

Lower Peover CofE Primary School

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A place to learn where everyone feels welcome; based on love, wisdom, & respect.



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 26th June 2026



Staff News

Following the recent announcements of staff leaving, Mr Sweetmore will also be moving on this summer. He has secured a place at university to commence a teacher training course.

This is something he has been working towards for a number of years, so congratulations to Mr Sweetmore!

We wish him all the very best, in both his training and future career, and thank him for his contribution to school over the 4 years he has been with us.

Congratulations also to Mr Sweetmore & his wife, who became proud parents for the first time yesterday afternoon. We are delighted to announce that mum, baby girl and dad! are doing well.

Charity Climb

Last weekend, Rue (Rec) climbed Yr Wyddfa / Snowdon with her dad, to raise money for NF2 BioSolutions UK, a charity that is important to the family. She climbed up the Rhyd Ddu Path and came down the Miners' Track, a very big challenge for a 5-year-old!

Her family are immensely proud of her determination, patience and kindness, as are we in school. Well done Rue on your incredible achievement. A great demonstration of perseverance, determination and helping others.

If anyone wishes to donate to the charity, you can do so via the following link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/rue-snowdon-nf2#supportersList>

Shanghai Children – w/c 29th June & 6th July

From Monday, we welcome the children from Shanghai into school. Four children will be joining us for both weeks and an additional six children in the second week only.

We are pleased that each year group will have at least one child from Shanghai with them.

Year 2 Class Assembly & Classroom Visit – Thursday 2nd July 2026

The next class assembly takes place next Thursday for Year 2 in the school hall. The assembly will start straight after morning registration from approx. 9am.

Could you please ensure your children arrive at school in plenty of time for registration, lunch ordering and to get ready for the assembly. Parents will be able to enter school via the main entrance from approx. 8.45am. This will allow breakfast club time to clear their equipment and staff to set up the hall.

Following the assembly, parents are welcome to visit the classroom to see the children's latest work; however we do ask that you leave by 10/10.15am to allow the children to get ready for morning break. Please exit back via the main entrance.

Parking is available around the rear of school; please do not park in front of the playground gate, in case access is required in the event of an emergency – thank you



Front Loop

A polite reminder, to please not overtake on the front loop. We have children getting out of cars from both sides, and staff walking around to assist. Cars are only stationary for a few moments, so your patience is appreciated.

We would also appreciate it if car engines can be switched off whilst waiting to drop off in the morning (or collecting at the end of the day). As the warm weather has arrived, and windows are open, this will ensure car fumes are not entering school and affecting those working in the offices at the front of school – thank you.

Church Garden Party – Saturday 4th July (2pm – 4pm)

School families are welcome to attend to support the Church. There will be plenty of activities for the children to take part in

Location: Little House

Entry: £2.50 per adult, children are free

Parent Consultation Evenings – 14th & 16th July

Please be advised; the following after school clubs **WILL NOT** be running:

Tuesday 14th July: Chess Club Thursday 16th July: Band with Mr Stannard

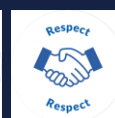
Official wraparound and sport after school clubs will remain unchanged. Wraparound care will be operating out of the Reception classroom. Please enter via the **main entrance** of school to collect your child from wraparound care whilst parents evenings are taking place. Sports Clubs (plus siblings in wraparound care) will be brought to the front loop as usual.

Parent Consultations are due to finish at 5.40pm so the children in wraparound will be returned to the hall to be collected via the usual door between 5.45pm – 6pm.

Weekly Awards

Children are awarded individual value stickers if they demonstrate any of our values of Love, Wisdom, and Respect, throughout the week. A Vision Star certificate will be handed out by the class ambassadors each week on a Friday afternoon.

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



Writer of the Week

Reception: Lucia

Year 1: Albie G

Year 2: Alice

Year 3: Kitty

Year 4: Lake

Year 5: Sophie

Year 6: Anaiya

Vision Stars

Reception: Sienna

Year 1: Ada

Year 2: Sebby S

Year 3: Rose, William & Maisie

Year 4: Violet & Elodie

Year 5: Elara

Year 6: Immy & Grace



Reception: 95.8%

Year 1: 91.3%

Year 2: 92.9%

Year 3: 92.9%

Year 4: 95.3%

Year 5: 99.3%

Year 6: 93.5%

Whole School: 94.6%

Holidays during term time: What do the rules mean for me?

As a school, we fully appreciate the financial difficulties some parents face when booking holidays, particularly during school holidays.

However, school is duty bound to comply with the regulations set by the local authority and central government.

A fixed penalty notice (FPN) is a fine which may be issued for taking children out of school during term time for the purpose of leisure or recreation.

From September 2024, the new National Framework for issuing penalty notices has applied.

First Offence

The first time a penalty notice is issued for a term time holiday or irregular attendance, the FPN will be charged at:

£160 per parent, per child within 28 days, reducing to £80 per parent per child if paid within 21 days.

Second Offence

(Within 3 years of the first offence)

Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second penalty notice to the same parent and the same pupil, within 3 years of the first notice, the second FPN will be charged at:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days (unpaid FPN after 28 days may result in prosecution)

Example: We are a family of 2 children and 2 parents:

Child 1	Child 2	Parent 1	Parent 2
£160	£160	£320	£320

The 10-school week period may span different terms or school years (e.g. 2 sessions of unauthorised absence in summer term and a further 8 within the autumn term).

Third Offence

(Within 3 years of the first offence)

The third time that an unauthorised absence occurs for either a term time holiday or irregular attendance, a FPN will not be issued. The case may proceed straight to prosecution/court.

The 3-year period can cover primary and secondary school periods e.g. first absence in Year 5 of primary school and the second absence in Year 7 of secondary school.

Please follow the link for more information:

[School Attendance | Cheshire West and Chester Council](#)

Please be advised that school does not benefit financially from any FPN's issued.



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Campfest 2026 – Don't Miss Out!

Campfest is just around the corner and we're getting excited for another fantastic weekend on **11th–12th July!**

We're serving up pizzas on Saturday evening, which you will be able to pre-order (see separate comms)!

Tickets – Get your tickets before 3rd July:

<https://friends-of-lower-peover-primary-school.sumupstore.com/products>

Can You Help?

We're still looking for:

- **Gazebos**
- **Fridges and freezers**
- **Volunteers on the day**
- **Qualified first aiders** who can help cover short sections of the weekend

Campfest is entirely run by volunteers, and that means you! Please sign up to a time slot when you buy your ticket to help us run this fantastic event, every bit of help makes a huge difference!

 **Please sign up to volunteer here:** volunteersignup.org/L3XCC

First Aiders - We Need You!

We are creating a Campfest first aiders WhatsApp group to organise first aid cover for the duration of Campfest in small, manageable slots. Please contact Ash on 07932 756031 or via your class rep so that we can ensure our event is in safe hands!

Instagram: Friends of Lower Peover School

Facebook: Lower Peover Primary School Mums

email: 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 3rd July – Reception (Slot 1) / Year 1 (Slot 2)

Friday 10th July – No Forest School

Friday 17th July – Year 6 (Slot 1)



Collective Worship

This week in Class Worship we continued to look at our spiritual ways and to think about technology and making sure we use it correctly...

This week we are going to continue to look at our spiritual ways.
Let's remind ourselves of what they are...

Children's spiritual statements	Child headings
We will be kind and thankful	Kind & Thankful
We will choose well	Choose Well
We will keep going and try new things	Keep Going & Try
We will be full of wonder & curiosity	Wonder & Curiosity
We will be still and reflect	Be Still & Reflect
We will learn from our mistakes	Learn from our Mistakes



Spirituality in our school is about how we grow as people inside.
We see it when we are **kind and thankful** to each other, when we **choose well**, and when we **keep going even when things are hard**.
We also show it when we **ask big questions**, have moments to be **still and think**, and **learn from our mistakes**.

It's not just in worship...we see it in our lessons, our friendships, at home, and the choices we make every day.



Discussion activity Tuesday

Talk through these questions as a class. How can we show each of them when using technology?

Spiritual Way	Link to technology
Choose Well	Do I know when to stop? Am I choosing kind, safe and helpful things online? Could I play with a toy, rather than technology?
Be Still & Reflect	Do I have quiet time away from screens to think, pray, wonder and feel calm?
Wonder & Curiosity	Does technology help me ask questions and learn, or does it stop me noticing the real world? Are there toys that help my imagination more?

Discussion activity Tuesday

Talk through these questions as a class. How can we show each of them when using technology?

Spiritual Way	Link to technology
Kind & Thankful	Are my words online kind? Am I thankful for real people, not just likes or games? Am I thankful for my other toys?
Keep Going & Try	Do I give up too quickly because I'm used to instant answers or entertainment?
Learn from Mistakes	If I use technology in the wrong way, can I be honest, learn and choose better next time?

Discussion activity Tuesday

What is one wise choice I could make with technology this week?

What other toys could I play with that aren't electronic/technology based?

Discussion activity Thursday – KS1

A child gets home and goes straight on a tablet. They play for a long time. When an adult asks them to stop, they feel cross and shouts "NO!". Later, they find it hard to sleep.

Which spiritual ways could help?

Choose Well?
Be Still & Reflect?
Learn from Mistakes?
Kind & Thankful?
Wonder & Curiosity?
Keep Going & Try?

Discussion activity Thursday – KS2

A child is in a class group chat. Someone posts an unkind joke about another child. Lots of people start sending laughing emojis. The child knows it is unkind, but they feel worried that if they say something, others might laugh at them too.

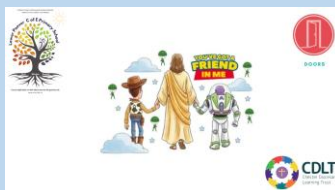
Which spiritual ways could help?

Choose Well?
Be Still & Reflect?
Learn from Mistakes?
Kind & Thankful?
Wonder & Curiosity?
Keep Going & Try?

Discussion activity Thursday – KS2

Which spiritual ways could help?

Choose Well – don't join in with the unkind joke.
Be Still & Reflect – pause before sending anything.
Learn from Mistakes – say sorry if you joined in.
Kind & Thankful – send kind words or check the person is okay.
Wonder & Curiosity – think, "How would I feel if this was about me?"
Keep Going & Try – be brave and tell a trusted adult.



After School Clubs

Summer 2 Half Term 2026 (02.06.26 – 20.07.26 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
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 break unless otherwise communicated.

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



Summer 2 Half Term 2026 (02.06.26 to 22.07.26 inclusive)

Day	Year Groups	Activity
Monday	3 – 6 inclusive	Athletics
Tuesday	Rec, 1 & 2	Athletics
Tuesday	1 – 6 inclusive	Chess
Wednesday	3 – 6 inclusive	Craft & Jewellery
Wednesday	Rec - 3 inclusive	Cricket
Thursday	3– 6 inclusive	Cricket
Friday	All year groups	Football

To book for Summer 2: <https://sports-coaching-group.classforkids.io/term/1300>

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

Key Dates & Events

Summer 2 Half Term 2026

- w/c 29th June – Shanghai children in school – week 1
- Tuesday 30th June – Year 2 Class trip to Manchester Airport
- Wednesday 1st July – Band & Vocal Coaching Group – concert to parents
- Thursday 2nd July – Year 2 Class Assembly & Classroom Visit
- Thursday 2nd July – Ethos Ambassadors (Year 5) to Capenhurst Primary School
- w/c 6th July – Shanghai children in school – week 2
- Tuesday 7th July – Reception, Year 1 & 2 Sports Day (AM only).
- Tuesday 7th July – Year 6 Leavers Service – Chester Cathedral (children & staff only)
- Tuesday 7th July – Year 6 SATs results released
- Thursday 9th July – Reception class assembly followed by Stay & Play (9am – 10.30am)
- Thursday 9th July – Transition Day to Knutsford Academy for Year 6 pupils joining.
- Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th July – Campfest
- Tuesday 14th July – Key Stage 2 Sports Day (AM only)
- Tuesday 14th July – Parent Consultation Evening (optional attendance)
- Thursday 16th July – Parent Consultation Evening (optional attendance)
- Tuesday 21st July – Year 6 Leavers Performance – Rehearsal Day (Plumley Village Hall)
- Wednesday 22nd July – Year 6 Leavers Performance (Plumley Village Hall)
- Wednesday 22nd July – Last Day of Term

2026-27 Academic Year

Autumn 1 Half Term 2026

- Tuesday 1st September – INSET DAY
- Wednesday 2nd September – First day of term for children