

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 9th January 2026



Welcome back for the Spring term

Class Ambassadors for this half term are:

Year 3: Raven & Benjamin

Year 4: Lake & Holly S

Year 5: Max & Freya

Year 6: Emma & Jackson

On the INSET day at the beginning of this week, staff attended a CDLT conference in Chester. The guest speaker was Marie Gentles OBE, who is a behaviour expert, and works closely with the Department of Education, as well as offering her expertise to local authorities, schools and multi academy trusts.

It was a very inspiring session, and this week the Senior Leadership Team have initially selected a few of her recommendations to be applied across the whole school. We will drip feed new, small routines into the school day, starting from Monday next week.

These slight changes will be explained to the children in a specific whole school assembly this morning and are aimed at helping all children regulate prior to each session starting after break times or lessons out of the classroom.

New The 100 Club

This week sees the commencement of our brand The 100 Club.

A reminder that the children can keep their vision stickers to present to Mrs Dean once they collect 100 stickers.

They can be presented however they wish, but this does need to be completed at home and not in school.

Children who achieve this will be entered into a raffle, which will be drawn at the end of each full term. If you collect a further 100 in that term, you can submit more than once or carry them over into the following term.

If a child receives a vision star certificate, their name will be added into the draw automatically, adding a further possibility of being picked from the draw.

At each draw, there will be 10 x £5 Amazon vouchers up for grabs for those lucky names pulled from "the hat".

We hope The 100 Club will be a fun and motivating way to celebrate the children demonstrating our school vision and values, and we look forward to seeing lots of children taking part.



- We are excited to let you know that we have launched The 100 Club in school.
- You need to collect 100 vision stickers.
- Once you have reached this milestone, you must present your completed collection to Mrs Dean.
- Present them however you wish, but this does need to be completed at home and not in school.
- It could be on sheets of paper or presented creatively on a poster.



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Year 5 Entrepreneur Day

A huge well done to our Year 5 children on their Christmas stall entrepreneur day before the Christmas break.

All the cash has been counted and an incredible £988.87 was made. After the deduction of the £120 given by school, the final profit is £868.87.

The children are understandably delighted with their efforts, and we are immensely proud of how they approached the day. We will have discussions in school about what to spend the money on over the coming months.

Thank you again to everyone for supporting this project.

SATs Booster Club – Year 6 only

Following the communication sent yesterday, a reminder that SATs booster club will start on Tuesday next week (13th January). This club will run every Tuesday until the SATs tests in May. Collection via the front loop at 4.30pm.

Applications for Holidays During Term Time

In September 2013, amendments to the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006, make it clear that Head Teachers may not grant any Leave of Absence (holiday) during term time unless there are '**exceptional circumstances**'

The Head Teacher and the Governing Board will determine what constitutes an exceptional circumstance on an individual basis. If parents/carers need to request Exceptional Leave of Absence, they must complete an 'Exceptional Leave of Absence' form. It should be noted that if any application is declined and absence occurs of a consecutive 5 or more unauthorised days, then school will apply to the Local Authority for a Fixed Penalty Notice to be issued to each parent/carer.

Full information on the parameters of the national threshold for implementing a fixed penalty notice can be found on the school website:

[Lower Peover C of E \(Aided\) Primary School: Term Time Leave / Holiday Requests](#)

The following will not be deemed to be exceptional circumstance

- Family holiday - regardless of profession (with the exception of military personnel)
 - Availability of less expensive holiday
 - Availability of holiday accommodation
 - Parent/carer's working commitments
 - Holiday pre-booked by another family member

A child's absence during term time seriously disrupts their continuity of learning. Not only do they miss the teaching on the days they are away but are less prepared for the lessons building on that teaching when they return to school. There is a consequent risk of under achievement, which we must seek to avoid.

If a report of illness has been given as a reason for absence, however, it is brought to our attention that a holiday has had been taken, you will be provided with a 'Request for Term Time Leave' form, for completion retrospectively.

In these instances, if the absence threshold has been met then a Fixed Penalty Notice will be issued by the local authority.



Reception: 91.8%

Year 1: 94.0%

Year 2: 93.6%

Year 3: 93.0%

Year 4: 94.4%

Year 5: 91.3%

Year 6: 100%

Whole School: 93.8%

Weekly Awards

Children are awarded individual stickers (see below) if they demonstrate any of our new values of Love, Wisdom, and Respect, throughout the week. A Vision Star certificate will be presented during Friday's Collective Worship.

Introducing our new 'Writer of the Week' selected by each class teacher to children who have demonstrated excellent writing skills during the week.



Writer of the Week

Year 1: Hart

Year 3: Finley R

Year 4: Nico

Year 5: Ivy

Year 6: Henry B

Vision Stars

Reception: Whole class

Year 1: Harry

Year 2: David & Monroe

Year 3: Beau & Raven

Year 4: Theo & Savannah

Year 5: Max

Year 6: Sam



Extraordinary General Meeting – Wednesday 27th January, 8pm

We're holding our first meeting of the year at the Bells of Peover and would love you to join us for a New Year's glass of wine. Whether you're a regular or completely new to the Friends of Lower Peover School, everyone is very welcome.

Have Your Say

Thank you to everyone who shared ideas and suggestions in our recent survey. Your feedback is invaluable, and we'll be taking it all into account as we grow our FLPS charity, explore new opportunities to fundraise and continue our commitment to keep you informed and involved.

Save the Date - Annual School Ball – 8th May 2026

Our annual school ball will take place at the De Vere Cranage Estate Hotel and promises to be a fabulous night of fun and fundraising, so please save the date!

Instagram: Friends of Lower Peover School Facebook: Lower Peover Primary School Mums mail:flpscommittee@gmail.com



To comply with our risk assessment, all children must wear appropriate outdoor clothes (long sleeve tops & long trousers/leggings – no football kits) and hair tied up. As the weather gets colder over the coming months, please ensure their outdoor clothes are warm, or they have several layers to put on.

Please ensure the children have a spare pair of shoes to change into after their session in the woods. This will ensure mud & dirt is not walked through school. Even in dry weather, there are some areas of the wood that do not get a lot of sunlight, so will be continually damp or wet.

The office will call home to request a spare pair of shoes are brought in if applicable.

If incorrect clothing is worn or brought in, unfortunately, children will be unable to take part in the session.

Slot 1 commences at approx. 9am / Slot 2 commences at approx. 10.50am

Friday 16th January – Year 5 (Slot 1) / Year 3 (Slot 2)

Friday 23rd January – No Forest School

Friday 30th January – Year 2 (Slot 1) / Year 4 (Slot 2)

Friday 6th February – No Forest School

Friday 13th February – Year 1 (Slot 1) / Reception (Slot 2)



Collective Worship

This week, following our school prayer, the children have held a class celebration "Would you like to celebrate anyone from over the Christmas break?

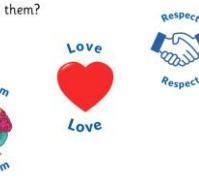
Following last terms value of 'Love' this week our key question is...How can we make wise choices as we start a new term?

 Last half term, we looked at the value of **LOVE** and how we can show this in different ways and towards others.

This week, our key question is...
How can we make **WISE** choices as we start a new term?

 **THIS WEEK**

 **Think – Pair – Share**
What are the school values, and how can we show them?

 **LOVE** **WISDOM** **RESPECT**

 **WE SHOW LOVE IN OUR ACTIONS**
WE SHOW WISDOM IN OUR CHOICES
WE SHOW RESPECT EACH AND EVERYDAY

The children also completed their discussion and reflection activities

 **Discussion activity**
Tuesday

Like the wise builder, how can we make **WISE** choices as we start a new term?

How can we work towards achieving 100 stickers?

Record the responses, so they can be used in Thursday's class worship

 **Reflection activity**
Thursday

In your reflection books, create a 100 Club sticker/badge design. Reflecting your discussions on Tuesday. Label as appropriate.

Add an example or two to your reflection area.



After School Clubs

Spring 1 Half Term 2026 (06.01.26 to 12.02.26 inc)

Day	Club	No of places	Cost	Staff	Year Group(s)	INFORMATION
Monday	Vocal Coaching Club		£39 per half term	Mr Stannard	Years 2-6 inclusive (confident Y1 welcome)	Please contact Mr Stannard directly on jstannard@lowerpeover.cheshire.sch.uk
Tuesday	SATs Booster	Whole class	n/a	Mr Haslam	Year 6	Commencing 13 th January until the SATs tests in May.
Wednesday	YV Choir	All places allocated		Mrs Maddock	KS2	FOLLOWING THE BREAK IN DECEMBER, CLUB RETURNS FROM 7TH JANUARY TO 4TH FEBRUARY ONLY CONCERT DATE: 12TH FEBRUARY 2026
Thursday	Band		£39 per half term	Mr Stannard	Years 2-6 inclusive	Please contact Mr Stannard directly on jstannard@lowerpeover.cheshire.sch.uk

Please note – All clubs will commence the first week back after any half term break unless otherwise communicated.

All clubs will run unless you receive a separate communication regarding cancellation



Sport After School Clubs Spring 1 Half Term 2026 (06.01.26 to 13.02.26 inclusive)

Day	Year Groups	Activity
Monday	3 – 6 inclusive	Handball
Tuesday	Rec, 1 & 2	Target Games
Wednesday	Rec, 1 & 2	Basketball
Thursday	3 – 6 inclusive	Tag Rugby
Friday	All year groups	Ball Games

Booking link: <https://sports-coaching-group.classforkids.io/term/1152>

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the SCG team at info@sportscoachinggroup.co.uk

Thank you for your continued support!

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Dates, Events & Information

2025-26 Academic year

Spring 1 Half Term 2026

- Wednesday 14th January – Year 3 class trip to Tatton Park
- Wednesday 28th January – Reception class trip to Jodrell Bank
- Thursday 29th January – Year 4 Class assembly & classroom visit for parents
- Monday 2nd February – Year 4 Workshop in school (Chester Zoo)
- Wednesday 4th February – LAST YV CHOIR REHEARSAL
- Tuesday 10th February – Reception parents – Stay & Play (2pm onwards)
- Thursday 12th February – Young Voices Concert (YV choir members only)
- Friday 13th February – Last Day of Term

Spring 2 Half Term 2026

- Monday 23rd February – First Day of Term
- Wednesday 25th February – Year 1 class trip to Catalyst Science & Discovery Museum
- Friday 27th February – Year 6 class trip to Peoples Museum Manchester
- Thursday 5th March – Year 1 class assembly & classroom visit (9am)
- Wednesday 11th – Friday 13th March – Year 6 Residential to Maes-Y-Nant (Wrexham)
- Monday 16th March – Year 5 class trip – Deva Roman Centre (Chester)
- Tuesday 17th March – Parent Consultation Evening – Session 1
- Friday 20th March – Reception, Year 1 & 2 – Easter Service in Church
- Monday 23rd March – Reception parents – Stay & Play (2pm onwards)
- Tuesday 24th March – Parent Consultation Evening – Session 2
- Friday 27th March – Key Stage 2 – Easter Service in Church
- Friday 27th March – Easter Disco (FLPS event)
- Wednesday 1st April – Last Day of Term