



Ladybrook Primary School Newsletter

Learning without Limits

June 2026

Welcome to our June Newsletter

It has been a busy time in school since my last newsletter. Year 1 have completed their phonics assessments, year 4 have completed their multiplication assessments, we have had a number of trips and visitors and our curriculum learning continues. The children have been fantastic during the heatwave that we have been experiencing. They have played quieter games in the shade at lunch times and used our air-conditioned zone sensibly if they needed a break from the outdoors. We enjoyed our ice pops yesterday! Some parents and staff joined in a new PTA activity – painting a canvas – and the children in KS1 have enjoyed a movie night.

Thank you

Thank you to all of the parents who completed our annual school evaluation. Mrs Poole, Mrs Morrison and I read them all last week in the first of three school development plan meetings. We will collate the findings and share them with you soon as well as considering your comments carefully for the development plan. We were pleased that they were overwhelmingly positive and also contained some excellent constructive comments – thank you.



Thank you, also, to the parents who have already responded to our PSHE/RSE 'listening period' in relation to our updated policy in line with statutory changes. If you would like to share thoughts / feedback, you have until Friday 10th June.

Staff news and next year

As we head towards the end of the school year, at what seems like a supersonic speed, we are getting ready to say farewell to Mrs Draper. You will recall she is retiring at the end of the school year. I just wanted to share with you that we have appointed an experienced teacher called Mrs Fripp to work alongside Mrs Gadd in Year 4. All other staff will be remaining in their current year groups – look out for staff mini-autobiographies in the end of year report envelope to find out a little about the staff team who will be working with your children next year. All children will be meeting their new teacher in their new classroom during our transition morning on July 22nd.

The majority of our Year 6 children will have their transition visits to their new high school on 2nd July – high schools organise this themselves and communicate directly with parents. You should have already received the information; if you haven't, please contact your chosen high school.



Our Learning

Music - Thank you to Miss Ridgway for organising a trip to the Bridgewater Hall so that our musicians could hear the fabulous Halle orchestra play and also play and sing alongside them. Thank you to the parents who joined us there – we hope that you enjoyed it. Thank you to our peripatetic music teachers for joining us and supporting the children.

Science - Year 2 were delighted to welcome Rick Bebbington who shared his experiences of visiting Antarctica. As a photographer and filmmaker, Rick showed the children incredible footage and stunning photographs of the landscape and wildlife. It was fascinating to hear about his recent adventures and developed our understanding of different biomes.





Reception have had a delivery!! It wasn't a letter! It was a delivery of tiny caterpillars! Reception have been very animated in their discussions about them whilst experiencing the real life cycle of a butterfly. The caterpillars are now in cocoons and the children are waiting patiently for them to turn into butterflies! Both nursery and reception enjoyed a trip to Cockfield's Farm where they fed the animals, had a tractor ride, went on a duck pond walk, stroked the rabbits and guinea pigs and explored the reptile area – all developing their **knowledge and understanding of the world**.

Science - In assembly we had a visit from a scientist and researcher, Dr. Hugo Rickitts, from Manchester University. He gave a presentation to the children about a day in his life as a researcher into weather and climate. The children were excited to see and hear how he used lasers, weather balloons and a huge drone to carry out his research. The questions the children asked at the end were superb! They really delved deeper showing how well they had listened and how interested they were.

PSHE - Year 6 have enjoyed a visit from the fire service to talk about water safety. They shared with the children how to stay safe near rivers, pond and lakes and what to do if they ever found themselves in danger in water. They brought their emergency water kits with them to show the children. This session was particularly relevant given the high number of deaths linked to water and hot weather over the last few months. It is important that our older children, who are becoming more independent in their free time, have reminders about how to stay safe.

Geography - I was lucky enough to join Year 1 on their trip to Lytham this week. The children have been learning about human and physical geographical features in the classroom so on our treasure hunt, we had to find a number of geographical features. Once we found them, we had to decide if they were physical (put there by nature) or human (put there by humans). We found a lovely shady spot for lunch and ice-cream in the Pavilion Gardens and then went to explore the beach – there was a perfect spot for us underneath the pier in the shade ... phew!!



PSHE -Year 4 visited their linking school this week, St Philip's. This was a second meeting with their link school – the first one was held here. There was a mixture of emotions before they left because they were going somewhere new but they had a fabulous day seeing a new school and having a great time in their forest school area. In their assembly this week, Year 4 shared all about the project this far. It was great to see them celebrating their uniqueness and understanding that we are not all the same and that is what makes our community a spectacular place. I loved that they acknowledged that finding out about our similarities and differences helps us to understand each other much better.

Geography - Year 3 attended Longley Lane recycling centre as part of their geography topic. In geography, year 3 have been looking at the UK and ways we can help our planet. The recycling centre taught us about the different bins and what happens to our waste when it comes to the centre.



Can you help us?



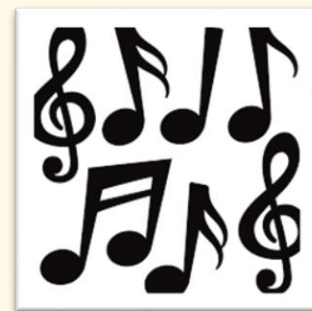
Despite repeated requests, we continue to see a small number of parents continually parking or stopping in unsafe locations outside school, including on bends, double yellow lines and the yellow zig-zag markings. Stopping in these areas to drop off or collect children is also unsafe and is not permitted. These restrictions are in place **to protect** our children by ensuring clear visibility for drivers and pedestrians and allowing traffic to flow safely. It is noticeable that this behaviour stops when members of staff or the traffic enforcement officer are present, which suggests that those involved are aware that they should not be parking or stopping there. We ask all parents to work with us by parking **considerately and legally**, even if it means walking a little further. The safety of every child must always come

first. Ladybrook has always been a community that looks after each other - it is our strength. Please carry that ethos out onto the roads.

Music Evening

We are excited that our Music Evening is nearly upon us. If your child plays an instrument in school, you should have received an email already about the evening being held on July 9th.

If your child is in Year 2 going into Year 3, you may want to start considering whether you would like your child to learn an instrument. At the moment 63% of our KS2 children play a musical instrument in addition to curriculum music or take part in additional singing ... that's phenomenal!



Open Evening

Our summer open evening will take place on Wednesday July 15th 3:30pm to 6:30pm . This will be for Nursery to Year 5. Please pop into your child's classroom to celebrate their learning this year with them. No appointments are needed – just come and browse your children's books, class floor books, displays of learning and let them share their highlights of the year. You may also want to pop to say hello to your child's new teacher and introduce yourself.

We haven't forgotten year 6! Year 6 will be on their residential trip on the date of the open evening and so we invite year 6 parents to stay for tea / coffee and cake following the leavers' assembly on July 23rd to have your own mini open morning.

Uniform

We will be holding our second hand uniform sale, in the hall, at the open evening. If you need any good quality second hand uniform for next year please bring your cash! All items £1!

The DFE have instructed schools to consider the costs of their uniforms and from September. Schools must only have a maximum of three compulsory items with logos – we have two. In response to these our updated uniform policy, which was agreed by governors, in the Summer Teaching and Learning Committee can be found [HERE](#) . A summary is below:

Uniform	
Purple sweat shirt / cardigan / indoor fleece with logo(compulsory item)	
White or Purple Polo shirt – not T shirt (logo optional)	
Plain grey skirt, plain grey trousers, plain grey school shorts or purple gingham dress	
Plain white or grey socks	
Waterproof fleece / coat with emblem – optional	
Black shoes or plain black trainers (no other colours or lights)	
Purple base ball cap with or without logo / own sunhat for summer wear	
Purple book bag with logo (compulsory item)	
PE Kit – all PE kits in draw string bags	
Reception: Black PE shorts and white T shirt (logo optional)	
Years 1 - 6	Indoor kit: Black PE shorts and white T shirt (logo optional)
	Outdoor kit: Plain black jogging bottoms, plain black hoodie or tracksuit top, trainers

Although the indoor fleece is an option for children instead of a sweatshirt or cardigan, please note children do get very warm in them!

Before buying footwear for Autumn, please note the uniform policy. This has not changed since last July where we added plain black trainers – including soles.

Some of parents may be interested in the following two items:



<https://news.comms.stockport.gov.uk/jc-57o6/Share>



Warm regards,
Caroline Woosnam

Further dates for your diaries

Date	Event	Who does this apply to?
Monday 29 th June	Sports Day	All children – same teams and same times as our cancelled sports day
Tuesday June 30 th	Jodrell Bank trip	Year 5
Wednesday 1 st July	Reception Class Assembly 9:10am	Reception class
Wednesday 1 st July	Maths Challenge Day at Bramhall High	6 x Year 5 children
Thursday July 2 nd	High School Visits	Year 6
Thursday July 2 nd	Geography Field Trip to Crowden	Year 4
Friday July 3 rd	Summer Disco	Rec to Year 6 – PTA to share info
Tuesday 7 th July	Bramhall High School experience visit	Year 5
Thursday 9 th July	Music Evening	Families of children who have instrument lessons in school / Singing Squad
Friday July 10 th	No uniform in return for donation to bottle tombola	All children
Saturday July 11 th	Summer Fair 12 – 2pm	All welcome
Wednesday July 15 th	Open Evening	Nursery to Year 5
Wednesday 15 th to 17 th July	Robinwood Residential Trip	Year 6
Tuesday July 21 st	PTA Meetings 2:30pm	PTA Trustees
Wednesday July 22 nd	Transition morning	All children to visit new classes
Thursday July 23 rd	Leavers' Assembly Open Morning 9:10 am	Families of Year 6
Thursday July 23 rd	Leavers' party	Year 6
Friday July 24 th	Goodbye to Year 6 3:10pm	Families of Year 6
Friday July 24 th	School closes to children	
Thursday September 3 rd	School opens to children	

Just a reminder, our term dates can be found on the school website here:

<https://www.ladybrook.stockport.sch.uk/term-dates>

