



Ladybrook Primary School Newsletter

Learning without Limits

March 2026

Welcome to our March Newsletter



Goodness me! This year is flying by! Can you believe it is the middle of March already? Hopefully Spring days and warm weather will be with us soon. We have had some lovely news in school ... Mr Simpkin has become a Grandad for the first time. Mum and baby are doing well.... Hannah, mum, is an ex-pupil at Ladybrook so I hope you'll join me in sending them our very best wishes. Welcome to the world Isabelle – perhaps she will be a future 'Ladybrooker'!?

Year 5 Assembly

Thank you to Year 5 for a fabulous assembly yesterday – we hope that those of you who were able to join us enjoyed it. I loved seeing it all pulled together into such a great performance after hearing and seeing snippets of it over the last couple of weeks. I'm sure those of you who saw it will agree that Year 5 have learned an incredible amount and delivered it in a very entertaining way!

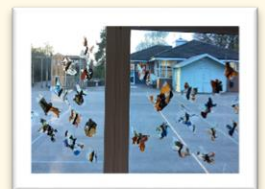
Our Learning

As well as learning in the classrooms, the last month has been a busy one with trips and visitors to enhance and enrich our curriculum. Thank you to all of our parents who support these events financially. Without your contributions to the cost, we would not be able to offer such an enriched curriculum.



"Year 2 enjoyed an exciting trip to the Snow Centre as part of our Antarctica topic. It was a fantastic opportunity to experience what it might feel like for explorers working in a cold climate. Many of us tried something completely new and although it was challenging at times, we showed great determination and resilience. By the end of the morning, everyone had pushed themselves to try something different and we all felt very proud of what we had achieved."

"Year 3 had a visit from 'The Plastic Shed', we learned about the importance of pollinators and how we could create a 'pollinator friendly' garden. In the afternoon, we used old plastic bags to create recycled butterflies."



"Nursery and Reception took part in a Dinosaur workshop to link with our 'understanding of the world curriculum'. We took part in a fossil dig, where we had to identify the fossils using the information boards or the fact files (with some help from the grown-ups) and learned about different types of dinosaurs. We learned new words such as *carnivore* and *herbivore*. Then we met Rory, the baby dinosaur, we helped him with his roar training and got to give him a stroke and a high five." The children had a fabulous morning.

"This half-term, Year 5 were lucky enough to have our very own Viking visitor for the day. We started the day by listening some origin stories of the Vikings, including some myths and legends. Then we looked more closely at Viking life. We found out that 'Viking' means 'pirate raider' and being a 'Viking' was actually a career! We got to handle actual artefacts such as: spears, chainmail, a shield, arrow heads and domestic items found in a home. We also became Viking raiders, practicing shield formations and chasing out the Anglo-Saxons!"



Year 3 had a fabulous trip to Chester as part of their learning about the Roman Empire. Chester was a Roman town and we were able to see Roman legacy in the amphitheatre, the walls and the roads. We had great fun and learned a lot from handling the artefacts."

National Year of Reading

We have been busy promoting reading in school, both as part of our love for it but also as part of the National Year of Reading. Since writing to you in February, we have held a very successful book fair. With your support, we managed to take over £800 which earned us just over £400 commission. School had also bought books over the last year, which allowed us to earn another £400 commission. This meant every class has been able to spend nearly £100 of books for their reading areas. It was great to see that the children had a say in what the teacher's chose. We can't wait for them to arrive – there are a lot of books to be read!

We also held our World Book Day Event – it was super seeing the children dressed up as so many different book characters. Burglar Bill – aka Mrs Morrison - was very easily apprehended by two of our children in assembly! We were able to hold our World Book Day parade outdoors.

Of course, there were lots of book related activities throughout the day ... including some of us telling our own stories. There were also two very strange looking individuals running the office for the day!

Nursery → Year 2 will be introduced to their 'Reading Suitcases' next week. Inside is a selection of bedtime stories, a cuddly teddy bear who likes to be read to and a hot chocolate sachet. They will enjoy some stories at

home and then return the contents - minus the hot chocolate - for somebody else to enjoy. Key stage two – don't feel left out! We've got a surprise for you after the holidays.



Football News Our girls' football team played a great away game against Moss Hey Primary School, there was a lot of mud, great spirit and a final score of 1-1. Our boys' team played an away game against Norbury Hall this week. Unfortunately Norbury won 5-3 but we worked hard and there were some great performances!

Stockport Harriers Cross Country

Our cross-country season at Woodbank Park is over for another year – well done to **all of the children who have taken part** – you were awesome! Yesterday our

team raced at All Saint's in Marple. The cross-country presentation event is on 21st March. The Presentations will take place at the track, starting with medals from 10am and awards and certificates from 10.30. There will not be any races that day.



Workshops and Coffee mornings



Our next coffee morning and workshop is on Friday 27th March at 9:00 am. The focus is on Setting Limits and Boundaries. The PowerPoints from the previous three sessions can be found here:

<https://www.ladybrook.stockport.sch.uk/building-confident-children-workshops/>

Praise Postcards In school, we talk a lot about resilience, perseverance, growth mindsets and effort in our learning. We will be using our postcards to celebrate these qualities. Thank you to all of the children who designed a postcard for our competition. It was so hard to choose a winner for each class because we had so many entries. The winners, who each received a book from the book fair, were:

Nursery: Heidi J

Reception: Jack R

Year 1: Annabelle R

Year 2: Aoife M

Year 3: Lucas W

Year 4: Evie H

Year 5: Evelyn H

Year 6: Evie E

Overall: Amelie Henderson

PTA News

Our first ever edition of PTA news is also attached to this email – we are trying to gather all of the information you need in one place so we don't keep bombarding you with separate emails. Let us know what you think! Thank you to Caroline Doney, a PTA trustee, for doing this.

Photograph Day

We are trying a new school photographer this year for class photographs. Mrs Fairweather and I met with a number of photographers and looked at their portfolios and compared packages and costings. We hope you love these photographs as much as we did.



The flyer for Olive Portraits School Photo Day Classroom Groups features the Olive Portraits logo (a green circle with a white dot) and the text 'order online | oliveportraits.co.uk'. The main title 'School Photo Day Classroom Groups' is in a large, bold, green font, accompanied by a green camera icon. Below the title is a photograph of five children in school uniforms. At the bottom, there is a list of details:

Olive Portraits are here on...

- Site : Ladybrook Primary School
- Job : 2383
- Date : Wed 25th Mar 2026
- Time : 09:00 AM-03:00 PM
- Details : Classroom Group Photographs will be taken of each Class.

And finally, 'Thank you'

We had a visit from a representative of the Royal British legion yesterday because we raised so much money with the poppy appeal – they wanted to pass on their thanks to all. Our Ladybrook Community raised £348.82 which she said was a fabulous amount for a school of our size.

Warm regards,
Caroline Woosnam

Further dates for your diaries

16 th March 2026	EYFS Stay n Play 9 am *
19 th March 2026	EYFS Stay n Play 2:30 pm *
21 st March 2026	Cross Country Presentation
24 th March 2026	PTA Trustees meeting 2:30pm
25 th March 2026	School Photographs – class groups
27 th March 2026	Parent Coffee morning / workshop: setting limits and boundaries *
27 th March 2026	Easter Egg Event with Hayes Travel**
27 th March 2026	School Closes
13 th April 2026	School Opens
15 th April 2026	Parent/ teacher progress meetings 3:30pm – 6:30 pm *
Week of 13 th April 2026	Virtual Parent / teacher progress meetings *
29 th April 2026	SEND Support plan meetings
4 th May 2026	Bank Holiday
6 th May 2026	Year 4 Liverpool World Museum
7 th May 2026	St Philips visiting Ladybrook (Linking Schools Project)
19 th May 2026	PTA Trustees meeting 2:30pm
22 nd May 2026	Parent Coffee morning / workshop: Transition
22 nd May 2026	School Closes
8 th June 2026	School Opens

You may be interested in the following

Exploring Autism Parent/Carer course



Exploring Autism is a one-off session delivered by Stockport Neurodevelopmental Team. It is designed for parents and carers of children with an Autism diagnosis.

We recognise that some parents joining us will have their own neurodevelopmental needs and we provide the opportunity for you to let us know about any accessibility needs you have prior to the session.

During this session, we will explore the journey following diagnosis with discussion about the key areas of difference; helpful strategies to use at home; parental wellbeing; and further sources of support in Stockport.

To be eligible to book onto this session, parents/ carers must:

- Live in Stockport
- Have a child who attends a Stockport school
- Have a child who is school age (4-16)
- Have a child or care for a child with an autism diagnosis

To request a place on this course please email: ndteam@stockport.gov.uk

Stockport Family

Transforming Children's Lives

a course for parents led by parents

A mixture of workshops and courses, virtual and face to face, helping parents to learn practical communication skills for everyday life and bring up confident, happy and co-operative children.

Empowering Parents Empowering Communities (EPEC) is a successful, popular, parenting programme delivered by parents who live in their own community.

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What do EPEC courses cover?

EPEC offers a variety of parent led courses and workshops both face to face and virtually. Each course is facilitated by two EPEC certificated Parent group leaders (PGLS). Topics include:

- Being good enough
- Feelings
- Play/spending time with your children
- Understanding children's behaviour
- Discipline strategies
- Listening and communication
- Coping with stress

“I'm not alone and other parents go through the same”

“Learn't how to handle situations differently”

“It's a relaxed, friendly atmosphere”

“Very productive and thought provoking”

“I'm a more confident mum and met new people”

“It's good to talk and to make time for myself”

What types of EPEC courses are there in Stockport?

There are three EPEC parenting courses:

- Being a Parent - for parents/carers of children age 2-11 years
- Living with Teenagers - for parents/carers of adolescents aged 11-16 years
- Being a Parent Together - for couples/co-parents to complete together

So how do you access the course?

You can speak to a member of the EPEC Team for any further information by telephoning: 0161 406 9558.

You can also email: admin.epec@stockport.gov.uk where you will be asked to provide your details.

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