where students learned about the importance of mother tongues and how language connects us to culture, identity and family.

Throughout the week, classes also had a go at taking the register in different languages, giving students a chance to hear and practise greetings and responses from some of the languages spoken in our school community.

The main celebration took place on Thursday 26th February, when we were delighted to welcome more than 35 parents into classrooms across the school. Parents shared poems, stories, songs and extracts from books in their home languages with the children.

Students listened with great interest and enjoyed hearing different languages being spoken. Many parents also taught the children simple words and phrases such as “good morning” and “thank you”, which the children were excited to practise.

The event was a lovely way to celebrate the rich diversity of languages in our school and to involve families in sharing an important part of their culture with the children. Thank you to all the parents who took part and helped make the celebration such a positive experience for everyone.

We look forward to celebrating again next year!



Nursery Places – September 2026

Are you currently looking for a nursery place for your child starting in September 2026?

Our Early Years Provision, for children aged 2–4, was judged Outstanding by Ofsted in June 2023, and we are proud to provide a nurturing and stimulating environment where our youngest learners can grow, explore and thrive.

Many families may be eligible for 15 or 30 hours of free childcare for children aged 2–4, with the option to top up sessions and access wraparound care from 7:45am–6:00pm.

The application deadline is 15th May 2026, and we strongly encourage families to apply early to avoid missing out on a place.

Applications can be completed via the Nursery section of our school website: lancasterianprimary.co.uk/key-information/nursery

Nursery Tours

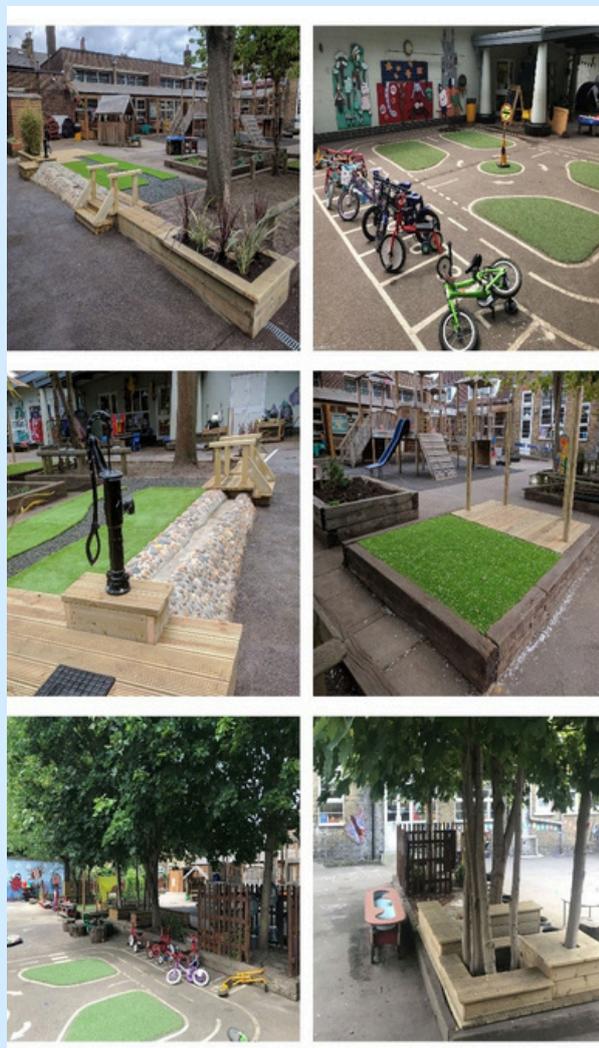
We are pleased to offer school tours for families who would like to find out more about our nursery provision and see our Early Years environment in action.

Tour times: 9:15am – 10:15am

- Tuesday 10th March 2026
- Wednesday 22nd April 2026
- Tuesday 5th May 2026

Please note that tour bookings open the day after each previous tour date and can be booked via the link on our website.

We would also greatly appreciate it if you could share this information with neighbours, friends and family who may be looking for a nursery place for their child.



WORLD BOOK DAY

“Go All In” – 2026 Theme



We had a fantastic World Book Day on Thursday. The theme for this year was ‘Go all in’ to link with the 2026 National Year of Reading. Children and staff amazed us with their brilliant costumes celebrating their favourite characters and books.



We had a fun catwalk in assembly and enjoyed reading activities throughout the day. Children shared their favourite books and designed their own Dream Library which will support our upcoming library refurbishment.



The most important part of World Book Day is reading all year round! We encourage families to read together for 20 minutes every evening and enjoy the magic of books.

STEM Week: Natural Disasters

Exploring science, engineering and maths through exciting experiments!



"Testing our earthquake shelters was the best part of STEM week!"



STEM WEEK ADVENTURES

During our STEM Week, with the exciting theme of Natural Disasters pupils took part in a range of hands-on challenges and experiments.

Working in teams, children designed and built earthquake-safe shelters using different materials. They then tested their structures using earthquake simulators to see which designs could withstand the shaking!



CAROUSEL ACTIVITIES

- Spaghetti & marshmallow tower challenge
- Volcano eruption Explosive experiments
- Engineering challenges



SPECIAL WORKSHOPS

- 🤖 Robotics & Coding Amber Labs
- 🧪 Explosive Chemistry w/ Andrew Szydlo
- 🧠 Interactive Maths Brainwave Education



Year 6 Visit to Northeastern University



Alem Class recently visited Northeastern University to learn more about higher education and what university life is like.

During the visit, the children were inspired by current university students who spoke about their degrees, accommodation and their experiences of studying at university.

The class enjoyed a special tour of the campus, where they had the opportunity to look in on real university lectures and explore the learning spaces.

To end the day, the children even took part in their own graduation ceremony, celebrating their learning and imagining their future journeys in education.

It was an inspiring and memorable visit for everyone involved!



"It was exciting to see what university life is like!"





Secondary School Offers – Year 6

Dear Parents/Carers,

You should now have received communication from the School Admissions Team regarding your child's secondary school offer. If you have not received this information, please: Check your junk or spam email folders, or log back into your e-Admissions account to view the offer.

Important Deadline

Offer Acceptance Deadline:
16 March 2026

Parents who applied online should accept their offer through the admissions portal:

 www.eadmissions.org.uk

More information can also be found on the Haringey Council website:

www.haringey.gov.uk/schools-learning/schools/school-admissions

Considering an Appeal?

If you are considering not accepting the offered school place and would like to make an appeal, please contact the School Admissions Team for advice.

 0208 489 1000

Appeal Deadline:

13 April 2026

Further guidance is available here:

www.haringey.gov.uk/children-and-families/schools-and-education/school-admissions/appeals

Transfer of School Records

The school will transfer your child's records to their new secondary school at the end of the Summer Term 2026 (by 11 July 2026).

If your child's secondary school destination changes, please inform the school office in writing:

 admin@lancs-pri.haringey.sch.uk

First Kicks Easter Sports

Camp

We are pleased to share an exciting Easter holiday opportunity for our families. First Kicks will be running a 7-day Easter Sports Camp at Lancasterian Primary School as part of the HAF programme for children who are eligible for Benefit-Related Free School Meals.

★ Lancasterian pupils will have priority booking, so we encourage families to register as soon as possible.

Camp Dates

Week 1:

- Monday 30 March 2026
- Tuesday 31 March 2026
- Wednesday 1 April 2026
- Thursday 2 April 2026

Week 2:

- Wednesday 8 April 2026
- Thursday 9 April 2026
- Friday 10 April 2026

Time

9:30am – 3:00pm

Cost:

The camp will be FREE for eligible children through the HAF programme. Spaces are limited, so early registration is recommended.

Activities Include

Children will take part in a variety of fun sports including:

- Football
- Basketball
- Netball
- Tennis
- Tag Rugby
- Handball
- Hockey
- Team-building games

How to Book

Parents can register using the link below:

First Kicks Easter HAF Sports Camp at Lancasterian Primary School. You will be asked to provide your Haringey HAF voucher code closer to the Easter holidays. First Kicks will then confirm your child's place.

Contact

Email: firstkickssportscamp@hotmail.com
Instagram: @firstkickssports

If your child has additional needs, please contact First Kicks before booking so suitable arrangements can be made.

Key Date & Upcoming Events

Spring Term Events



Tues 10th Mar & Thurs 12th
Mar

Parents/Carers Evening



Wed 25th March

Eid Celebration Event



Week Beginning 16th March

Assessment Week



Mon 30th Mar - Fri 10th
Apr

Easter Holidays



Thurs 19th Mar - Fri 20th Mar

Eid al-Fitr



Fri 20th March

Red Nose Day



W/C 27th April

Neurodiversity



SCOOTER & BIKE REMINDER



A gentle reminder to parents and carers to please take your child's scooter or bike home at the end of each school day.

Scooters and bikes should not be left overnight on school premises. Please also take padlocks home rather than leaving them attached to fences or racks.

This helps us keep the site safe, secure and clear for everyone.

★ *Thank you for helping keep our school site safe and tidy.*

Attendance Reminder

Why Attendance Matters?

Regular attendance is vital for your child's learning progress and wellbeing. Pupils are expected to attend school every day for the full academic year unless there is an exceptional reason for absence.

The school is legally required to take the attendance register twice each day.

Morning Registration

- 8:30am – Year 6
- 8:50am – Reception
- 8:55am – KS1
- 9:00am – KS2

Afternoon Registration

- Taken during the afternoon session.

All absences are recorded using a specific attendance code depending on the reason provided.

Types of Absence:

✓ Authorised Absence

These absences are approved by the school when a valid reason is provided.

Examples include:

- Illness preventing attendance
- Medical or dental appointments (with evidence)
- Religious observance (with prior notice)
- Bereavement of a close family member

Religious absence requests should be submitted via the absence request form or by emailing: admin@lancs-pri.haringey.sch.uk

✗ Unauthorised Absence

These absences are not approved by the school.

Examples include:

- Parent or family member illness
- Inadequate clothing for school
- Transport problems
- Non-urgent medical treatment
- School refusal or truancy
- Birthdays, shopping trips or family holidays

The school may review and change an absence classification if new information becomes available.

Please Remember:

Legal Requirements

If a pupil is absent for 10 consecutive days without explanation:

- The Haringey Education Welfare Service will be notified.
- Children's Services may visit the last known address if contact cannot be made.

Please ensure the school always has up-to-date contact details.

Persistent Absence

The government defines persistent absence as attendance below 90% (missing 10% of the school year, approximately 3 weeks of learning).

★ Let's work together to ensure every child attends regularly and doesn't miss out on valuable learning opportunities.



Nursery Attendance

Reminder

Funded Places (15 & 30 Hours)

We would like to remind parents that nursery places funded through the 15-hour or 30-hour Early Education entitlement are provided to support children who attend their allocated sessions regularly.

Why is it important?

Regular attendance is very important as it helps children:

- Settle into nursery routines
- Build friendships
- Benefit fully from their early learning experiences

Important Information

If a child with a funded place is regularly absent or does not attend their allocated sessions, the school may need to review the place.

In some circumstances, if attendance does not improve and we have not been informed of the reason for absence, the funded place may be withdrawn and offered to another child on the waiting list.

Let Us Know

If your child is unable to attend nursery for any reason, please inform the school office as soon as possible.

If you are experiencing any difficulties that are affecting attendance, please speak to us. We are always happy to offer support where we can.



Evidence for Illness & Medical Absences

GP Appointments

- Please ask your GP for an appointment card showing the date and time of the appointment.
- A letter addressed to the school is not required.
- If the practice initially says they cannot provide this, politely explain that the school requires confirmation to authorise the absence.



Hospital Appointments

- Please bring or email a copy of your hospital booking letter.
- The letter should clearly show the date and time of the appointment.



A&E Visits

- Please request an attendance card from A&E (these are usually provided).
- If this is not available, you may request:
 - Discharge notes, or
 - A copy of the letter sent to your GP.
- If you are unable to obtain this at the hospital, you may contact your GP a few days later and request a copy of the letter they received from A&E.



Should I Keep My Child Off School?

If your child is unable to attend school, please inform the school office as soon as possible.

- Phone: 0208 808 8088
- Email: admin@lancs-pri.haringey.sch.uk

This helps us ensure that all pupils are accounted for and that attendance records are accurate.

Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Children	at least 48 hrs from the onset of the rash and until all lesions have cleared
Diarrhoea and vomiting	at least 48 hrs but advice may vary
Cold and Flu like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to return to school. See the national guidance for the latest advice for COVID-19.
Hypertile	their eyes have cleared and healed, or 48 hours after they have cleared.
Measles	4 days after the rash has appeared
Scarlet fever	5 days after the swelling started
Sore throat	48 hrs after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	at least 48 hrs after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Head Lice	24 hours
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Advice and guidance
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or use the QR code or visit <https://nhs.uk/health>.



48 Hour Rule

If your child has experienced vomiting or diarrhoea, they must remain at home for **48 hours** after the symptoms have stopped before returning to school.

This policy helps prevent illness from spreading and keeps our school community healthy.

Diarrhoea and vomiting in children

There's no specific cure for stomach bugs such as **Norovirus**. The tips to reduce the spread and most symptoms.

48 HOURS

other symptoms have passed. This is enough time to let the virus pass its course.

25 different strains of Norovirus are known to affect humans. They're the most common cause of stomach bugs in the UK.

Home Treatment:

- Washing hands frequently and thoroughly helps limit the spread of the virus.
- Prepare a bowl of hot water to use for hand and surface disinfection.
- Use a 70% alcohol hand sanitizer.
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Contact Us:

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