



Ladybrook Primary School Newsletter

Learning without Limits

February 2026

Welcome to our February Newsletter

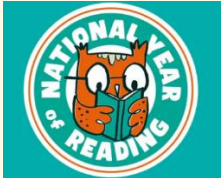


Wow! What a night we had last night at Young Voices! I need to extend my thanks to the children who attended – all 38 of them – because they were absolutely amazing. From leaving school at lunch time to arriving home well past their bedtimes, they were superb. They danced, sang, laughed and supported each other - and all of this made it such a pleasure to be with them. Thank you to you all for supporting us with this activity. Thank you, also, to the fabulous staff – Miss Ridgway, Miss Hobbs and Miss Sinnott - who worked so hard to make it happen.

Year 1 Assembly

Thursday was such a fabulous day – not only was it Young Voices but we also got to enjoy Year 1's assembly and what a super assembly it was! The children shared 'A Day in the Life of Year 1' through their words, song, story-telling, videos and photographs. We learned all about their curriculum – I think everybody that was there will agree it was great! Well done Year 1! Thank you to those of you who stayed for a coffee / tea afterwards. It was lovely to chat with you.

National Year of Reading



You may remember mentioning that 2026 is the National Year of Reading. Since our last newsletter, Mrs Morrison has delivered two lovely assemblies – the first was her life through books. She shared all the key texts that have seen her through her journey from when she first started reading to now. Mrs Morrison also shared Mr Morrison's comic collection with us- some rare and interesting finds – to show what inspired him to read when he was younger. We asked the children 'Does reading just have to be a book?'

Year 1 have met with the author and musician Annemarie Anang in a virtual session with the theme 'Sound track your story'. The session was designed to encourage the love of story creation through music and rhythm. Inspired by Annemarie, the children created their own Nefertiti stories sending the shrunken Nefertiti on lots of adventures. Year three worked virtually with the poet Alim Kamara, creating a rap. This fitted beautifully with their current music sessions, which are concentrating on rap, and the understanding of rhythm has helped them with their poetry writing in literacy. Reception enjoyed a walk to the library for story time. It was quite a walk for little legs but they did so well and enjoyed their story session.

Handwriting and spelling

Thank you for supporting us with this – it has made such a difference already! Let's keep going!

Stockport Harriers Cross Country



Saturday February 28th is the date of the next event at Woodbank Park. This is Match 6 and is the final race before the presentation event on 21st March.

Parent 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/>



Gardening

Our Year 5 gardening group have been very busy with Ms. Bolas. They have made new bee homes for our garden to encourage those very important pollinators. The posts and bamboo were paid for by The Mounting Stone quizzers – thank you – and the boxes were made for us by Martin, from the Bramhall Gardening Group, out of scraps of wood.

Year 5 coppiced Goat Willow wood from our grounds to fill the boxes. They were very sensible with the cutting tools.



Do you have budding baker at home?

We have been contacted by the production team at Junior Bake Off – the same team behind ‘The Great Pottery Throw Down’, ‘Sewing Bee’ and ‘Bake Off’. They are looking for budding bakers between **9-15 years old** for the next series and interested bakers can apply online at - www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk



PTA News

Thank you to the parents who organised our recent ‘KS2 Movie Night’ and the ‘Quiz Night’. It was interesting to try a different format and we shall consider how to develop this further in the future.

The trustees recently met and some of our discussion was about limiting the number of emails that you receive from the PTA. We know we sometimes send a lot of information in separate emails, especially when there is a big event on the horizon. We will now have a PTA newsletter combining as much information as we can in one place which will come out monthly.

Children’s mental health Week

This week was Children’s Mental Health week and the theme was ‘Belonging’ which built on from our assemblies in the Autumn term. The children had an assembly introducing the theme on Tuesday and some classes continued the work during the week. Year one has created some super ‘Place to be maps,’ and Year 5 and 6 (those who stayed with Mrs Poole and Mrs Ainslie yesterday whilst some of us went to Young Voices) continued the work by extending their understanding of what it means to ‘belong’ and how we can help others to feel that they ‘belong’.

Birthdays

It is always lovely to celebrate children’s birthdays and sometimes parents send in little treats. Please can we remind you that we strive to be a nut free school so please can you check what you send into school carefully. Many thanks.

Can you help us?

Our expectations of attendance have always been unapologetically high. Despite this, we have still been set a challenge to improve by the DFE – as have all schools. They would like us to improve by another 1% ... can you help us to do this? We have noticed that our attendance seems to be impacted by those ‘odd days off’ - a day here and a day there can quickly mount up over the year. Can you help us to eradicate those?

Grease

Year 5 and 6 visited Bramhall High School this week to watch a matinee performance of their new production, ‘Grease’. They had a fabulous time – thoroughly enjoying the singing and dancing. We were very proud of their exemplary behaviour and it was lovely to have this reaffirmed in a message from the high school. Well done Years 5 and 6! Thank you to Bramhall High – we thought you were amazing and we were pleased to see some ex-Ladybrookers shining on stage.

Plastic bottle tops

We won! Ladybrook families collected enough bottle tops for us to win a creative session with the team who are designing and making the murals for around Stockport. We don't have all of the information about who will be involved yet so watch this space – we will share it when we do! Thank you to everybody who collected bottle tops to reuse in art rather than going into landfill.

Finally,

I hope that you and your families have a lovely half term holiday and we look forward to seeing you on 23rd February.

Warm regards,

Caroline Woosnam

Further dates for your diaries

23 rd February 2026	School opens
24 th February 2026	Open Morning for potential new Nursery parents September 26
25 th February 2026	PTA meeting – Ladybrook Pub 7pm
26 th February 2026	Book Fair arrives*
2 nd March 2026	Viking Workshop – Year 5 *
3 rd March	Plastic Bottle Top Workshop
4 th March 2026	Year 3 Chester trip *
5 th March 2026	Nursery and Reception Dinosaur Workshop * World Book Day*
12 th March 2026	Year 5 Assembly 9:00 am
13 th March 2026	Comic relief *
16 th March 2026	EYFS Stay n Play 9 am *
19 th March 2026	EYFS Stay n Play 2:30 pm *
24 th March 2026	PTA Trustees meeting 2:30pm
27 th March 2026	Parent Coffee morning / workshop: setting limits and boundaries *
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 *

