



Friday the 18th of September 2026

E-News

Lakenham Primary School

Enjoy, Aspire, Achieve



Assembly

This week's assembly focused on elections for the School Council and other junior leadership positions. Pupils learned about the different roles available, the importance of student voice, and how they can contribute to making a positive difference within the school community. We look forward to seeing our candidates share their ideas and wish everyone taking part the very best of luck!



Can Do

Our Can Do Assemblies celebrate children who have shown they can do something they couldn't do before, including improvement, determination and resilience. Each class chooses one child who can now do something they couldn't do before, whether in their learning, confidence, behaviour or a personal achievement.

The chosen children receive a Can Do Certificate in assembly and enjoy a special Can Do Lunch with Mrs Williams, followed by a walk with Matilda.

We are very proud of our first Can Do winners this term and can't wait to hear about all the wonderful achievements that will be celebrated throughout the year!



Year One

Year 1 have had a wonderful week! In English, we have started our first text, The Boy Who Cried Wolf. We had a fabulous class discussion about what we learned from the story and the difference between inferences and facts. We have then started working on our sentence writing by describing the wolf. In Maths, we have continued our learning on numbers up to 100, working out how many 10's and 1's a number has. Counting sheep has really helped us with this skill! In Geography, we learnt how to use and understand locational language and used this knowledge to complete a treasure hunt in nature school. We will now have a daily weather reporter in year 1 after learning about how to measure and record the weather in Science. In R.E. we had a lot of fun acting out the Christian creation story. The children have also been very busy in provision building a shepherd's hut. We have been working hard on our fine motor skills to help this job by making the walls for the hut and cutting out fire shapes and sheep. Well done year 1 for a wonderful week!



School Lunches – Price Update

A quick update regarding the cost of school lunches. The price of a school meal will now be £2.60. This increase was due to take place last year, but unfortunately the price update was missed during our transition to Compass.

We're sorry for the oversight and for not picking this up sooner. We have worked hard to keep the increase as small as possible while continuing to provide our children with high-quality, nutritious and varied meals. The new price will take effect from now and will be reflected on Compass. Thank you, as always, for your understanding and continued support.



Sponsored Walk – Whitlingham Park



Saturday
26 September 2026



Sponsored event
10.00AM - 11.30AM



Whitlingham Country Park
NR14 8TR



Meet in front of the Cafe

Reminder: The Friends of Lakenham are hosting a Sponsored Walk around Whitlingham on 26th September, starting at 10:00am at the Flint Barn Café.

This event is being held in memory of a parent, Nancy Bray, who founded the event in 2024. Come and join us for a walk, run, or cycle for one, two, or three laps around the beautiful lake, and collect sponsorship for your effort.

Lace Up For Our Fun

Sponsorship forms can be collected from the school office. We hope to see lots of families there supporting this special community event!



Reminder: Bookbags not Backpacks

To help keep our School safe, organised, and clutter-free, we would like to remind families about our bag arrangements. Unfortunately, there is not enough space on the classroom hooks for children to bring backpacks, as this can create a health and safety risk by overcrowding the cloakroom area. We kindly ask that all children bring their belongings in a book bag instead of a backpack wherever possible.

If your child is attending swimming lessons, please send their swimming kit in a drawstring bag, as these are easier to store and take up less space. Thank you for your support and cooperation in helping us keep the classroom environment safe and organised for everyone.



REMINDER

School Sports Games Gold Award



We Did It!

We are proud to announce that our school has achieved the Gold School Games Award for 2025/26. This recognition reflects our commitment to sport and physical activity, and we look forward to working towards achieving the Gold Award again in the next academic year.



The Friends of Lakenham

AUTUMN TERM Events

SATURDAY
26
SEPTEMBER



SPONSORED WALK
at Whitlingham Country Park
🕒 10am



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

Corton House Visit

This week a group of children attended Corton House for another inter-generational activity. ALL children were brilliantly well behaved, polite, engaged and had fun playing 'Bird Bingo', they were partnered with an elderly resident and showed kindness and compassion when helping them throughout the game. Feedback from Corton House was glowing and it's clear these trips are so worthwhile for both the children and residents alike!



Badge Club

This week in Badge Club, the children continued working towards their Pasta Challenge Badge.

They put their teamwork and problem-solving skills to the test by building structures using spaghetti and marshmallows, either independently or in pairs, exploring what worked well and adapting their designs along the way. The children then got creative, using pasta to create pictures of their own choosing. It was wonderful to see such imagination, perseverance and collaboration on display!



Sunflowers

This week in Sunflower Class, the children enjoyed making delicious chocolate brownies. They helped add the ingredients and took turns mixing everything together before baking. We also began exploring our new fairy tale theme, Jack and the Beanstalk. The children created their own beanstalks using tubes and card, then experimented with balancing the tubes to see how tall they could build their beanstalks before they toppled over. It was a fun week full of teamwork, creativity and problem-solving!



Nursery

We are tremendously proud of how the children have begun to feel more settled and secure as they get used to our routines at nursery during their second week. We have begun talking about who is in our family and lives in our home and have had a go at mark making and drawing to show this. Children are forming friendships and accessing the provision both indoors and outdoors. Well done to you all! Have a great weekend.



Reception

This week it has been wonderful to see the independence, confidence, and relationships building across Reception. We are beginning to get used to our daily routine and are really finding our feet in our new classes! Dough Disco continues to be popular in the mornings, and we have now started doing Phonics after this too. We have been focusing on a range of 'phase one' aspects, including rhyme, alliteration, and hearing and saying initial sounds. We have explored 'subitising' within Maths this week. This is the ability to recognise how many objects are in a small group without physically counting them. The Colour Monster has been our story of the week. Through this, we have been identifying and exploring different emotions, thinking about how we may show them and what makes us feel that way. We have also had our first PE lesson and visit to Nature School in Reception. This enabled us to explore the wider school environment, develop our gross motor skills, and be curious about the natural world around us.



The Canteen

WEEK 1 MENU

EVERYDAY

Your meal is served with:

- Unlimited Trip to the Salad Bar
- Bread on request
- Fresh Fruit
- Drink: Water or Milk (on request)

MONDAY

Slow roasted tomato and
vegetable pasta
or

Jacket potato served with a
choice of cheese, beans or tuna

Dessert: Cookies

TUESDAY

Stir fry salmon or vegetable noodles
or

Homemade soup and bread

Dessert: Fruit salad

WEDNESDAY

Homemade pizza served with wedges
and Chef Nell's slaw
or

DIY vegetable sushi

Dessert: Apple cake

THURSDAY

Sweet and sour chicken or quorn
served with white rice
or

Jacket potato with cheese and beans

Dessert: Greek yoghurt and berry
compote

FRIDAY

Chicken or vegetarian roast dinner
served with all the trimmings

Dessert: Carrot cake

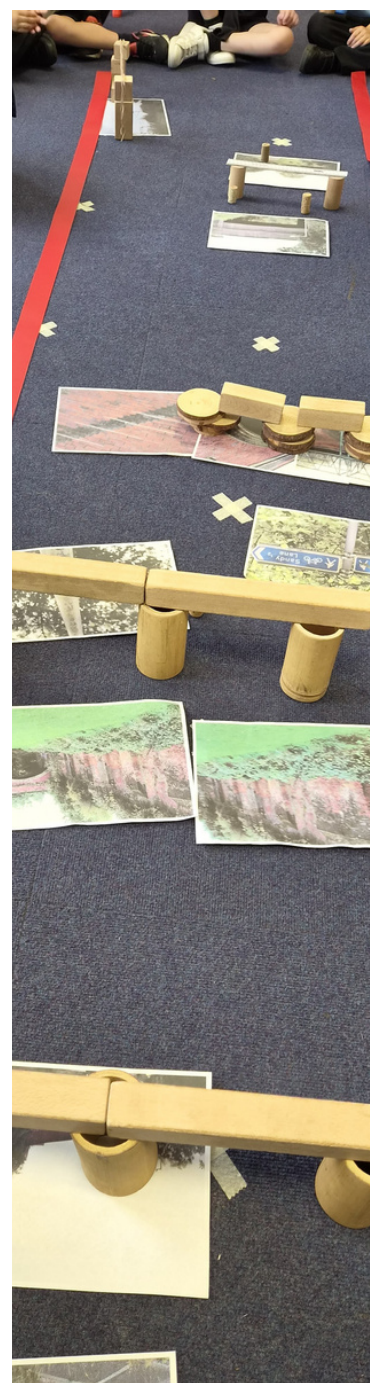
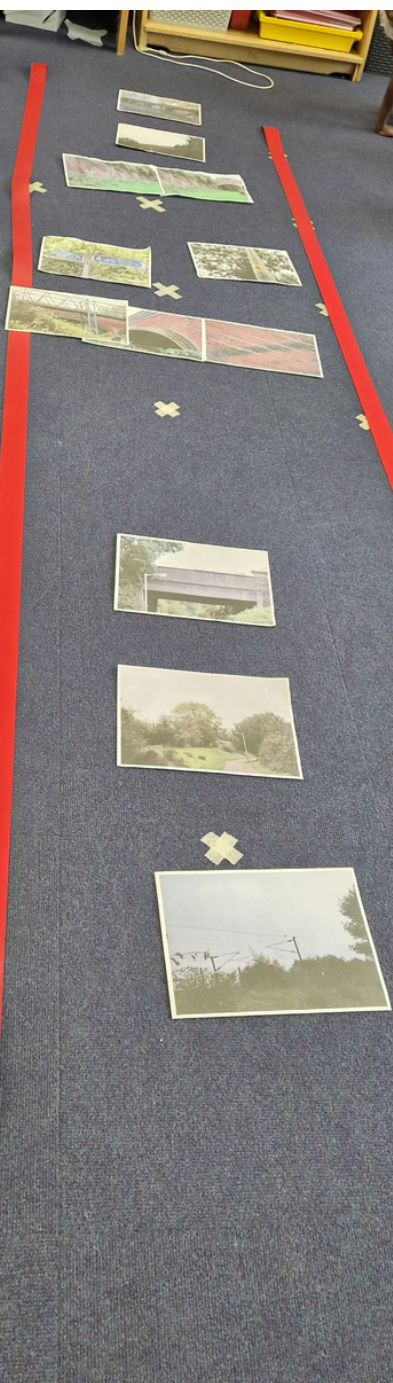


Year Two

Year 2 had a fantastic morning walking Lakenham Way. We discovered that Lakenham Way used to be a train track and that there had been a station near Sainsbury's called Victoria Station.

When we returned to school, we sequenced photographs of the features that we had seen on Lakenham Way, built these using small world and then drew a map including a key and compass points.

In English this week we have explored creating expanded noun phrases using adjectives and nouns. In maths we have continued to build multiples of ten and learning that the number sequence is created by repeatedly adding 10s.



Year Three

In Maths, we have been learning how to add three addends efficiently by using our number facts and spotting helpful number bonds. In English, we continued our work on Ali Baba, developing our writing through expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials. The children have enjoyed making their sentences more engaging, with one fantastic example being:

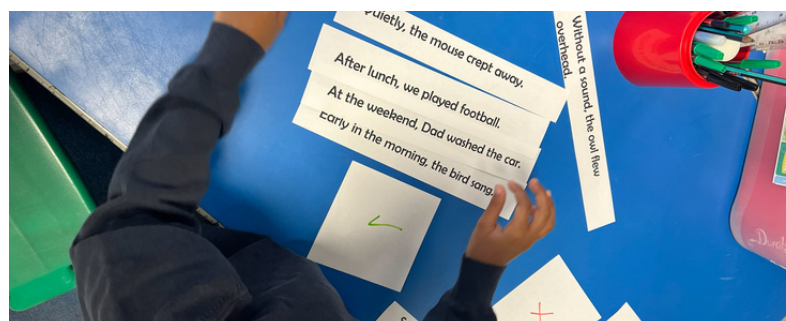
“Scarcely daring to breathe, he whispered, ‘Open sesame.’”

In Geography, we explored the water cycle and learnt about river features, discovering how rivers change from their source to their mouth.

In DT, we had great fun investigating pneumatic systems, using syringes, bottles and tubing to create movement and test our ideas like real engineers.

In French, we began learning simple conversational phrases, including greetings and how to introduce ourselves.

It has been another busy week of learning and discovery. Well done, Year 3!



Year Four

We have had another fantastic and busy week in Year 4!

This week, we became scientists and explored melting. We carried out an experiment where we placed ice cubes in a variety of different locations and predicted which would melt the quickest. We observed what happened and discussed why some ice cubes melted faster than others, thinking carefully about temperature and heat.

In DT, we continued our work on designing an interactive page. We learnt about the importance of asking open questions and interviewed our peers to find out what they would like an interactive page to look like and what they would like it to do. We will use their feedback to help us develop our own designs.

In English, we have explored The Iron Man in even greater depth. We gathered a fantastic range of ambitious nouns, adjectives and verbs to describe the Iron Man, the cliff and his dramatic fall. We then shared and verbalised our ideas with our partners, ready to use this rich vocabulary in our writing next week.

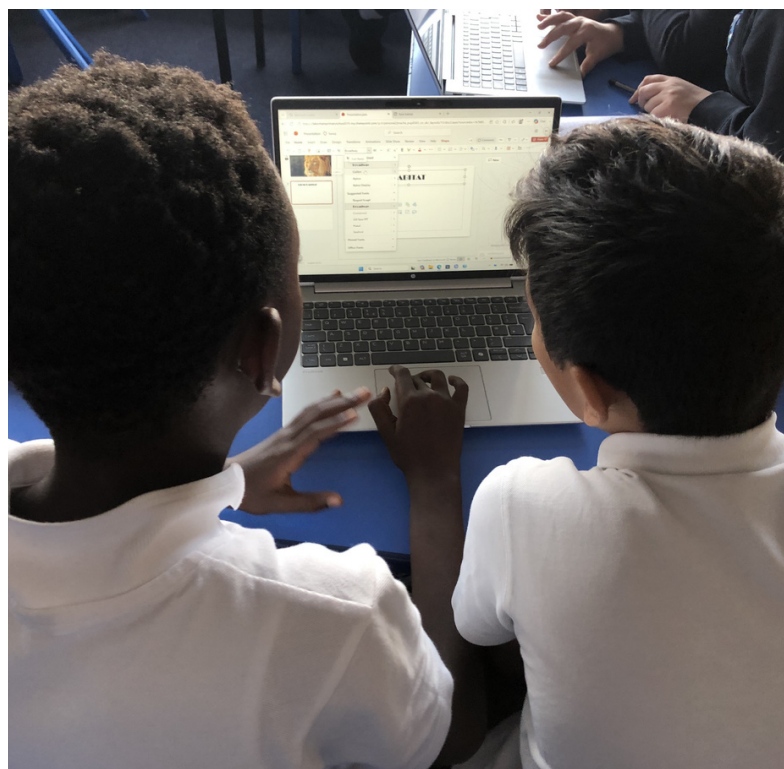
Another brilliant week of learning – well done, Year 4!

Year Five

Year 5 have had another wonderfully busy week and are continuing to settle brilliantly into life in Year 5! In Maths, we have begun our new topic on decimal fractions and have enjoyed counting forwards and backwards in tenths. In Writing, the children have been creating wonderfully atmospheric setting descriptions inspired by The Secret Garden, carefully choosing vocabulary to bring their settings to life. In Reading, we have begun exploring The Island by Armin Greder, looking closely at the illustrations, discussing our first impressions and making thoughtful predictions as we immerse ourselves in this fascinating book. In History, we have been finding out what life was like in ancient Athens, exploring democracy, society and education. Science has been particularly hands-on this week as we tested a range of materials to discover which made the best insulator, with both cloth and aluminium foil proving very effective! In Music, we are continuing to develop our improvisation skills on instruments, while also working hard to prepare for our Parent Café performance. A reminder that our Year 5 Parent Café will take place on Thursday 15th October at 2.30pm – we are very much looking forward to sharing some of our learning with you!

Year Six

This week, we have continued exploring *The Arrival* in our English lessons. Discussing what story the images in the book are telling and designing a creature which could fit into the narrative. In Maths, we have considered how we make made equations easier by adjusting the numbers in them and explored this concept using counters. Within our Computing lesson, we looked at how communicating is key to successful collaboration when we created a group PowerPoint across multiple computers. Whilst in Science, we drew scientific diagrams using component symbols. We were very impressed with some of the neat presentation of these. A very busy, productive week!



Attendance



Whole School Attendance: 97.9%

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			
Year Two			Gymnastics		
Year Three				PE	Swimming (3I)
Year Four	PE				
Year Five	PE		Gymnastics		
Year Six			PE		

Upcoming events

Date	Event	Year Group
26 th of Sep	Whitlingham Walk	All Families
1 st of October	Census Lunch	All
2 nd of October	Home Adult Forum – Helping Our School Improve	All Parents
15 th of October	Parent Cafe - Music	Year 5

Upcoming trips

Date	Event	Year Group
8 th of October	Parliament Trip	Year 6(N)
9 th of October	Parliament Trip	Year 6(O)

AUTUMN TERM AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!



Clubs run from
3:40pm
after school



A variety of clubs for
different interests
and year groups!



Have **fun**, try
something new
and make **friends**!

MONDAY



Badge Club

Y4 – Y5

Each term you can earn up to 2 badges
for completing challenges and
developing new skills!



3:40 – 4:40pm

Book via
Compass

£5



Street Dance Club

Y1 – Y3



3:40 – 4:40pm

Book via
Compass

£5



Community Club

Y1 – Y6

Get out and about in the local
community, developing the
Lakenham area!



3:40 – 4:40pm

Book via
Compass

£5



Gardening Club

Y1 – Y6



3:40 – 4:40pm

Book via
Compass

£5

TUESDAY



Netball Club

Y3 – Y6



3:40 – 4:40pm

Book via
Compass

£5



Drama Club

with Act Out Education
Y1 – Y6



3:40 – 4:40pm

Book directly with
Act Out Education

WEDNESDAY



Gymnastics Club

Y3 – Y6



3:40 – 4:30pm

Book via
Compass

£5



Musical Theatre Club

Y1 – Y6



3:40 – 4:40pm

Book via
Compass

£5



Tennis Club

Y1 – Y3



3:40 – 4:15pm

Book directly with
National Tennis
Association



1-1 or small group
piano/guitar lessons
EYFS – Y6

During school
day

Book directly via
PianoFunClub

THURSDAY



Football Club

Y3 – Y6



3:40 – 4:40pm

Book via
Compass

£5



iRock

In School rock and
pop band lessons EYFS – Y6

During school
day

Book directly via
iRock School
of Music

FRIDAY



Lingo Llamas (French) Club

Y2 – Y6



3:40 – 4:40pm

Book directly via
Lingo Llamas

✉ info@lingo-llamas.co.uk

BOOKING – SCHOOL-RUN CLUBS

- ✓ Book via Compass
- £ £5 per session

PLACES ARE LIMITED – BOOK EARLY!



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BOOK EARLY TO
AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!



BOOK DIRECTLY WITH OUR EXTERNAL PROVIDERS

- Act Out Education
- National Tennis Association
- Piano Fun Club
- iRock School of Music
- Lingo Llamas



BE READY



BE RESPECTFUL



BE SAFE