

Friday the 16th of October 2026

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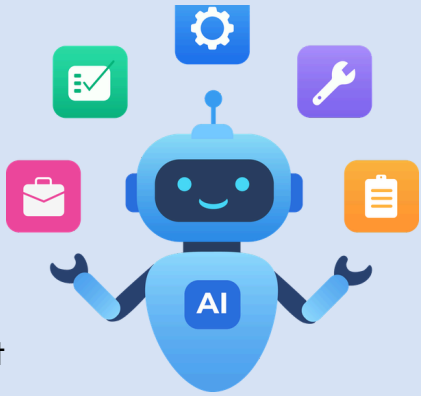
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Assembly

This week's assembly explored a new piece of technology called the Muse Charm, a small AI-powered device created by Meta that can fit in a pocket or hang from a keyring. The children learned about how artificial intelligence is becoming part of our everyday lives and discussed some of the ways it can help people.

We then thought about the question: Do we need AI wherever we go? The children shared their ideas about when AI could be useful but also rely on our own thinking, creativity and problem-solving skills. It was great to hear so many thoughtful opinions and discussions about the role technology plays in our lives.



Can Do

A big well done to this week's Can Do Winners! These children have shown fantastic determination and resilience by achieving something they previously couldn't do. Whether learning a new skill, improving their confidence, or overcoming a challenge, they have all demonstrated a positive attitude and a willingness to keep trying. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and look forward to seeing what they accomplish next. Keep up the great work!



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HELP US TO STOCK OUR SCHOOL LARDER

🌟 CAN YOU HELP? 🌟

THE PSA TEAM IS COLLECTING DONATIONS TO HELP SUPPORT FAMILIES WITHIN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

MOST NEEDED FOOD ITEMS:



- *Pasta*
- *Cereal*
- *Tea*
- *Coffee*
- *Sugar*
- *Pasta Sauces*
- *Noodles*
- *Rice*
- *Gravy Granules*
- *Tinned Beans*
- *Tinned Spaghetti*
- *Spaghetti with Sausages*
- *Hot dog sausages*
- *Long-Life Food Items*



Every Donation Makes a Difference - Whether you can donate one item or several, your support helps us ensure that our School Larder remains stocked for families who may need a helping hand.

Please leave donations at the School office.

PE

What a week in PE at Lakenham Primary! Year 3 swimming has progressed incredibly well, with the children improving their distances, while Year 2 gymnastics continues to go from strength to strength. Year 1 have been developing their object and ball control skills, and Year 5 are absolutely loving their netball! Year 4 cricket is coming along brilliantly, with the exciting introduction of a match, while Year 6 have focused on team building and communication. To top it all off, the children competed in their In School Cross Country competition, they were brilliant! A fantastic week of learning, teamwork and keeping active!











Online Safety

Online safety matters

Roblox, Verity and hidden chat features

Many children love playing online — but some games and apps can be more dangerous than they seem.

Please take a moment to read and talk with your child about this.

ROBLOX



A fun game – but with hidden risks

Roblox is a popular online game where children can play, create and connect with others. While it can be fun and creative, it also has risks, especially when it comes to chatting with strangers.

verity

Looks friendly... but it's not a real person.

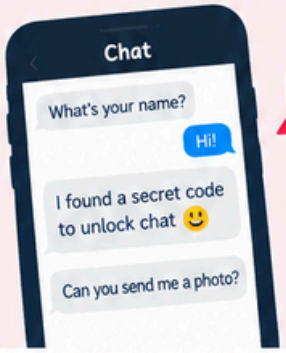
Verity is a fake AI assistant that can be added to Roblox. At first it may seem friendly and smiley, but it can quickly turn frightening — making upsetting noises and faces to scare children.



The hidden chat feature

Chatting isn't always on by default, but children can sometimes access a **secret code** (usually shared by other players or found online) to unlock the chat feature.

Once unlocked, they can message and be messaged by people they don't know — including strangers, and even Verity.



Strangers can contact your child, even if they don't know them.

Why it's risky...

Strangers can chat
Your child could be contacted by people they don't know.

They may be pressured
Children can be asked to share personal information, photos or to do things they're not comfortable with.

It can be upsetting
Chatting with strangers can lead to bullying, scams or even exploitation.

It's not age appropriate
Roblox is designed for 13+ and the chat feature is not suitable for younger children.

How we can keep our children safe

- Have regular conversations about online safety.
- Check their settings and privacy controls.
- Remind them not to share codes or personal information.
- Keep Roblox (and other apps) in shared spaces where possible.
- Encourage them to talk to a trusted adult if something makes them feel uncomfortable.

If you're unsure, please get in touch with school. We're here to help.

Junior Leadership Team

Young Librarians

📚 Young Librarians Meeting Update! 🌟
Our Young Librarians have been busy brainstorming ideas for their very first big project, and what an exciting discussion it was!
From World Book Day celebrations and creating a book recommendation wall, to setting up a cosy reading corner in after-school club, the ideas were flowing! We also explored book donations, fundraising and sharing book reviews. So many brilliant possibilities! 💡📖
After lots of discussion, the team decided they'd love to find out what their peers think about reading competitions! 🏆 Their next mission is to create and carry out a survey to discover whether pupils would like a reading competition and, if so, what they'd like it to look like.
Could we have a brand-new reading competition on the horizon? 👀📚
Watch this space for more updates from our Young Librarians

Young Interpreters

Our first Young Interpreters meeting of the year was a huge success and full of enthusiasm, creativity, and brilliant ideas! The children were eager to share ways we can celebrate the many languages spoken across our school and ensure that every child and family feels welcomed, valued, and included.
This year, our Young Interpreters will be focusing on three important priorities:

- Helping new pupils and families feel welcome, understood, and included
- Improving communication throughout the school
- Celebrating the rich variety of cultures, languages, and backgrounds within our community

The children have already begun planning exciting projects and have gone away with important tasks, including finding out more about the languages spoken in their classes and exploring ways to make it easier for everyone to navigate around our school.
We are incredibly proud of their enthusiasm, thoughtfulness, and commitment to making our school an even more welcoming place for all. We look forward to sharing their ideas and achievements with you throughout the year!
Watch this space for updates from our Young Interpreters as their exciting work develops! 🌍🗣️✨

Sunflowers

This week in Sunflowers, the children enjoyed playing the ukuleles and making lovely artwork using paper plates, coloured paper and tissue paper. They also completed a sorting activity using different coloured leaves, carefully grouping them together. The children showed great enthusiasm in all of their activities and worked really well with their friends. It has been a fun week full of creativity and learning!













Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been focussing on basic repeating patterns or 'AB' patterns using alternating actions, colours or objects to make the 'same again'. Can you practise this with your child at home or on an Autumn walk with leaves, conkers or twigs?

We have been singing the rhyme 'Twinkle twinkle' little star and began to listen for words that rhyme or sound the same as part of our phonetic awareness. Some children chose to sing a song to the rest of the class on Wednesday which was lovely to see and so brave!

Just a gentle reminder to please make sure that food sent to school is cut appropriately and safely. We still have children coming in with whole grapes, which can get stuck.

Have a wonderful weekend

Nursery Staff

Day	Teacher	Support Staff	Trainee teacher	College student
Monday	Jenny	Joanne	Zoe	
Tuesday	Jenny	Joanne	Zoe	
Wednesday	Jenny	Joanne & Debra	Zoe	Daizie
Thursday	Jenny	Joanne & Debra		
Friday	Anna	Joanne & Debra	Zoe	Daizie







Would you like to be involved in our Winter Musical?



JOIN MUSICAL THEATRE CLUB!

Wednesdays after school until 4:40

Open to Y1 - Y6

Book on Compass and join the cast!

Reception

We have been marrying art and music this week, listening to The Nutcracker Suite and then discussing how the music made us feel, and what we liked and disliked before drawing along with the music and seeing how it inspired our mark making.

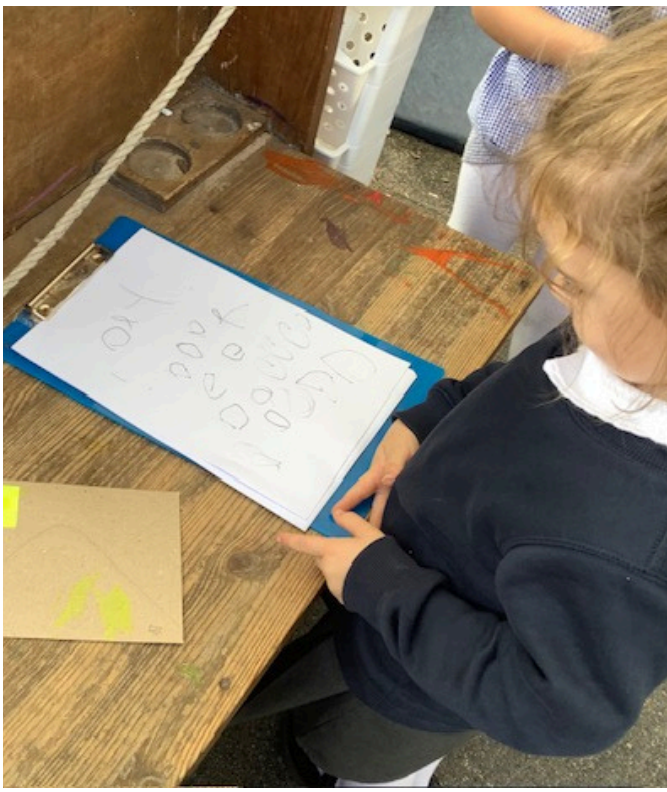
Within Drawing Club this week, we had an animation from the past, with Winnie the Pooh 'up, up and away'. We started off by drawing our own representations of Winnie the Pooh before wondering how else Winnie the Pooh could try and go up, up and away!

We have now finished our first block of sounds; this week we have been introduced to our first digraph 'ck' - where two letters together make one sound. We have only learnt e u and r. Using the sound mat in your Phonics pack please practise the sounds from s up to r, to help your child become confident at recalling these.

Within Maths, we have been comparing two sets of objects and identifying which has more or less than the other.

Following on from our learning around autumn and nocturnal animals we have now been discussing hibernation and identifying animals which do and do not hibernate. At nature school, now it is feeling a little more autumnal outside, we looked for more signs of autumn and discussed change. In PE, we have been identifying what a good position is for rolling and stopping a ball and practising this.





Year One

Year 1 have had another very busy week of learning! In English, we have been preparing to become authors next week by planning our re-telling of The Boy Who Cried Wolf. We have been acting out the story lots of provision to help us with this! In Maths, we have been using part-whole models to split numbers in tens and ones and then find all the addition and subtractions calculations that go with the part-whole model. We have also been busy measuring objects in provision and practising reading our numbers up to 100. In Geography, we have been using the locational language we have learnt to send each other of treasure hunts! We have had lots of fun in the mud kitchen making sweets for the boy from The Boy Who Cried Wolf and writing down our recipes for others to make it too! In Science, we did an experiment. We tested which material was the stiffest to build a bridge from. We learnt all about how to make our test fair and how to record our data. We used our imaginations to draw and describe the wolf's cave! We concentrated hard on using some wonderful adjectives to accurately describe it! In Computing, we used our skills on the laptop to make a piece of artwork inspired by Piet Mondrian. Well done year 1!







Friends of Lakenham

HELP NEEDED!

Can you help at our Christmas Fair?

If you're able to help, please email

✉ FOL@lakenhamprimary.org.uk

or give your name to the school office.

Thank you!

TOMBOLA PRIZES NEEDED



Please take donations for tombola prizes to the school office anytime between now and the Christmas Fair.

HAMPER DONATIONS

Non School Uniform Day
Friday 27th November



In exchange for a non-school uniform day on Friday 27th November, we ask families to donate items for Christmas Hampers. The hampers will be available to win by raffle at the Christmas Fair.

JOLLY JARS

Non-School Uniform Day
Friday 4th December



Start saving your jam jars now! Fill them up with pre-wrapped sweets and decorate them how you wish. We can't wait to see them all in exchange for a non-school uniform day on Friday 4th December.

Don't forget to visit the Jolly Jar stall at the Christmas Fair to win a jar to take back home!

Thank you for your support

Year Two

Year 2 have been loving science this week! As part of our learning about different materials and their properties, we tested the absorbency of different materials. Thinking as scientists, we made predictions, tested and observed closely, recorded results and formed a conclusion. Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to our science cafe yesterday to think about how waterproof materials are. Together we made tested how waterproof different materials are before making paper waterproof with wax crayons. It was great to see so many of you help us to waterproof the paper and create into a boat to test it. We ended the week by considering and testing different ways to waterproof paper.

Please note that PE will be on Monday instead of Tuesday for next week only. Gymnastics will continue on Wednesday as usual.

Next week, year two will be making moving vehicles in DT in small groups. We will need a selection of small boxes to enable us to add axles and wheels. We would be grateful for any donations of cardboard boxes of a similar size to a cereal bar box or a small box of teabags. We will require all boxes early next week.










Year Three

This week in year 3 we have been writing poems. The children came up with some lovely, poetic ideas. I have read things such as 'The tip of a whales tooth, The thunder at the bottom of a waterfall.' We are very proud of all of the children's efforts.

In maths we have been learning about how to measure. This has entailed estimating, measuring from 0 and finding the difference (just incase the 0 has broken off.)

The children have been really engaged and have been working very hard, hopefully they continue to be just as amazing for our last week of term!





Year Four

Reminder: Payment for our Norwich Castle trip is due by Wednesday 21st October. If your child is eligible for free school meals, please also return their packed lunch letter by this date.

In Maths, we have finished learning about column addition and have now moved on to column subtraction. Any practice at home would be incredibly valuable, alongside continuing to practise times tables as much as possible! In English, we have been busy editing and publishing our introductions to the mysterious space being. The children's writing has been amazing, and they should be very proud of their work!

In DT, we have finished creating our interactive pages and have moved on to giving each other feedback and evaluating our finished work.

Just four more school days to go until half-term! Well done, Year 4, for all your hard work!

The Friends of Lakenham

AUTUMN TERM Events

SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER



SPONSORED WALK
at Whitlingham Country Park

COMPLETED!

RAISED £1283

FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER



QUIZ NIGHT
in the school hall
6:30pm



FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER



NON-UNIFORM DAY
We kindly ask for raffle prize donations for the Christmas Fair.



FRIDAY 4 DECEMBER



NON-UNIFORM DAY
We kindly ask for Jolly Jar donations for the Christmas Fair.



FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER



WREATH MAKING
with Mrs Williams



THURSDAY 17 DECEMBER



CHRISTMAS FAIR



Please save the dates!

MORE INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW

Year Five

Year 5 have had a fantastic week of learning and creativity! In English, we have been writing balanced arguments inspired by The Secret Garden, considering whether magic or changes to Colin Craven's body and mind helped him to recover. We have also completed our decimals and fractions unit in maths, and we are so proud of the children's hard work and progress. In science, we rounded off our properties and materials unit by sorting materials by their properties and separating mixtures using our knowledge of filtering, evaporation, sieving and magnetism. The children have shown growing skill in gymnastics, developing their balance and control, while in art they have created clay Greek vases, ready to decorate next week. Finally, huge congratulations to the children for their wonderful performance at our Parent Music Café, and a heartfelt thank you to all the parents who came to support us. The children loved performing and sharing the different instruments and their musical knowledge with you!







Year Six

Year 6 had a fantastic time in London last week! The children enjoyed a tour of the Palace of Westminster, also known as the Houses of Parliament, followed by an engaging workshop where they explored how bills are created and passed to become laws. They then enjoyed a sightseeing walk along the River Thames, spotting as many famous landmarks as possible. The favourite landmark of the day was definitely The Shard!

Back in the classroom, we have been busy learning across the curriculum. In Maths, we began exploring multiples of 1,000 up to 1,000,000. In English, we focused on dialogue, using the wonderfully quirky conversation between Alice and the Mad Hatter from Alice in Wonderland as inspiration.

In DT, the children completed their products using CAM mechanisms, putting their design and making skills into practice. Meanwhile, in Geography, we explored coastal habitats and ecosystems, learning more about the environments found along our coastlines.

Well done, Year 6, for another exciting and productive week of learning!











Year Six – cont.



















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The Canteen

WEEK 2 MENU

EVERYDAY

Your meal isserved with:

- Unlimited Tripstothe Salad Bar
- Bread on request
- Fresh Fruit
- Drink: Water orMilk (on request)

MONDAY

Mac and cheese with leafy greens
or
Hummus, roasted veg and homemade focaccia

Dessert: Fruit salad

TUESDAY

Pork or vegetarian sausages served with creamy mash and leafy greens
or
Soup of the day served with homemade bread

Dessert: Jam and coconut sponge

WEDNESDAY

Spaghetti Bolognese (meat or vegetarian) served with cheese and vegetables
or
Jacket potatoes with cheese, beans or tuna

Dessert: Apple flapjack

THURSDAY

BBQ chicken or quorn fajitas served with peppers, beans and cheese
or
Egg fried rice served with stir fried vegetables

Dessert: Banana bread

FRIDAY

Fresh fish or tempura vegetables and chips

Dessert: Fruit jelly



Attendance









Whole School Attendance: 95.7%

Important Information

Please check the timetable below to see when your child/children need to come to school in their PE kits. Please check the weather forecast to ensure they are in weather appropriate clothing.



Click here for the school Facebook



Click here for the online calendar

PE Timetable

Class	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Reception					**PE**
Year One		**PE**		**PE**	
Year Two		**PE**	**Gymnastics**		
Year Three				**PE**	**Swimming (3I)**
Year Four	**PE**		**PE**		
Year Five	**PE**		**Gymnastics**		
Year Six			**PE**		

Upcoming events

Date	Event	Year Group
20th of October	Home Adult Conversations	All
22nd of October	Home Adult Conversations	All
23rd of October to 2nd of November	October Half Term	All

Upcoming trips

Date	Event	Year Group
4th of November	Local Walk	Year 1
4th of November	Castle Trip	Year 4
16th of November	Castle Trip	Year 3

A LITTLE DONATION. A BIG ADVENTURE.

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Our OPAL (Outdoor Play And Learning) free time experiences need help with our regular refreshes. Can you help?

DONATIONS WANTED

Have something your family no longer uses?



Dressing-up costumes

Costumes to spark imagination, storytelling and outdoor role play.

Pre-loved bikes

Help us bring back our cycling area for the children.

All donated bikes must be in a safe condition.

PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE FIRST

Let us know what you would like to donate

before bringing anything to school.