

LAWN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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♦ Welcome Back!

I hope that you enjoyed a healthy and relaxing summer break and are excited about the year ahead. It was lovely to welcome the children back into school on Tuesday and watch them settle so quickly into their new classrooms with their new teachers and support staff. There was a lovely atmosphere around school and it was great to see so many smiling faces as everyone got used to new routines and began catching up with friends.

For those of you who are new to Lawn - a very warm welcome! We are starting new at the same time, so we will be able to enjoy this important journey together! I know that there will be lots to learn over the coming weeks, but I am really looking forward to getting to know our children, families and the wider Lawn community.

We have a busy and exciting year ahead of us and I look forward to sharing the many things happening at Lawn through these regular newsletters (there will be approx. 2 every half term).



Mrs Levesley's Reception Class



Miss Deacon's Reception Class

© School Website

Over the past few days, we have begun to update our school website. There is still some work to do on this (as you may have noticed!), but our intention is for the website to become the first port of call for important information about school.

We have recently added our [Autumn Term School Menu](#) and [Term Dates for this academic year](#).

We will continue to add and update information over the coming weeks. If there is something you are looking for and are unable to find, please let our school office know. This will help us to make sure that the information families need is easy to find and available to everyone.

✉ Communication

As a school, we are committed to doing all we can to ensure that communication with parents is clear and effective. We recognise how important good communication is in building a strong partnership between home and school and, ultimately, in supporting our children. Following discussions with a number of parents and members of staff, it has become clear that we need to streamline the way we communicate. At the moment, messages can come through a number of different routes and this can make it more difficult to ensure that important information is seen, passed on and responded to appropriately.

For the time being, we will continue to use Class Dojo, but we plan to send more of our important whole-school messages and information by email. We would also ask that, wherever possible, parents email the school office (lawn.admin@lawn.derby.sch.uk) with messages for members of staff (rather than using Class Dojo), clearly marking them for the attention of the relevant person. The office team will make sure that these are passed on promptly and a member of staff will respond by email or telephone as soon as they are able.

This isn't about reducing communication with parents - quite the opposite. We want to make sure that important messages don't get lost amongst more informal communication and that there is a clear and reliable route for contacting school.

Class Dojo will still have an important role. We will continue to use it to give you a window into what is happening in classrooms, celebrate the children's learning and achievements, and share regular class information such as weekly spellings.



Enjoying time together on the playground

✓ School Uniform

We are very proud of our school and are committed to achieving high standards in all that we do. Our school uniform is one important way in which we can demonstrate this pride. It helps children to feel part of the Lawn community and sets the tone for coming to school smart, prepared and ready to learn. Staff will always make a point of recognising and praising children who take pride in their appearance.

Please help us to maintain these high standards by making sure that your child comes to school each day wearing the correct uniform. In particular, school shoes should be black shoes, not trainers. Boots and shoes with heels are not suitable for school. Long hair should also be tied back, regardless of gender. These expectations are there to help ensure that children look smart and that clothing and footwear are practical and safe for a busy school day.

We do appreciate that children grow quickly and that there may occasionally be a short delay in replacing an item. If there is a temporary difficulty, please just let us know. What matters is that we work together to maintain the high expectations we have for every child and the pride we all share in Lawn Primary School. **[Further information about our school uniform is available on our school website.](#)**

Please can we remind you to clearly label all personal items including coats, shoes, drinks bottles and lunch boxes. This will help us to return any items to your child quickly if they are mislaid.

📅 Calendar of Events for the Autumn Term

Along with this newsletter, you will find our 'Calendar of Events for the Autumn Term'. This includes some of the key dates and events that parents and carers may need to know about in advance.

We will send a calendar out at the start of each term to give families as much advance notice as possible of the things happening in school. I hope that you find this useful!

We will do our very best not to change any of the dates that have been publicised, although occasionally this may be unavoidable. A few additional dates and events may also be added along the way. We will therefore send an updated version at the start of the second half of the Autumn Term, after the half-term break.

📅 [View the Calendar of Events for the Autumn Term 2026](#)

♣️ Treehouse

We are very fortunate at Lawn Primary School to have our Treehouse wrap-around care provision, offering high-quality care for children before and after the school day.

Our Breakfast Club runs every school day from 7.00am-8.45am, providing children with a welcoming and positive start to the day, while our After-School Club runs from 3.30pm-6.00pm. Children can enjoy a wide range of engaging activities in a caring, nurturing environment, with healthy breakfasts and snacks provided.

Treehouse is a popular provision and places are limited. If you would like to book a place for your child at either Breakfast Club or After-School Club, please register using the forms on our school website: [Book Treehouse sessions on our school website](#)

If you have any questions about Treehouse or would like some further information, please contact our school office and we will be very pleased to help.

★ Playworker Vacancy

We currently have a paid vacancy for a lunchtime Playworker. The hours are around 11.30am - 1.30pm each day (with some flexibility). This is an important and highly rewarding position in school. If you are looking for some additional work and think you have the time to commit to this, please contact Mrs Lang, our Operations Manager (r.lang@lawn.derby.sch.uk), for more information. Full training will be given, of course!

📅 Key Dates & Reminders

- **Tuesday 22nd September | 2.45-3.30pm** — Supporting Your Child with Phonics – Reception Parents
- **Wednesday 23rd September** — Individual and sibling photographs taken in school
- **Monday 28th September | 3.00-3.30pm** — Supporting Your Child with Times Tables – Year 4 Parents

With best wishes for an exciting year ahead,

Mr A Phillips
Headteacher