

— May 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-HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to update you on leadership arrangements at the school during Charlotte's maternity leave.

Charlotte's last day in school was last Friday 15th May and wish her all the best with the exciting weeks ahead!

Charlotte is due to return on 1st March 2027. During this time, we have been working closely with governors to ensure that there is strong, stable leadership in place throughout her absence.

The plan is that we will continue with our current Co-Headship model, which is now well established in the school. I will remain as Co-Head Teacher, and Julia (currently Assistant Head Teacher for Early Years) will step into an Interim Co-Head Teacher role during Charlotte's leave, starting next week.

Until the end of this school year, Julia will act up as Co-Head Teacher on Mondays and Thursdays, when I am working at Barn Croft Primary School. During this period, Julia's first priority will remain our early years provision, and she will continue as nursery teacher.

From 1st September, Julia and I will work together full-time as Co-Head Teachers, ensuring continuity of leadership, clear decision-making, and a consistent presence on site.

This approach builds on the leadership structure already in place and is designed to provide stability for pupils, staff and families.

This plan has been developed in coordination with the Governing Body and has been approved in principle. Final approval will come at the Full Governing Body meeting next Thursday, but we don't anticipate any issues as it has been discussed and agreed and the governor Leadership & Management Committee level.

Thank you for your continued support.

With best wishes,

Paul Murphy
Co-Headteacher



CELEBRATING



NEURODIVERSITY WEEK



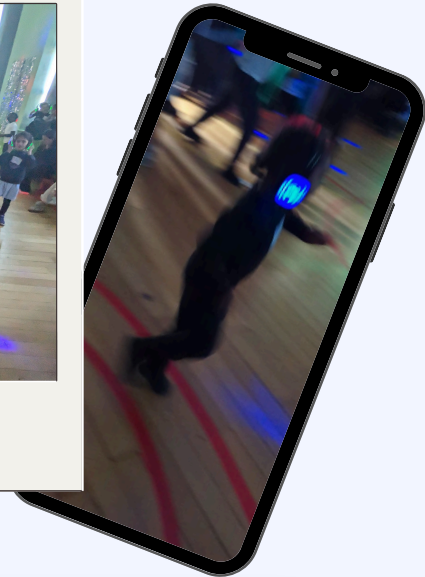
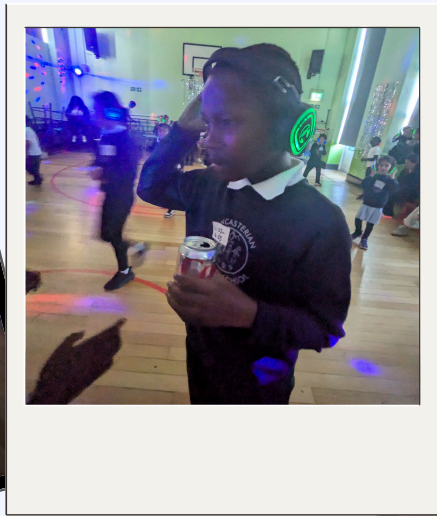
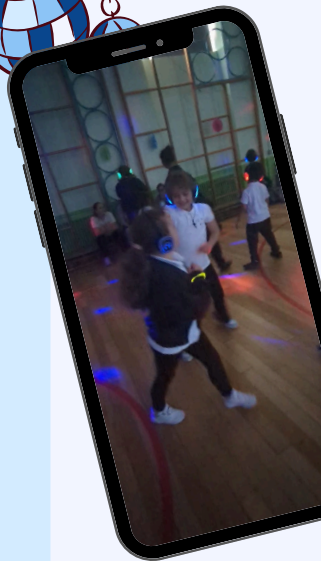
Different minds, different strengths

This week we celebrated Neurodiversity

This week we celebrated Neurodiversity Week by exploring how every child thinks, learns and experiences the world differently.

Through a range of inclusive and creative experiences, our pupils reflected on what makes them unique and how we can support one another 🧡

Silent Disco Fun

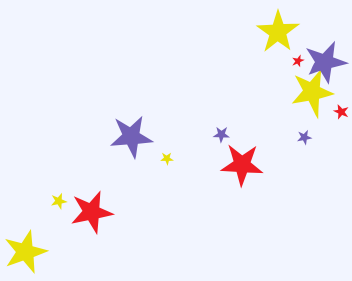


A highlight of the week was our silent disco, an inclusive way for our pupils to enjoy music – whether dancing, moving in their own way or simply experiencing the rhythm.

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CELEBRATING CREATIVITY



Our School Art Show & Performance Evening



Our school Art Show last month was a wonderful celebration of creativity and talent. Families enjoyed viewing the fantastic artwork created by pupils across the school, and many parents were delighted to purchase pieces to take home.



The choir gave a beautiful performance of songs they have been working on and two Year 5 students also proudly shared their exciting writing project about mythical beasts, impressing visitors with their imagination and descriptive language.



MICHAEL ROSEN'S 80TH BIRTHDAY



Year 3 & Year 4 Trip Celebration



Year 3 and Year 4 had a fantastic trip to watch legendary poet Michael Rosen perform poetry as part of the celebrations for his 80th birthday.

Hundreds of children from across Haringey came together for this very special event.



The children loved hearing Michael Rosen bring his poems to life and he had everyone laughing throughout the performance – especially when he said “Noice!” and told the story about how he has been alive since the Stone Age.



Two of our pupils were even chosen to ask Michael Rosen questions, which was a very exciting moment for all of us at Lancs.



INTER-SCHOOL

SPELLING BEE

Key Stage 2 Competition



This week, some of our Key Stage 2 pupils took part in an exciting Inter-School Spelling Bee.

The children competed against pupils from five schools and showed great determination, confidence and teamwork throughout the event.

D-E-T-E-R-M-I-N-A-T-I-O-N

They worked incredibly hard to learn and practise a range of tricky spellings in preparation for the competition.



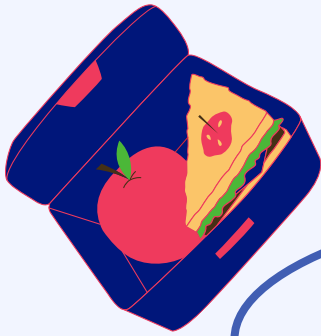
It was wonderful to see them representing our school so positively and supporting one another along the way.



TEAMWORK • CONFIDENCE • SUCCESS

Congratulations to all pupils who took part!

FREE SCHOOL MEALS



UPDATE!



Dear Parents/Carers,

We are writing to let you know about changes to Free | School Meals (FSM) from September 2026.

WHAT IS CHANGING?

From September 2026:

- Children in families receiving Universal Credit will be able to get Free School Meals
- The current protection for some families already receiving FSM will end

This means:

- Some families may become newly eligible for FSM
- Some families who currently receive FSM may no longer qualify

WHAT THE SCHOOL WILL DO

From 01/06/2026, the school office will begin checking which families are eligible for Free School Meals for September 2026.

The school office will contact:

- Families whose child will qualify for FSM
- Families whose current FSM entitlement will end.

If a family no longer qualifies after the check, their child will still receive Free School Meals until the end of the summer term on 17/07/2026. Checks will then take place every year to make sure families still meet the FSM rules.

RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will still receive free school meals for all pupils through the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme.

KEY STAGE 2 PUPILS

Mayor of London's free school meals funding for Key Stage 2 will continue in 2026-2027.

IMPORTANT !!

If you have not already given the school your:

- Parent full name
- Parent date of birth
- Parent National Insurance number

Please contact or email the school office as soon as possible. Without this information, we cannot check your child's eligibility for Free School Meals.

Thank you.

TERM DATES UPDATE ■

Important Information

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have updated our 2026/27 term dates calendar.

Please note there has been a change to our staff INSET days, which will now take place on

**17TH & 18TH
DECEMBER 2026**

Thank you ■

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Preparing Families for Secondary School Transfer

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For parents/carers of autistic children and children with speech, language and communication differences

Join the Haringey Language and Autism Support Team for this in-person session to help you prepare for your child's transition to secondary school in September 2026.

- Tuesday, 23 June 2026
- 9:45am to 12:00pm
- Park View School
West Green Rd, N15 3QR



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last@haringey.gov.uk

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ADHD WORKSHOPS



Does your child have ADHD, are they on the waiting list for assessment or do they present with needs in this area?

- Come along and hear about helpful information and strategies
- Open to all parents/carers
- Meet other parents and professionals

Upcoming Workshop Dates and Topics

21st April- Building relationships and connections with your child
12th May - ADHD and managing behaviour challenges at home
16th June – ADHD and autism/co-occurring conditions
14th July - Talking to your child about ADHD

**The workshops will take place at:
Chestnuts Community Centre, N15 5BN**

**10- 11:30am - Presentation
11:30 - 12pm - Discussion (optional)**



Sign up here:

<https://sendpowerinharingey.eventbrite.com>



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

Unwell...

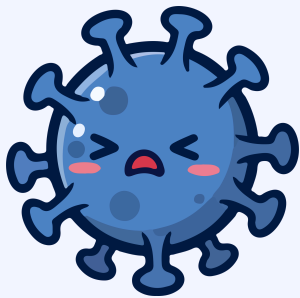
Children	at least 48 hrs from the onset of the rash and until all lesions have cleared
Diarrhoea and vomiting	at least 48 hrs but advice may vary
Cold and Flu like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to return to school. See the national guidance for the latest advice for COVID-19.
Headache	their eyes have cleared and they're not in pain after they've taken painkillers.
Measles	4 days after the rash has appeared
Scarlet fever	5 days after the swelling starts
Sore throat	4 days after the throat has cleared
Scarlet fever	at least 48 hrs after the onset of diarrhoea
Whooping Cough	at least 48 hrs after the start of the cough

No

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

Headache	Stomach ache
Sore throat	Measles
Diarrhoea	Scarlet fever

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.

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

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

If your child already has a serious illness or symptoms last longer than a few days, contact your GP to work out why. Visit nhs.uk/norovirus

Home Treatment

Preparation: Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water.

One bit is the best: eat one plain, light meal and avoid hot foods.

3 cups: 3-4 cups of fluid like orange juice, clear soup, or water.

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