Lower Peover CofE Primary School

"Let your light shine, so that others may see the good you do" Matthew 5:16

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

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 27th November 2026

Part of CDLT Chester Diocesan Learning Trust

This week our Year 5 & 6 children took part in the inter-schools dance festival at Holmes Chapel Comprehensive. The children created and performed a great dance routine – well done to everyone who took part.

Mini Police

Well done to our Mini Police Officers, who were on Community Speed Watch this week in the village.

A variety of speeds were recorded, but we are pleased to report the vast majority of drivers were complying with the speed limit!



Reception Class – Nativity Performance – Tuesday 1st December 2026

Next Tuesday is the first of our Christmas Nativity/Performances, as we welcome Reception parents into school. The children have been busy rehearsing to put on an amazing performance for you!

You will be able to enter school from approx. 9am. This will allow time for wraparound care to clear their equipment and the hall set up for the nativity.

The nativity will start at approx. 9.15am/9.30am. In order to comply with the capacity of the hall and the relevant risk assessments in place, unfortunately we are only able to accommodate 2 parents or relatives per child.

Please could we request that parents park on the car park at the rear of school, or use The Bells car park, who have kindly agreed our parents can use this space. We do ask that you park courteously so deliveries can still take place at the pub. It would be wonderful if you could support The Bells over the Christmas period by popping in for a drink or meal.

Please do not park on the front loop (or in the layby) at the front of school or on The Cobbles themselves. Our neighbouring properties still need access, and deliveries will be taking place for school.

Can we also ask that there is no parking in front of the playground gate or blocking the road to the parking area at the side/back of school. This will ensure emergency vehicles can still access the school site if required.

Videoing and or photographs are permitted, however, we do ask that these are for personal use only and are not shared on any social media platform. This will protect any children whose parents do not wish them to appear online. Thank you for your co-operation.

More information will be shared via Mr Bradley's weekly email.

We look forward to welcoming parents and/or family members to enjoy the children's first nativity at school.

Toys / Swap Cards

A reminder to please ensure no toys or swap cards are brought into school - thank you for your co-operation.

We have received the following email from the Royal British Legion following this year's Poppy Appeal:

I wanted to say thank you to your school, not just from me, but from those currently serving, veterans and their families.

This year, your school raised an impressive £535.01 for the Poppy Appeal; this is the highest amount from any of our local primary schools!!

The total raised across Knutsford and our surrounding villages was £33,605 - this is the highest EVER raised!

Thank you for your continued support of the Poppy Appeal.

Thank you
Andrew (Branch Chair & Poppy Appeal Organiser – Knutsford & District Branch)

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: Isaac

Year 1: Kaison

Year 2: Ivaan

Year 3: Sebby

Year 4: Matilda

Year 5: Rosie

Year 6: Freya

Vision Stars

Reception: Jack H, Henry, Freddie & Isaac

Year 1: Elissa

Year 2: Albie M & George

Year 3: Florence

Year 4: Raven

Year 5: Hollie Mc

Year 6: Oli FJ & Max C

ATTENDANCE MATTERS every school day counts.

Reception: 95.0%
Year 1: 91.8%
Year 2: 98.3%
Year 3: 98.8%
Year 4: 91.4%
Year 5: 94.1%
Year 6: 100%

Whole School: 95.8%



To assist getting into school on time, we open our doors at 8.20am giving parents 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 charge 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.

FLPS Friends of Lower Peover School

📰 Making Headlines!

Our trim trail project is a Knutsford Guardian feature this week. The article highlights our plans for a year-round outdoor activity trail and our ambitious **£40,000 fundraising target**.



🖌️ Sip & Dip - Last Call

Thinking of joining our festive bauble painting evening? The **final deadline for tickets is this Sunday** – grab yours here. Don't miss out on a fun, creative evening with friends and fellow parents.

🖍️ Christmas Cards & Gifts Deadline 30th November 🎁

A quick reminder that the **final ordering window closes on Monday**.
If you'd like to order Christmas cards or other keepsakes featuring your child's artwork, please order here using organisation code 7321C7.

🛍️ Shop. Raise. Repeat. ⭐

Did you know your everyday online shopping can raise free donations for FLPS?
Simply sign up to **easyfundraising**, select Friends of Lower Peover School as your chosen cause, and when you shop with participating retailers, they'll donate to FLPS at no extra cost to you.

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

Sports Coaching Group – Spring 1 Half Term 2027 - After School Clubs

We have received information from SCG regarding the Spring 1 half term clubs, along with a Black Friday discount offer, that can be claimed at the checkout when booking.

Please note: Parents will only be able to claim the 20% discount using the code on the flyer **between midnight on Friday 27th November and midnight on Sunday 29th November.**

Booking Link: https://sportscoachinggroup.co.uk/?page_id=3247&location=8



website: www.lower-peover-school.co.uk Facebook: @LowerPeoverCfEPrimarySchool

Collective Worship

We have had an extra special week in school for Collective Worship.

Following our Monday worship where we spent time thinking about how 'Jesus called ordinary people to follow him', along with 'how each of us have different gifts and qualities'.

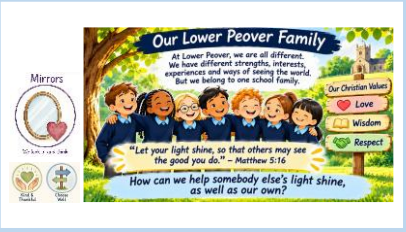
On Tuesday we joined an online whole Trust worship led by Lostock Gralam CE Primary School.

On Wednesday we were joined by Mr Dean, the SIAMS inspector, where as well as reflecting on the week so far, the key questions asked were 'Why might we achieve more when we work together' & 'How can we help somebody else's light shine, as well as our own'









Staff Led After School Clubs

Autumn 2 Half Term 2026 (02.11.26 – 17.12.26 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 Concert Date: Tues 26th Jan 2027	YV Choir	£20	Mrs Maddock & Miss Harper	Years 3-6 inclusive	**Club running as follows: 4th 11th 18th & 25th November** **NO CLUB RUNNING DURING DECEMBER** **Resumes 6th – 20th 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 2 Half Term 2026 (02.11.26 to 18.12.26 inclusive)

Day	Year Groups	Activity
Monday	3 – 6 inclusive	Hockey
Tuesday	Reception, 1 & 2	Dodgeball
Wednesday	Reception to Year 6 incl.	Craft
Wednesday	Reception to Year 2 incl.	Football
Thursday	3– 6 inclusive	Football
Friday – **CANCELLED FOR REMAINDER OF AUT 2 DUE TO LOW NUMBERS**	Reception to Year 6 incl.	Netball

Direct booking link: https://sportscoachinggroup.co.uk/?page_id=3247&location=8

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Clubs for Spring 1 half term 2027 will be communicated in next week's newsletter

Key Dates & Events

Autumn 2 Half Term 2026

- Tuesday 1st December – Reception class Christmas Nativity to Parents (school hall 9am) – max 2 family members to attend only
- Thursday 3rd December – Sip & Dip (FLPS event – parents)
- Friday 4th December – Christmas Gift Room (FLPS event)
- Monday 7th December – Reception Parents Stay & Play (2pm onwards)
- Tuesday 8th December – Mini Police Interviews (Y5 applicants) – in school
- 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)
- Friday 11th December – Food Bank Collection (FLPS event)
- 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 (AM)
- Friday 18th December – Surprise Visitor in school! (PM)
- Friday 18th December – Last Day of Term

Spring 1 Half Term 2027

- Monday 4th January – INSET DAY
- Tuesday 5th January – First Day of Term
- Tuesday 5th January – Year 3 Swimming Lessons start (every Tuesday for the Spring term)
- Monday 11th to Wednesday 13th January inclusive – Year 6 Residential to Robinwood Centre, Wrexham
- Tuesday 26th January – Young Voices Concert (YV Choir)
- Friday 12th February – Reception Parents Stay & Play (2pm onwards)
- Friday 12th February – Last day of Term