Lakeside Primary Academy
Newsletter
Autumn 1- October 2026

Dear Lakeside Parents, Carers and the Community,

We began the term explaining and modelling to our children how to 'Shine like STARS!' The children have demonstrated over the first half-term, that they can all shine like STARS and live up to the Lakeside Expectations. The pupils and staff have all been working incredibly hard in establishing strong foundations for the year ahead and we have had a very successful half-term. Children have made a very positive start to the year. They have worked hard in all their subjects and are making good progress in their learning. There have been so many enriching experiences throughout the first half-term to build on the curriculum.

We had a Global Schools Day celebrating the vibrant cultures we have in school, our EYFS have made a brilliant start with our engaging Early Years curriculum,. Year 1 and 3 have been exploring the local area, Various year groups had a great Sports Festival with Derby County, Year 4 have made a great start to their drumming lessons and Year 5 began their swimming lessons with success – these are just some of the highlights that are built on a strong foundation of trying their best every day. To build respectfulness and perseverance we have been looking at Black History Month and World Mental Health Day during our whole school assemblies.

Thank you to all parents and carers who came to our Meet the Teacher events as well as our Family Support coffee mornings. We hope you found them beneficial and thank you for your support. We began our Parent Consultations this half and these will continue over Autumn 2. Please login to the online calendar to book an appointment We ask that you continue to support your child to make the most of school by reinforcing our Lakeside Expectations and attending school every day.

It has been a very productive half-term of learning. We have all earned a well-earned rest! I hope you have a brilliant break and look forward to seeing you all back on **Tuesday 3rd November** as school is closed for INSET on Monday 2nd November.
Thank you

Mr Miah (Principal)

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Anti-Bullying Week 2026 – Break the Silence

This year during Anti – Bullying Week we will be wearing odd socks and teaching the children that Lakeside is a bully free zone.

Bullying is defined as: 'The repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. Bullying can be physical, verbal or psychological. It can happen face-to-face or online.'

We use the acronym STOP in school to help pupils recognise bullying and what to do if they are feeling bullied or come across any bullying:

Bullying is unkind behaviour that happens Several Times On Purpose. (STOP)

Every year, bullying impacts the lives of countless young people and silence helps it grow. That's why, this Anti-Bullying Week, we're empowering young people to **'Break the Silence'** to safely speak up and raise awareness when they see bullying, face to face or online. Lasting change needs all of us. From playgrounds to parliament, our homes to our phones – we all have a part to play.

Together, we can use our voices to end bullying – for good. We tell children to Start Telling Other People (STOP) if they come across bullying.

On Monday 16th November please come to school in your odd socks and let's break the silence!



Global School Day 2026

This year, we explored the long and closely connected history of Britain and South Asia, dating back to Tudor times. We learned about the important contributions of South Asian people to British history, including their phenomenal service in the British Army during the Second World War.

Our shared history includes some difficult and painful chapters, but it is also a story of connections, contributions and traditions that we can celebrate today.

Our Year 6 children enjoyed learning Garba dance moves, children across many year groups decorated beautiful Dandiya sticks, and we shared our love of delicious foods from around the world.

Thank you for helping to bring our communities together. By sharing our cultures, stories and traditions, we help our children grow in understanding, respect and appreciation for one another.



Joe Wicks at Lakeside!

We were absolutely delighted to welcome Joe Wicks to our school as part of his Schools Tour, having been specially chosen to take part in this fantastic event!

The whole school came together on the playground for an energetic, music-filled workout led by Joe, creating an amazing atmosphere full of enthusiasm, smiles and movement. Afterwards, pupils enjoyed a brilliant question-and-answer session, where Joe shared his inspiring fitness journey, explained what motivated him to promote healthy lifestyles, and answered children's thoughtful questions.

It was an unforgettable experience and a real highlight of the year for both pupils and staff.



Black History Month

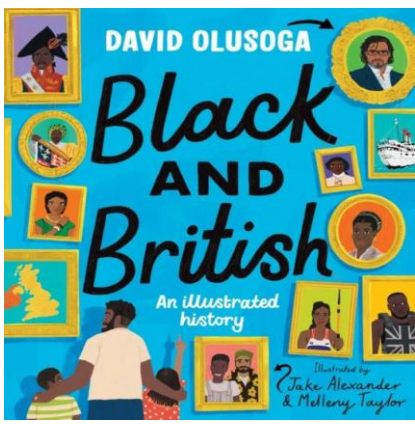
This October, we have celebrated Black History Month across school. The theme this year was 'Honouring our Communities' and we have been learning about inspirational British black figures who have had a significant impact in Britain such as Walter Tull, Marcus Rashford and Benjamin Zephaniah.

We have enjoyed reading a variety of texts in lessons, as well as having access to BHM books in the school library. Alongside reading and writing, we have also completed some art to honour the British black figures studied. There has been a real buzz around school with many children eager to share what they have learnt and talking passionately about the importance of BHM!

The children really embodied one of our Lakeside Expectations - 'Respect everyone' - Well done Lakeside!







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Is your child 3 or turning 3 soon?

Come and discover our wonderful Nursery provision at Lakeside Primary Academy

We would love to welcome you and your child to look around our Nursery classroom and outdoor area, meet our Early Years team and find out more about life at Lakeside Primary Academy.





Tuesday
10th November
5:00 – 5:50pm

Wednesday
11th November
10:10 – 10:30am

- Explore our nurturing indoor and outdoor environments
- Meet our friendly Early Years team
- Find out about our exciting Nursery curriculum and daily routines
- Ask any questions you may have





Please register your interest by Friday 6th November

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Is your child due to start school in September 2027?



Visit our Ofsted rated 'Good' Early Years provision

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SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

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OUR START OF DAY

The School day starts at:
8:30am for Nursery
8.50am for Reception to Year 6

Doors open for breakfast club from 7.30am.
Gates open for all children from 8.40am.

OUR AFTERNOON

The afternoon session starts at:
12:30pm – Nursery
12:40pm - Reception, Year 1 and 2
1.15pm – Key Stage 2 (Year 3-6)

OUR EXPECTATIONS

At Lakeside Primary Academy, we expect all pupils to:

- **Attend every day**
- **Attend on time**
- **Attend ready to learn**



EVERY DAY COUNTS

OUR SENIOR ATTENDANCE CHAMPION IS MR MIAH AND OUR ATTENDANCE OFFICER IS: MRS O'LEARY

If you have any concerns about your child's attendance or would like some support please speak to your child's teacher or Mrs O'Leary.

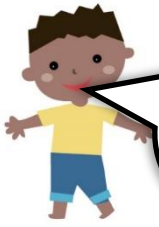


There are **190** days in a school year which leaves **175** days to spend on family time, shopping, appointments and other things.

190 DAYS	183 DAYS	179 DAYS	175 DAYS	More than 18 days absence is less than
100%	96%	94%	92%	90%
Very best chance of success	Off to a flying start	Less chance of success	Harder to make progress	Persistent Absentee







Data shows that pupils with the highest attainment rates at the end of Key Stage 2 also have higher attendance over the Key Stage.

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2026-2027 – Dates for the Diary

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Academic Year - 2026-2027

Autumn Term

Friday 23rd October:	Last day of Autumn 1 – School break up for half-term break
Monday 2nd November:	INSET Day – school closed for pupils
Tuesday 3rd November:	Pupil return to school for Autumn 2
Wednesday 4th November:	Year 3 Parent Consultations
Monday 9th November:	Year 6 Trip to Beaumanor Hall
Tuesday 10th November:	Nursery & Reception Open Evening
Tuesday 10th November:	Year 1 Parent Consultations
Wednesday 11th November:	Nursery & Reception Open Morning
Wednesday 11th November:	Year 2 Parent Consultations
Friday 13th November:	Year 4 Parent Consultations
Monday 16th November:	Nursery Parent Consultations
Monday 16th November:	Odd Socks Day – Anti Bullying Week
Tuesday 17th November:	Reception Parent Consultations
Wednesday 18th November:	Flu Vaccinations Reception to Year 6
Wednesday 18th November:	Bright Stars Class Parent Consultations
Thursday 19th November:	Year 5 Parent Consultations
Tuesday 8th December:	iRock Concert for Parents and carers at 9:30am
Wednesday 9th December:	Reception Nativity Performance at 9:15am
Thursday 10th December:	Reception Height and Weight
Friday 11th December:	Reception Nativity Performance at 2pm
Friday 11th December:	Reception Height and Weight
Thursday 17th December:	Year 4 Drums Christmas Performance
Friday 18th December:	Last day of Autumn 2 – School break up for holidays

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Spring Term

Monday 4th January:	School re-opens for the start of Spring Term
Thursday 11th February:	Last day of Spring 1 for pupils
Friday 12th February:	INSET Day – school closed for pupils
Monday 22nd February:	School re-opens for pupils for Spring 2
Thursday 25th March:	Last day of Spring 2 for pupils
Friday 26th March:	Bank holiday – School closed for pupils

Summer Term

Monday 12th April:	School re-opens for Summer 1 for all pupils
Monday 3rd May:	Bank Holiday – School closed
Monday 10th May:	SATS Week
Monday 17th May:	INSET Day – school closed for pupils
Monday 7th June:	INSET Day – school closed for pupils
Tuesday 8th June:	School re-opens for pupils
Monday 26th July:	Final Day of term for all children