

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 18th September 2026



Congratulations to our Years 3 & 4 football team, who competed at HCCS this week. Both teams coming 2nd in their respective competitions. Well done LP teams!



Staff News

It is with much sadness we announce that Mrs Lamb will be leaving school next Friday, to start a new challenge in another local primary school. Mrs Lamb has been part of the Lower Peover team since 2010 and will be hugely missed by us all.

As well as being a vastly experienced TA, Mrs Lamb is also our trained ELSA (Emotional Learning Support Assistant), so we have secured a replacement, to ensure this vital support for the children continues. Please continue to liaise with Mr Bradley who oversees this support as school SENCo.

As Mrs Lamb departs, we are delighted to announce that Mrs Sarginson will join the team permanently, as a Higher-Level Teaching Assistant from Monday 28th September. Mrs Sarginson has been in school over the last couple of weeks, in a supply TA role, so the children have already started to get to know her.



Smartphone Free Childhood: Join the Conversation

Many parents are becoming increasingly concerned about the impact of smartphones and social media on children's wellbeing, concentration, sleep, and mental health. The Smartphone Free Childhood movement encourages families to work together to delay smartphone ownership and promote healthier, more balanced childhood experiences.

We are pleased to share that a **Smartphone Free Childhood group is now beginning to take shape within our school community**. This is still very much in its early stages, and we are keen to connect with more parents who are interested in learning more, sharing ideas, and supporting one another as we explore this important topic.

Whether you are already committed to delaying smartphones or simply want to find out more, we would love you to get involved. The more families who join the conversation, the greater the support network we can build for our children.

Join our WhatsApp group:

https://chat.whatsapp.com/B7SDS3L6idQLJGfKK2kXha?mode=qi_t

Complete our parent survey:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfXI2pM8fMbkb15px2lvXFM_0uW1El1uS76vFxyYSvq5jzIg/viewform?usp=publ ish-editor

Together, we can help our children enjoy a healthy, confident, and connected childhood, both online and offline. We look forward to hearing from you!





Wraparound Care – Key Dates

A reminder that wraparound care WILL NOT be running when we hold parent consultation evenings this academic year.

Please make a note of the first parents evening dates, where all children are required to be collected at the normal end of day collection slots (unless booked into Sport After Club):

Tuesday 20th October 2026
Thursday 5th November 2026

There will also be no Lower Peover Band with Mr Stannard on Thursday 5th November.

Only sport after school clubs will run on these dates.

Please also be aware that we have a FLPS run Autumn Disco on Friday 16th October, where there will be NO wraparound care OR Sport After School Clubs running.

Weekly Awards

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

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



Writer of the week

Reception: Sophie L

Year 1: Sienna

Year 2: Isabelle C

Year 3: Louis B

Year 4: Immy

Year 5: Grace H

Year 6: Fraeyah

Vision Stars

Reception: Otto, Leo, Jack H & Noala

Year 1: Beatrice

Year 2: Bella

Year 3: August

Year 4: Halle

Year 5: Bethany

Year 6: Arianna & Harry



Reception: 97.8%
Year 1: 95.0%
Year 2: 96.7%
Year 3: 93.8%
Year 4: 98.0%
Year 5: 96.9%
Year 6: 95.8%

Whole School: 96.2%



To assist getting into school on time, we open our doors at 8.20am giving a 30-minute arrival window. Doors close promptly at 8.50am.

Morning registration takes place at 8.50am and learning then starts immediately.

Arriving on time and having the chance to settle into the day supports children in feeling happy and confident in school. We notice that when children arrive late, they are often anxious and take time to settle into the day.

Where children arrive between 8.50am – 9am, they receive a late mark (code L) on the register. If they arrive after 9am, a U code is recorded. The U code reduces the child's overall attendance percentage. E.g. if a child arrives after 9am every day, their attendance percentage for that week would be 50% - even though they had not been absent for all of the mornings.

Low attendance due to persistent late arrival is a cause for concern. Persistent lateness is tracked and action taken to support & improve this is by the school in collaboration with the Education Welfare Service.

L and U Codes are reviewed on a daily and weekly basis to enable us to identify where support or intervention is required to improve punctuality.

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.



Autumn Disco – Friday 16th October

Get ready for the first FLPS disco of the new school year! 🍁 🌟

KS1: 3.20–4.30pm

KS2: 5.00–6.30pm

Tickets will be available on ParentPay soon for £6.50 per child. The price includes a hotdog, drink and crispy cake.

FLPS AGM – Thursday 8th October, 8pm, Bells of Peover/Teams

Our FLPS AGM will take place on Thursday 8th October at 8pm.

Everyone is very welcome to come along either in person or virtually. It's a great opportunity to hear a little more about what FLPS does, find out what we have planned for the year ahead and share any ideas you might have.

We are also looking to recruit volunteers for the Treasurer and Secretary roles at the AGM. If you would like to find out more about either role, please come along or get in touch with us.

There's absolutely no obligation to take on a role – we'd simply love to see some new (and familiar!) faces. 😊

Instagram: Friends of Lower Peover School

Facebook: Lower Peover Primary School Mums

email: flpscommittee@gmail.com



Following a recent tree survey, the report has identified trees in the Forest School area to be high risk and in need of being removed.

As a result Forest School will commence once all works have been completed.

Unfortunately we are unable to give a definitive start date for sessions.



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Collective Worship

We continue our focus on remarkable people in the Bible and ask what it really means to be a hero. This week we have talked about 'Noah' and the importance of keeping going and trying.



Heroes & Heroines: Noah

On Monday we thought about Noah.

Noah showed trust and perseverance, when given a task by God.

What might it feel like to do something others think is strange?

Does the right thing always feel comfortable?

Can something be the right choice and still feel difficult?

Can courage mean being different from everyone else?

Noah listened. Noah trusted. Noah kept going.

What might have helped Noah continue when others did not understand?

Possible ideas:
faith • hope • courage • patience • trust

Keep Going & Try

Why does this spiritual way connect to Noah's story?

"Keep Going & Try" is about what helps us when things feel hard, worrying or uncertain. It can be courage, hope, patience, who supports us or the things we believe are important. In Noah's story, Christians believe his faith and trust in God helped him keep going even when he did not know exactly what would happen next.

Mirrors

When have you not given up and tried hard?

- learning something difficult
- starting somewhere new
- practising a skill
- resolving a friendship problem
- doing something you were nervous about
- trying again after a mistake

EYF5/Y1

Who helps you keep going?

- who encourages you?
- who believes in you?
- who helps when something is difficult?
- what do they actually do that helps?

KS1/Y3

How can "keep going and try" help our school community?

- helps someone practise
- encourages someone who is struggling
- not giving up on a friendship
- working together when something is difficult
- supporting someone who feels unsure
- being patient with others

What happens to a community when people help each other keep going?

KS2

Mirrors

What is the difference between encouragement and pressure?

Mirrors

Kind & Thankful

Keep Going & Try

How can these two spiritual ways work together, in helping and encouraging others?



Staff Led After School Clubs

Autumn 1 Half Term 2026 (04.09.26 – 22.10.26 inc)

Day	Club	Cost	Staff	Year Group(s)	INFORMATION
Monday	Vocal Coaching Club	£42 per half term	Mr Stannard	Years 2-6 inclusive (confident Y1 welcome)	Please contact Mr Stannard directly on jstannard@lowerpeover.cheshire.sch.uk
Wednesday	YV Choir	£20	Mrs Maddock & Miss Harper	Years 3-6 inclusive	Every Wednesday commencing 9th September to 25th November 2026. Resumes 6th – 20th January 2027 Concert Date: Tuesday 26th January 2027
Thursday	Band	£42 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.



Autumn 1 Half Term 2026 (02.09.26 to 23.10.26 inclusive)

Day	Year Groups	Activity
Monday	3 – 6 inclusive	Basketball
Tuesday	Rec, 1 & 2	FUNDamental Games
Wednesday	Rec, 1 & 2	Craft & Jewellery
Wednesday	1 - 4 inclusive	Girls Football
Thursday	3– 6 inclusive	Football

New booking system will go live during the summer break. All parents on SCG database will receive an email informing them that the new system has gone live. Full SCG flyer for Autumn 1 can be found via: [Lower Peover C of E \(Aided\) Primary School: SCG After School Clubs](#)

Direct booking link: https://sportscoachinggroup.co.uk/?page_id=3247&service=313

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

Unfortunately, due to low numbers, Chess (Tues) & Multi-Sport (Fri) clubs have been cancelled for the remainder of Autumn 1 half term.

Key Dates & Events

Autumn 1 Half Term 2026

- Tuesday 29th September – Open Morning – Session 2 (9.30am – 11am) – No appointment necessary
- Friday 9th October – Years 1 & 2 Harvest Festival Service in Church (9am)
- Friday 16th October – KS2 Harvest Festival Service in Church (9am)
- Friday 16th October – Autumn Disco – **NO WRAPAROUND CARE OR SPORT CLUBS**
- Tuesday 20th October – Open Morning – Session 3 (9.30am – 11am) – No appointment necessary
- Tuesday 20th October – Parent Consultation Evening – Session 1 (4pm – 6.30pm) – **NO WRAPAROUND CARE**
- Wednesday 21st October – Reception Parents Stay & Play (2pm onwards)
- Friday 23rd October – Last Day of Term

Autumn 2 Half Term 2026

- Monday 2nd November – First Day of Term
- Wednesday 4th November – Year 3 Class Workshop – Amazing Light (in school)
- Thursday 5th November – Parent Consultation Evening – Session 2 (4pm – 6.30pm) – **NO WRAPAROUND CARE OR BAND**
- Tuesday 10th November – Open Morning – Session 4 (9.30am – 11am) – No appointment necessary
- Tuesday 1st December – Reception class Christmas Nativity to Parents (school hall 9am) – max 2 family members to attend only
- Monday 7th December – Reception Parents Stay & Play (2pm onwards)
- Wednesday 9th December – Years 1 & 2 Christmas Performance to Parents (Year 1 parents only – max 2 family members only)
- Thursday 10th December – Years 1 & 2 Christmas Performance to Parents (Year 2 parents only – max 2 family members only)
- Friday 11th December – Robin Hood Panto in school (KS2 children)
- Tuesday 15th December – KS2 Christmas Service in Church (9am – Years 3 & 4 parents to attend only)
- Thursday 17th December – KS2 Christmas Service in Church (9am – Years 5 & 6 parents to attend only)
- Friday 18th December – Magician for Reception & KS1 children
- Friday 18th December – Last Day of Term