

— April 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.





A MESSAGE FROM OUR CO-HEADTEACHERS

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Easter break and are ready for the start of what is always a busy and rewarding summer term at Lancasterian Primary School.

This term brings with it so many opportunities to celebrate the hard work and achievements of our pupils. We are particularly looking forward to recognising those children who embody our school values, as we announce our Values Ambassadors for **High Aspirations and Respect**.

There are also important milestones ahead for many of our year groups. We wish our Year 6 pupils every success as they approach their **SATs**, and we know they will give their very best. Our Year 4 children will be taking part in the **Multiplication Tables Check**, Year 1 pupils will complete their **Phonics Screening Check**, and we look forward to seeing our Reception children demonstrate their learning as they work towards a **Good Level of Development**.

Alongside these key moments, we are excited about the many wider experiences the term will bring. In particular, we look forward to celebrating our **Year 6** pupils at their prom—a well-deserved event that reflects all the effort and commitment they have shown throughout their time at Lancasterian.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to working together over the coming weeks to ensure all of our children continue to thrive.

With best wishes,
Charlotte and Paul
Co-Headteachers

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*An unforgettable week of challenge,
teamwork and discovery in South Wales*



OUR PENDARREN EXPERIENCE

Year 6 recently enjoyed an unforgettable trip to Pendarren Centre in the beautiful Welsh countryside.

Each morning, pupils showed determination and focus during their SATs revision sessions. In the afternoons, the real adventure began.

From soaring through the air on the zipline to tackling challenging climbing walls, pupils pushed themselves to try new things, build confidence and show resilience.

A highlight for many was the breathtaking waterfall walk, where children slid down waterfalls and jumped into lakes.

Throughout the week, pupils supported and encouraged one another, showing fantastic teamwork, kindness and courage.

We were incredibly proud to see children overcoming fears, stepping outside their comfort zones and embracing every challenge with enthusiasm.



Witnessing our children overcoming their fears and supporting and encouraging one another has got to be one of the best parts of our week away.



AN INCREDIBLE WEEK!

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We had an incredible week at @pendarrencentre in South Wales with Year 6. After intensive SATs revision sessions in the mornings, our afternoons were filled with some seriously exciting outdoor activities!



Adventure



Discovery



Building skills



Awe and wonder

Thank you so much to the Pendarren team for this unforgettable experience!

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We are so proud of Year 6 and the resilience and growth mindset they showed. Scaling walls,whizzing across the beautiful Welsh hills on a zip line, sliding down waterfalls, jumping in the sea, getting cold, wet and muddy and loving every minute of it!





A SPECIAL VISIT FROM AUTHOR SUFIYA AHMED

*Inspiring Year 3 and Year 4 pupils through books,
storytelling and history*



Year 3 and Year 4 had the fantastic opportunity to meet author Sufiya Ahmed as part of our World Book Day celebrations.

Sufiya is the author of several children's books including *My Story: Noor-Un-Nissa Inayat Khan*, *Secrets of the Henna Girl* and *Under the Great Plum Tree*.

Sufiya gave a talk about how she became a writer and children had the chance to ask thoughtful questions.

Pupils also acted out a scene from the inspiring story of suffragette Princess Sophia Duleep Singh.



Thank you to Risley Avenue Primary school and Sufiya Ahmed for this wonderful opportunity.

YEAR 1



*Exploring faith, history
and our local community*

CHURCH VISIT

At the end of last term, Year 1 classes were lucky enough to visit St Mary the Virgin church, here in Tottenham.

The trip offered valuable learning opportunities for the children and linked in very well with our Religious Education curriculum.

We also used the journey to the church (on foot) to deepen the children's understanding of our current geography unit by using maps to guide the way.

For many children, this was their first visit to a Christian church and we couldn't have asked for a warmer welcome than the one we received from Father Lee.

His fun and relaxed approach gave children of all faiths – and those with none – the chance to explore the grand and imposing interior of the church.



CRUCIFIX COUNT!

The children started by trying to count every crucifix in the church. Father Lee had lost count at three hundred, but some children certainly gave him a run for his money!

THE CHURCH ORGAN

Next, we gathered around the church organ and listened as its dramatic music filled the air. Many children were amazed the notes were coming from the huge pipes behind it.

AT THE ALTAR

Then it was time to get up close to the altar. The children were able to get a Priest's-eye-view of where the bread and wine are consecrated during mass.

LOOKING UP!

After that, Father Lee asked the children to lie down and look up at the ceiling. They saw wooden roof beams designed like the hull of a ship to represent Noah's Ark.

DRESSING UP!

Finally, two children were picked to dress in the priest's vestments. They both looked very smart, although the robes were rather large!

FARWELL RING!

As we departed, Father Lee bid us farewell by ringing the church bell and we began the walk back to school.

The children really enjoyed their time at the church. The trip was an opportunity for Christian children to share their experiences and for others to ask questions and recognise similarities and differences with their own beliefs. Above all, it was a way to celebrate our differences and reflect on what unites us.

Huge thanks to the parents and carers who accompanied Year 1 on the trip, without whom it would not have been possible to attend.



THANK YOU
FOR A
WONDERFUL
EID CELEBRATION!



Families, friendship and fundraising



AMAZING TOTAL RAISED:

£1,421.50



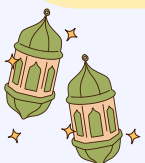
*Every penny raised will go towards
creating a
**brand-new, fully furnished
library**
for our children!*



*Special thanks to all parents
and our PSA who volunteered
their time and energy.*

*Thank
You!*

Well done everyone!



BIG DREAMS

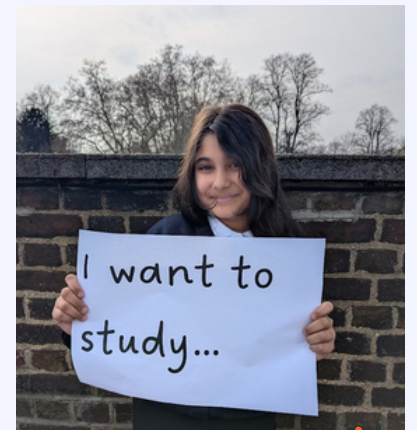
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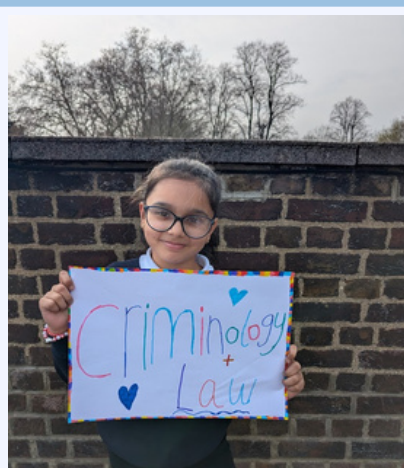
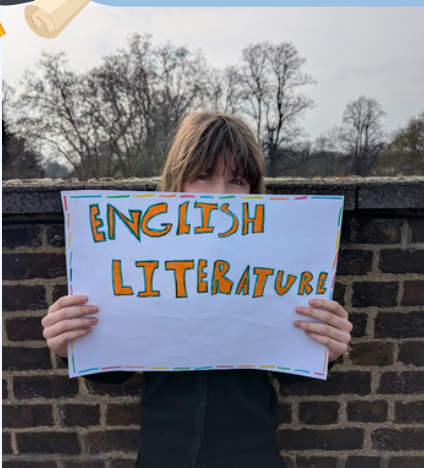
Year 6 stepped into **life at university** with an unforgettable visit to **Northeastern University**. Pupils explored the campus and discovered exciting future courses.



Children sat in real lecture theatres and seminar rooms and even took part in a **Q&A session** with current students.



To top it all off... *they celebrated with their very own graduation ceremony!*



NURSERY PLACES

AVAILABLE

FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

*A warm and nurturing
start to learning for
children aged 2, 3 and
4 years*

We are delighted to share that since September we have successfully expanded our nursery provision, and it has been wonderful to see it thriving.

We are now allocating nursery places for September 2026 and warmly invite families to apply.

The deadline for applications is **15th May** so please share this information with friends, family and the wider community.

We look forward to welcoming new families into our nursery community.



WRAPAROUND CARE



We also offer wraparound care for children aged **2, 3 and 4 years**, with flexible support from early morning to the end of the school day.



Apply now via the [school website.](#)



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

RECEPTION PLACE OFFERS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

Please remember to accept your offer



DEADLINE TO ACCEPT YOUR OFFER

30 APRIL 2026



Dear Parents/Carers,

If you have applied for a Reception place for the next academic year **2026/27**, please remember to accept your offer.

APPLY ONLINE?

If you applied through the e-Admissions portal, please accept your offer via:

eadmissions.org.uk

NEED SUPPORT?

Please contact the School Admissions Team:



020 8489 1000



**schooladmissions
@haringey.gov.uk**



*Accept your place on time to secure your child's
Reception place.*

Key Date & Upcoming Events

Summer Term Events

Wk beg 27th Apr



Neurodiversity Week
including Thurs Silent Disco



Thurs 30th Apr

Silent Disco & Art Show

Wk beg 11th May



KS2 SATs

Wk beg 25th May



Half term

Throughout June



RSE Parent Meetings

Fri 3rd July



Summer Fayre



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.

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- Phone: 0208 808 8088
- Email: admin@lancs-pri.haringey.sch.uk
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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 attend. 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
Measles	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	4 days after the treatment
Scarlet fever	24 hours after they are on antibiotics
Whooping Cough	at least 48 hrs after starting antibiotics

No

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

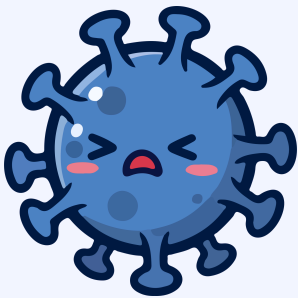
Head Lice	24 hours
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Advice and guidance
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or use the QR code or visit <https://nhs.uk/health>.

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.

Replication time for

48 HOURS

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

If your child already has a stomach illness or symptoms, let us know. We will help you to work out if you should stay at home. Visit nhs.uk/norovirus



Washing hands frequently and thoroughly helps limit the spread of the virus.

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

Home Treatment



Preparation: wash of the hands in soap and water.

One lit of water to be drunk in small sips.

3 days - still feels like eating, then more solid foods.

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