

End of Year Newsletter

Dear Parents,

This is just a short newsletter to wish you all the best for the summer break and to share a few short reflections and notices. As most of you will be aware, I started as Headteacher here last week and have been delighted to meet with many of you at the gate, in face-to-face meetings and also online. I have been very grateful for the warm welcome I have received from parents, children and staff and feel very fortunate to have joined such a lovely school with such a warm and supportive community. Thank you.

Staff Leavers

This is an exciting time in school as we prepare for a well-deserved summer holiday. It can also be a sad time as we say goodbye to valued members of staff and pupils who will be leaving us.

Mr Hancock has done an excellent job as Deputy Head and more recently, as Acting Headteacher. On a personal note, I have been very grateful for the support he has provided to me in my new role and can see how hard he has worked to lead the school over the past few months. Mr Hancock will be moving on to be the Headteacher at Trent Vale Infant and Nursery School in Beeston in September. We wish him all the best in his new role.

Mrs Lodge will be leaving us after four years as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA). Throughout her time here, she has provided invaluable support across the whole school, demonstrating flexibility, dedication and a commitment to helping our pupils to succeed. We are delighted that she has secured a teaching position at a local school and know she will be a tremendous asset to her new team.

After more than 10 years at Lawn Primary School, Mrs Boyce will be leaving at the end of this term. During her time with us, she has supported hundreds of children across the school, both within whole-class settings and through individual support, making a significant difference to the lives of many learners. As she begins a new chapter following nearly 30 years in education, we thank her for her outstanding contribution and wish her every happiness and success in the future.

Mr Housley has worked at Lawn for the last two years, joining in 2024 as a newly qualified teacher. He will be relocating to Preston and taking up the role of a Year 4 class teacher.

We are grateful for the contribution that these members of staff have made to the school and wish them every success in their new adventures.

Best wishes to our Year 6 children.

I have been at Lawn for less than two weeks but it has been very clear to me what a kind, talented and polite group of Year 6 children we have in the school. They have been excellent role models to younger children in the school and we look forward to hearing of their achievements in years to come.



End of Year attainment results

I am very pleased to share with you an excellent set of end of year results achieved by children from across the school. Teachers have carried out assessments of children in all year groups and provided information in end of year reports about your child's progress and attainment in different subject areas. A few headlines:

- 90% of our children in Reception achieved a Good Level of Development (GLD) compared to approx. 72% of children nationally (puts us in the top 4% of schools in the UK)
- 92% of Year 1 children achieved the expected standard in the Phonics Screening Check compared to approx. 82% nationally
- 86% children in Year 6 achieved the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths (combined) compared to approx. 62% of children nationally (top 8% of schools in UK)
- 27% of children in Year 6 achieved the higher standard in Reading, Writing and Maths (combined) compared to approx. 8% children nationally (putting us in the top 3% of schools nationally).

I'm sure you'll agree that these are some excellent achievements and a very positive reflection on the hard work that has taken place in school and at home.

Term Dates

Attached to this letter you will find the Term Dates for the next academic year. Our INSET days have now been agreed by our Board of Governors so hopefully this will help you to plan any holidays etc. I am committed to doing all I can to share important dates as far as possible in advance. At the start of each term, we will share a Calendar of Events for the term ahead. You will receive your Calendar of Events for the Autumn Term by the end of first full week of term.

School Uniform

I have received lots of positive comments about our school uniform and this is clearly an important part of Lawn's identity and commitment to high standards. I'm pleased that the children have been able to wear their PE kits and enjoy a more relaxed approach in the recent hot weather. When we return to school in September, please ensure that children come to school looking smart and taking pride in their school uniform. Further information is available on our school website: [Lawn Primary School - Uniform Information](#)

Thank you to our staff

I'd also like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of the staff at Lawn. I have been very pleased to meet individually with nearly every member of staff over the last week or so and have been struck by what a hard-working and committed team we have here. Staff speak passionately about their commitment to the school and to the children and we are fortunate to have such a caring and dedicated team of teachers and support staff. I'm sure you will join me in thanking them for their hard work and wishing them a relaxing and healthy summer break.

Looking ahead!

I look forward to meeting more of you and working together when we return for the start of the new school year. Monday 7th September is a staff training day. Children return to school on **Tuesday 8th September** at the normal time (8.45am).

Thank you once again for your warm welcome and support,

Kind regards,

Mr Phillips
Headteacher



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Term Dates 2026 - 2027

Autumn Term 2026	Inset Day	Friday 4 th September 2026
	Inset Day	Monday 7 th September 2026
	First day of term	Tuesday 8 th September 2026
	Break up for half term	Friday 23 rd October 2026
	Half Term	Monday 26 th October to Friday 30 th October 2026
	2nd half term begins	Monday 2 nd November 2026
	Inset day	Friday 27 th November 2026
Spring Term 2027	Last day of term	Friday 18 th December 2026
	Inset day	Monday 4 th January 2027
	First day of term	Tuesday 5 th January 2027
	Break up for half term	Friday 12 th February 2027
	Half Term	Monday 15 th February to Friday 19 th February 2027
	2nd half term begins	Monday 22 nd February 2027
	Last day of term	Thursday 25 th March 2027
Summer Term 2027	Easter Holidays	Friday 26 th March to Friday 9 th April 2027
	First day of term	Monday 12 th April 2027
	Bank Holiday	Monday 3 rd May 2027
	Break up for half term	Thursday 27 th May 2027
	Inset Day	Friday 28 th May 2027
	Half Term	Monday 31 st May to Friday 4 th June 2027
	2nd half term begins	Monday 7 th June 2027
	Last day of term	Friday 23 rd July 2027
	Inset Day	Monday 26 th July 2027