



Ladybrook Primary School Newsletter

Learning without Limits

January 2025

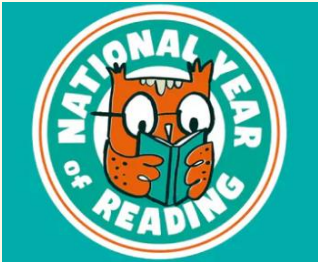
Welcome to our January Newsletter

I think I have seen most of you in the playground and at the gates to wish you a Happy New Year! However, if I haven't then I'd like to take the opportunity to do so now – I hope the start to 2026 has been a positive one for you all but if not and we can help in any way, please get in touch.

Curriculum Evening – 28th January 7pm

You may remember me talking about our Curriculum Evening when we met in September and it was mentioned in the newsletter before the Christmas holidays. Tanya Cross is coming to school to lead our evening. Tanya is an advisor within the Local Authority and has a wealth of knowledge about Relationships and Health Education – of which Computing Safety is a part. The last time we hosted Tanya at school the feedback from parents was overwhelmingly positive and we were asked to repeat the evening regularly so parents/carers could keep up-to-date the fast pace of change within the computing world and children's safety – children of all ages! Please can you complete the [linked form](#) so we are able to prepare for the event.

National Year of Reading



2026 is the National Year of Reading. In recent years, there has been a noticeable and worrying decline in the number of children who read for pleasure. According to a 2025 report from

the [National Literacy Trust](#), only 1 in 3 children and young people aged 8 to 18 said they enjoyed reading in their free time, and 1 in 4 said they didn't enjoy reading at all.

This matters because reading for pleasure isn't just about enjoying stories; it has a direct impact on a child's academic success, mental well-being, and future opportunities. Children who read frequently tend to perform better across all subjects, not just English, as reading builds vocabulary, concentration and critical thinking. It also provides an important outlet for relaxation, imagination and empathy. You will receive a separate letter soon about our book fair, world book day and some slight tweaks to Rainbow Time on a Friday to celebrate all things reading! It sounds like a good excuse to start a new book!

Handwriting and spelling

We are having a push on handwriting and spelling this term in school and we need your help! From next week, spellings will come home on handwriting sheets with the words modelled by the teacher. Please can you make sure that when your child is practising their spellings, they are practising their handwriting as well by using the sheets provided.

Equally, when your child is completing their other homework, are they using the handwriting style they have been taught? Are they producing legible handwriting that they can be proud of?

SEND support Plan Meetings

If your child has a support plan to help them meet some gaps in their learning, please look out for contact from school about upcoming appointments to discuss new targets.

School Council Thank you to all of you who were able to collect plastic bottle tops. We have now finished collecting and we look forward to seeing the wonderful artwork produced from them around Stockport over the next year.

School Council have also worked with the classes to decide where our wildlife cameras are going – it will be exciting to see the types of wildlife that visit Ladybrook while we are all asleep! We are hoping to catch sight of the badgers. I wonder if they will pick up the dinosaurs that are going to be visiting reception in March?!



Stockport Harriers Cross Country



Saturday January 17th is the date of the next event. Well done to Alice Yr. 6 and Katie Yr. 5 who have been chosen to represent Stockport in the Greater Manchester Cross Country Championships. The event will take place at Heaton Park on 31st January.



Parent Workshops and Coffee mornings

Our next Coffee morning and workshop is on Friday 6th February at 9:00 am. The focus

is on Managing Worry. The PowerPoints from the previous two sessions can be found here: <https://www.ladybrook.stockport.sch.uk/building-confident-children-workshops/>

PTA News

Our next PTA event is our family bingo and quiz night on Friday 23rd January. Historically, this has been a quiz for adults. However, our PTA are wanting to try something new so this is now a family event. You should already have received information about it and there are posters around school.

A small part of this evening will also be our AGM where you can find out how much money has been raised at each event since last year's AGM and how it has been spent. We will also be able to appoint our new trustees. I have had two members of the parent body express an interest – thank you!

Finally,

We are using our 'Ladybrook Calendar' on the website more and many of the events for the year that we already know about have been logged. You can look at the website for information and you should be able to sync your phone/own electronic diary to it so that you never miss out on any key dates!

Warm regards,

Caroline Woosnam

Further dates for your diaries

23 rd January 2026	Family quiz / bingo night **
28 th January 2026	Curriculum Evening: Internet Safety presented by Tanya Cross
31 st January 2026	Cross country race 5
4 th February 2026	Movie night **
6 th February 2026	Coffee and Parent Workshop: Managing Worry *
12 th February 2026	Young Voices at the Co-op live
12 th February 2026	School closes for children
13 th February 2026	Inset day
23 rd February 2026	School opens
26 th February 2026	Book Fair arrives*
4 th March 2026	Year 3 chester trip *
5 th March 2026	Nursery and Reception Dinosaur Workshop * World Book Day*
13 th March 2026	Comic relief *
24 th March 2026	Pta meeting **
27 th March 2026	Parent Coffee morning / workshop: setting limits and boundaries *

