



Ladybrook Primary School Newsletter

Learning without Limits

September 2026

Welcome Back!

A warm welcome back to school! How is next week our 3rd full week already? Thank you to all of you were able to attend our welcome meetings ... and awards go to those of you who attended multiple meetings! It is always important to us to set out the year ahead, to share what we will be working on as a whole school and to share specific year group messages. If you were not able to attend these meetings, my welcome PowerPoint and an overview of the school development plan are in the news section of the website and year group PowerPoints can be found on class pages. Please do take a look at both PowerPoints – the year group ones may help with any questions that you have; my PowerPoint shares some significant changes for the year ahead.

We would like to send a huge Ladybrook welcome to all the new children and families joining our school community this year. I am really looking forward to working with you and your children in the year ahead.

Parent Meetings

You may have noticed that we have brought our Parent / Teacher meetings forward this year. This is so we can chat about how your child has settled into their new year group, to iron out any little niggles early and to answer any questions you may have. You should have already received an invite to book a time slot – please do!

Superstar News!

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Miss Foley and share her amazing news with you! Over the last few years, Miss Foley has been working phenomenally hard – she has been working full time at Ladybrook whilst also completing a degree in Psychology and Counselling. She has just heard that she has achieved a First-Class Honours degree – I love that even our adults at Ladybrook are still learning!

Class Assemblies – advance notice!

We are very conscious that many parents have to slip out of work to come to class assemblies and we know that this can sometimes be difficult in the middle of the day. We trialled morning assemblies last year and the feedback was positive so we will be keeping the time to 9:10 and if you don't have to rush back to work, you are welcome to join us for tea / coffee after the 'main event'!

You may want to put these dates in your diary:

Date	Year Group
19 th November	Year1
27 th January	Year 4
11 th Feb	Year 2
6 th May	Year 3
24 th June	Year 5
30 th June	Reception
27 th July	Year 6

Harvest Festival



Our Harvest Festival will take place on **Thursday October 15th at 9:15am** in the school hall for the children. We will be collecting for Chelwood Food bank. More information will be sent home nearer the time.

Stockport Harriers Cross Country

For many years, we have had a successful cross-country team who take part in the Stockport Harriers Primary Schools Cross Country League. All schools and individual children are invited to take part. The races start and finish at the Woodbank Park Athletics stadium. If your child is interested in taking part, please let Mrs Bristow as soon as possible.



The dates and times are as follows:

Match	Date	Team	Race Time (10:30-12:30)
Match 1	26 th September	Year 3 / 4 Girls Year 3/ 4 Boys Year 5 / 6 Girls Year 5 / 6 Boys	10:30 10:50 11:10 11:40
Match 2	31 st October		
Match 3	21 st November		
Match 4	23 rd January		
Match 5	6 th February		
Match 6	27 th February		
Presentation Day	20 th March		

Some feedback from parents

One of the feedback points from our questionnaire last term was about the number of communications sent home and the variety of platforms we use. We have thought carefully about this! Tapestry will continue to be used by EYFS to celebrate children's learning; the rest of the school will celebrate learning using the school website rather than some classes using the website and others using Google Classroom. Google Classroom will only be used for direct messages linked to a specific class, for example on a Friday when we pose our 'Ask me about' questions so you can find out about your child's week. Our PTA will create a monthly newsletter rather than sending out separate information about lots of different things. We hope this helps.

A second request was to send home a list of dates for the whole year. We considered this but it would be an immense list and, although we do plan for the year ahead, sometimes things change beyond our control so we wouldn't want to send things out and then have to keep changing them. As a compromise, dates for the whole term, rather than the usual half a term, are below. Please be aware though, sometimes we may have to add extra things so check each update on each new newsletter!! It was also suggested, we identified which dates were relevant to which year group which we have done.

Can you help us?

As you know, Mr Simpkin unlocks our school gates for us before the start of the school day. He unlocks the gates at 8:45a.m. The only gate that he doesn't have to unlock is the gate next to our EYFS building. This is already unlocked so that children and parents can make their way to our 'Before School Club'. Please could we request that other children and parents **do not come through this gate before 8:45am**. If parents and children not using the club come onto the playground before this time, our staff are not able to let club children play out during their session. Many thanks for your understanding with this.

Music lessons

If you would like your KS2 child to have music lessons, there is still some availability. Mrs Coe has two clarinets donated for use by Bramhall High School that we could lend to your child for their time at Ladybrook. Please contact our music teachers directly using the information sent

home before the summer holidays and earlier this term. Mrs Bristow can also help you out if you no longer have their details.



Mobile Phones

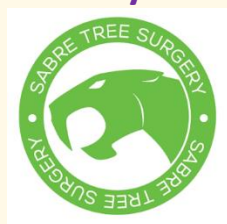
If you weren't able to come to the welcome meetings, one of the things that we discussed was the government's initiative to prevent the use of mobile phones in schools. Our Year 6 children occasionally bring them to school, if they are walking home, but we have always followed recommended guidance and locked them away.

At Ladybrook, we have decided to create a culture for our children that all schools – primary and secondary – are mobile phone free and so are asking parents to put their phones away at all times whilst on the school grounds – inside and out – unless at a specific even where photographs of your own child, for your own personal use, are being taken.

Parking (I can hear your groaning that we are still talking about this but it's important!!)

After many conversations about parking, thank you to those of you who are now rethinking your parking and thank you to those of you who have always parked safely. Unfortunately, even after all four welcome meetings, we still have a few people parking dangerously – perhaps they weren't at any of the meetings to hear me nagging!? ***Today, I have had a conversation with the headteacher of the high school, their building work is due to start on 2nd October. They will lose their staff car park initially which means many of their staff will be parking on Seal Road. They are aware that this will make Seal Road a more difficult place to be until their temporary car park has been built. Both the high school and Ladybrook are requesting that as many of the families who live locally walk to school or park further away and walk towards the schools. I think the fact that this building work is commencing and heavy vehicles will be using the road makes parking courteously and safely even more important.***

Thank you



We love our Forest School area and we have been really very lucky to have the support of Jessica from Sabre Tree Surgery. She is sponsoring our forest school area and has provided new seating logs, wood for our den building, fixed fence etc and will be preparing the area for our new canopy and posts – thank you Jess!

Some of our families with older children may find this useful ...

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New for Stockport Families

Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities
Expression of Interest

To find out more and enrol please scan the QR code

Strengthening Families Strengthening Communities supports parents to:

- Strengthen family relationships
- Build positive parenting skills
- Understand child development
- Boost children's confidence and social skills
- Manage challenges and improve family wellbeing

FREE Parenting Programme

Strengthening Families Strengthening Communities is an inclusive parenting course. Running over a 13 week period during term time. The 3 hour sessions are suitable for parents of children aged between 10 and 16 years.

Further dates for your diaries for the next term

Date	Event	Who is this relevant to?
21 st September	Height and Weight Check	Year 6
22 nd September	PTA meeting – Ladybrook Pub	All parents interested
23 rd September	SEND Reviews	By invite
23 rd September	School Development Plan meeting	Parent Governors
26 th September	Cross Country Match 1	Cross Country Teams
28 th September	Virtual Parent/Teacher Meetings	Year 6 / Year 4
29 th September	Virtual Parent/Teacher Meetings	Year 1 / Year 2
30 th September	Virtual Parent/Teacher Meetings	Year 3 / Year 5
2 nd October	Virtual Parent/Teacher Meetings	Reception / Nursery
5 th / 6 th October	Phonics Workshop for Parents	Reception
7 th October	Open Morning	Prospective parents – Sept 27
7 th October	Face to Face teacher / parent meetings	Whole school – unless already met in virtual meetings
8 th October	Cheese and Wine Evening	All welcome – details on ParentPay
13 th October	Trip – Staircase House	Year 2
14 th October	Individual / Sibling Photographs	Whole School
14 th October	PTA meeting – Ladybrook Pub	All parents interested
15 th October	Harvest Festival for Children	All children
20 th October	Developing oracy in your young child	Nursery
20 th October	Trustee meeting	Parent PTA Trustees
21 st October	Open Morning	Prospective parents – Sept 27
22 nd October	Spooky Discos	Rec / KS1/KS2
23 rd October	Developing oracy in your young child	Nursery
23 rd October	Finish for half term	Whole school
31 st October	Cross Country Match 2	Cross Country Teams
2 nd November	INSET Day	Staff
3 rd November	School opens to children	Whole school
8 th November	Remembrance Parade	School Council
9 th November	Air raid Shelter Trip	Year 5
10 th November	EYFS Stay 'n' Play	Nursery / reception
10 th November	Greek Workshop	Year 4
13 th November	EYFS Stay 'n' Play	Nursery / reception
13 th November	Children In Need	Whole School
17 th November	Flu Vaccines	Rec – Year 6
17 th November	PTA meeting – Ladybrook Pub	All parents interested
19 th November	Yr. 1 Assembly	Year 1
21 st November	Cross Country Match 3	Cross Country Teams
24 th November (TBC)	Wreath Making	All welcome – details on ParentPay nearer the time
26 th November	Musical Evening	Musicians
4 th December	Christmas Fair	Whole School
7 th December	EYFS Xmas Stay n Play	Nursery
8 th December	Trustee meeting	Parent PTA Trustees
9 th December	KS1 performance (morning)	Rec, yr. 1, yr. 2
10 th December	KS1 performance (morning)	Rec, yr. 1, yr. 2
11 th December	EYFS Xmas Stay n Play	Nursery
15 th December	KS2 Christmas performance - matinee	Years 3 – 6
16 th December	KS2 Christmas performance - evening	Years 3 – 6
17 th December	Reports home	Whole school
17 th December	Finish for Christmas	Whole school
4 th January	School Opens	Whole school

Responsible Citizens

Confident Individuals

Successful learners

