13th NOVEMBER 2026

LAKESIDE PRIMARY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

Headteacher's Blog

Attendance

Please remember that 96% attendance is considered to be the minimum level of attendance that a pupil should have in school. Many of our pupils have 100% attendance all year, year-on-year. We know that children are ill sometimes but often some children are kept at home when they should be in school. Please see our 'Under the Weather' form if your child does not feel 100% but is well enough to come to school and we will keep a special eye on them during the day.

Also see the attendance grid below for how many days education your child misses at each level of attendance. A child with 85% attendance every year misses out on a whole year of primary education.

Mr J. Bullock, Headteacher

Diary Dates

- Monday 16th November – Odd socks day
- Wednesday 18th November – **Year 4** cinema visit
- Thursday 19th November – Flu vaccinations catch up session

Upcoming events

Please see our **Christmas** page on this week's newsletter, which includes all of the **important dates** and activities taking place during December.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese & tomato pizza	Chicken & veg crumble	Roast pork steak	Meatball marinara pasta	Fish fingers
Mexican wrap	Vegetable hotpot	Macaroni cheese	Tortilla layer	Vegetable lasagne
Cheese & tomato pizza	Halal chicken & veg crumble	Halal chicken portion	Halal meatball marinara pasta	Fish fingers
Cheese sandwich	Jacket potato & cheese	Egg sandwich	Tuna sandwich	Jacket potato, cheese & beans

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Class	%	Champion
Nursery Gosling	94.29%	Musa
Reception Cygnet	97.22%	Taniyah
Reception Duckling	92.35%	Nathan
The Nest	86.67%	Wteen
Year 1 Duck	90.5%	Zunaira A
Year 1 Swan	91.36%	Abeeha
Year 2 Goose	92.98%	Fares
Year 2 Kingfisher	91.06%	Hafsah
Year 3 Mallard	94.87%	Ayeza
Year 3 Sandpiper	94.24%	Afaan
Year 4 Avocet	96.81%	Leen
Year 4 Teal	92.72%	Areej
Year 5 Coot	96.76%	Ashton
Year 5 Heron	93.83%	Patrick
Year 6 Crake	96.03%	Yassmin
Year 6 Moorhen	97.62%	Tomi
Whole School	**94.13%**	

Star of the Week

Class	Star
Nursery Gosling	Kuzey
Reception Cygnet	Ayat
Reception Duckling	Zakaria
The Nest	Levi
Year 1 Duck	Irah
Year 1 Swan	Isabella
Year 2 Goose	Fawzan
Year 2 Kingfisher	Rastislav
Year 3 Mallard	Orkid
Year 3 Sandpiper	Sarah
Year 4 Avocet	Louisa
Year 4 Teal	Kayra
Year 5 Coot	David
Year 5 Heron	Ilaria
Year 6 Crake	Jesse
Year 6 Moorhen	Hadi

Well Done!

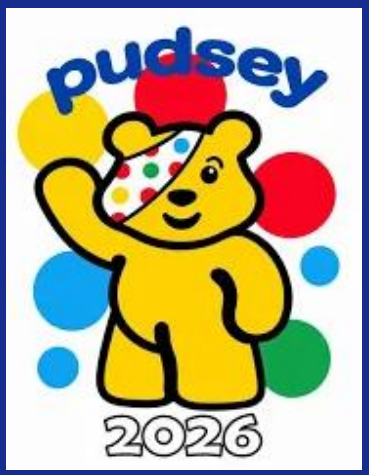
Children in Need

Children have had lots of fun today taking part in a skip-athon for Children in Need!

Please make all donations to **Children in Need** via the School Shop on Arbor by Monday 16th November.



Thank you for your support.



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Early Years

This week we have been learning about Remembrance Day and why we wear poppies. We used red paint for the petals and black for the middle to create our own poppies, we have them displayed in our classrooms. Children took part in a 2 minute silence as a mark of respect on 11/11 at 11am. We are so proud of our work and I am sure you will agree that they look fab!





Diwali was celebrated on Sunday 6th November by many people around the world. In Nursery this week the children have been making diva lamps, creating rangoli patterns and learning all about the 'festival of light'. We talked about how Diwali was a time for family, kindness, sharing food and celebrating light over darkness, We loved learning with all our friends. Happy Diwali to all our families who celebrated!

Reception have been reading the story 'Owl Babies', we have loved meeting the characters Sarah, Percy and Bill and we decided to make our own owl babies by painting and adding details to them. We talked about how the owls were feeling and related to some of their emotions. We are super proud of our class owl babies!



Christmas Dates

Here are the dates of our upcoming Christmas events in school.

More information will follow over the next few weeks.

Christmas concerts –

- Tuesday 8th December – **Year 3 & 4** – 9am and 2pm
- Wednesday 9th December – **Year 1 & 2** – 9am and 2pm
- Thursday 10th December – **Year 5 & 6** – 9am and 2pm

Early Years -

- Tuesday 8th December –
  Nursery Christmas Crafts / Sing-a-long – 10.30am
- Tuesday 8th December –
  Reception Christmas Crafts / Sing-a-long – 2pm

Christmas Parties –

- Wednesday 16th December – **EYFS / Year 1 & 2** party
- Thursday 17th December – **Year 3 & 4** party
- Friday 18th December – **Year 5 & 6** party

Our School & Trust Choir will perform at The Dome as part of "A Choral Christmas" on Wednesday 9th December. Tickets are available from: www.dclt.co.uk



Friday 11th December –

- Christmas jumper day
- Christmas dinner day
- Sponsored Santa Dash



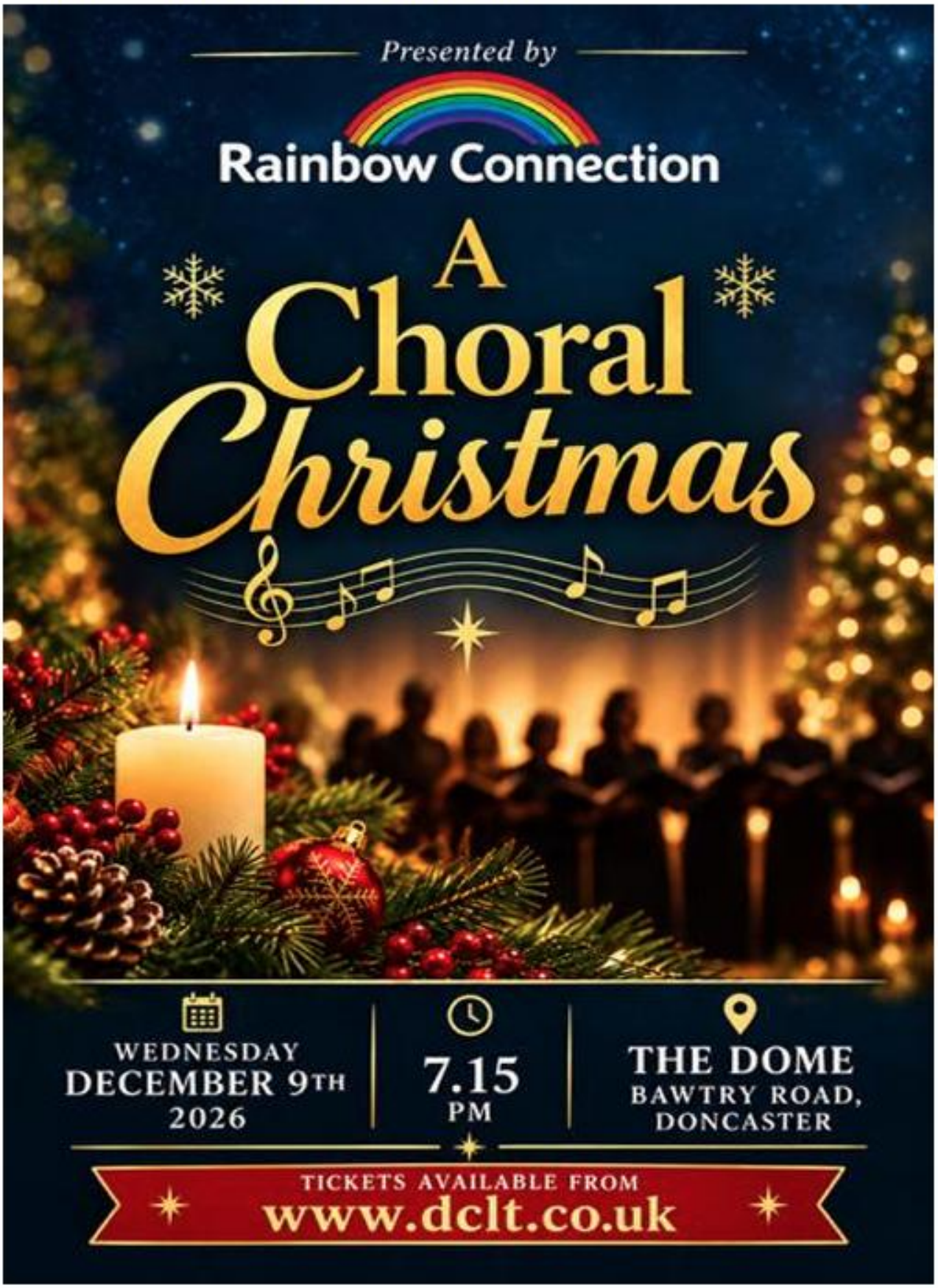
We have created a new 'under the weather' form to be completed by parents if your child is a little 'under the weather' but well enough to come to school. With this information we can 'keep a close eye' on your child and let you know if they get worse through the day.

Use either the QR code above or the link below to access and complete the form: 'Under the weather' form – Fill in form

You can also find the link to the form on the school website: here

Children who are part of the school and trust choir will be performing at the Choral Christmas event, advertised below.

Tickets are available on the DCLT website.



CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY DIGITAL DROP-IN

Monday 16 November | 3.30–5.00pm | Online via Microsoft Teams

Children's University Digital Drop-in!

Join Children's University Trust for an informal, friendly session to explore Children's University Online (CUO), ask questions and get support with all things digital. Whether you're new to CUO, want to find out more about a particular feature or have a specific question, you're very welcome to drop in.

There's no set agenda, so you can join for the whole session or just pop in for a few minutes. The session is designed to be flexible and shaped around the questions and interests of those attending.

What to bring along?

✔️Questions about using CUO
✔️A feature or function you'd like to explore
✔️Questions for how to make the most of the platform

The details...

✔️16th NOVEMBER 3.30pm–5.00PM | ONLINE VIA Teams
✔️Scan the QR Code to join or click the link below
✔️Join:
https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/3485987560325046?p=fGbyTtv7bRFw5Fhtqt
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