



Friday the 2nd of October 2026

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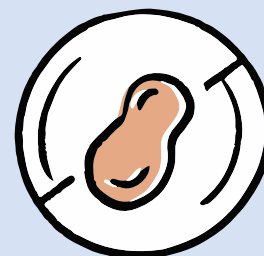
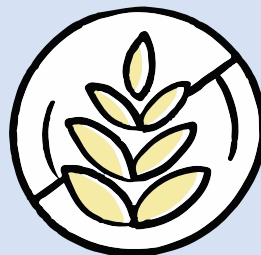
Lakenham Primary School

Enjoy, Aspire, Achieve

Assembly

This week in assembly, we joined Clare Bristow from the Sadie Bristow Foundation to learn about allergies and how we can help everyone feel safe and included at school.

Clare explained what allergies are, introduced the new allergy-safety requirements known as Benedict's Law, and shared simple ways children can support others, including listening carefully and telling an adult if someone is unwell. It was an informative and age-appropriate assembly that helped us understand the importance of allergy awareness and how we can all play a part in creating a caring and inclusive school community.



Leaver's Fundraising

A group of parents are organising a sweet cone sale to help raise money towards Year 6 leavers' hoodies. To support this fundraising effort, they are kindly asking for donations of wrapped sweets, which can be dropped off at the school office from now until Wednesday 22nd October. The sweet cone sale will take place straight after school on 22nd October, so please come along and show your support. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation instead, please use the QR code alongside this notice. Thank you for helping our Year 6 children celebrate the end of their primary school journey.



THE FRIENDS? OF LAKENHAM QUIZ NIGHT



FRIDAY
16TH
OCTOBER
6:30PM

IN THE
LAKENHAM
PRIMARY
SCHOOL HALL

BRING YOUR
OWN FOOD
AND DRINK



£5
PER PERSON
(MAXIMUM 8
PER TEAM)



DECORATE YOUR QUIZ TEAM'S TABLE
WITH A THEME TO BE IN WITH A
CHANCE OF **WINNING A PRIZE!**



EMAIL

fol@lakenhamprimary.org.uk

TO BOOK

PAYMENTS MADE TO:

Friends of Lakenham

SORT CODE: **30-99-50**

ACCOUNT NUMBER: **66816562**

Junior Leadership Team

This week, we held our first Junior Leaders meeting! All of the children received their leadership badges and had the opportunity to learn more about their important roles and responsibilities within the school and their leadership teams.

The children shared ideas about how they can help make our school an even better place and discussed the positive impact they can have on their classmates and the wider school community. There was lots of enthusiasm, thoughtful discussion and excellent teamwork, and we are excited to see all they achieve in their leadership roles throughout the year.

We are very excited to get started and to see the difference our leaders will make across the school. Each week, we will be highlighting what some of our Junior Leaders have been getting up to, sharing the projects, activities and ideas they have been working on to support our school community. Keep an eye out for regular updates as our leadership teams begin their important work!



Sunflowers

In Sunflowers this week, we enjoyed our final week exploring Jack and the Beanstalk. The children created their own beanstalks using tissue paper and leaves, before pretending to be Jack climbing high up the giant beanstalk! They also decorated their own leaves with coloured paper and glitter, producing some beautiful artwork. As part of our life skills learning, the children practised cutting apples and making their own sandwiches, developing their independence and confidence in the kitchen. We have had a wonderful end to our Jack and the Beanstalk activities!



Nursery

This week we have started our FFT phonics scheme with the rhyme 'Old Macdonald Had A Farm'.

We had to guess the animal and then sing the song. We also thought about what different animals give us like chickens giving us eggs or sheep give us wool. In maths we have been covering the different principles of counting using conkers and other loose objects as well as continuing our maths assessments. We have been working on recognising and ordering numbers from 1-3 and counting quantities of objects to match. We have begun work on our self-portraits by thinking about what we have on our faces and where to draw them. Our portraits will be displayed on the hanging display in front of the window.

Please don't forget that our reading stay and play is next Thursday- please check the details on Class Dojo. We hope to see as many of you there as possible!

Have a lovely weekend
Nursery Team



Reception

In Reception we have been exploring floating and sinking this week, looking at different objects and making predictions before testing them out. We explored different materials and went on to create our own boats, to see who's was best at floating! We have started Drawing Club, with our first story being 'We're going on a bear hunt'. We have enjoyed retelling the story, learning key words and doing our first two drawings! We drew the bear and then wondered how the bear could get to the upstairs window, illustrating our ideas. Within Phonics this week we have learnt the sounds i n m d. Please watch the video on the parent portal to support you in practising these 4 sounds with your child <https://parents.fft.org.uk/helpful-videos/> Our Phonics Cafe is on Monday 5th October from 9am-10am. We hope to see you there! Within Maths we have been looking at the composition of numbers. At nature school we have started to look for signs that autumn is coming, seeing what changes we can see in the environment around us. Whilst in PE we have been practising twisting, turning, reaching and bending.



The Canteen

WEEK 3 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

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

Vegetarian burrito bowl served with beans, salsa, rice and homemade nachos

Dessert: Apple flapjack

TUESDAY

Beef or vegetarian meatballs served with tomato sauce and leafy greens
or
Caesar salad

Dessert: Smoothie

WEDNESDAY

Picnic lunch - ham or cheese, bread, slaw and vegetables
or
Roasted tomato pasta bake

Dessert: Fruit salad

THURSDAY

Asian inspired chicken or tofu, served with vegetables and rice
or
Homemade pizza served with wedges and Chef Nell's slaw

Dessert: Brownies

FRIDAY

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

Dessert: Fruit crumble



Year One

Year 1 have had another wonderful week! In provision, the children noticed we had a windy day so they made kites and explored ways to make them fly better. They have also been building 3D maps of our local area after going on a short local walk to explore the features close to school and identifying these on a map. We have continued our learning with Beebots. This week they were helping the Beebot escape from the maize and debugging programmes that had gone wrong. In English, we have been writing some wonderful sentences about how the wolf in the boy who cried wolf sounds and moves. We are becoming real experts at including everything needed to write a full sentence! In Maths, we have started looking at counting up in tens and what a multiple of ten is. In Science, we have continued our learning on materials. We were exploring the properties of different materials and sorting them based on their properties. We had lots of fun creating our own creature for the boy to protect the sheep from. There were some wonderfully inventive ideas and children labelled and described their creatures! Well done year 1!



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! ~

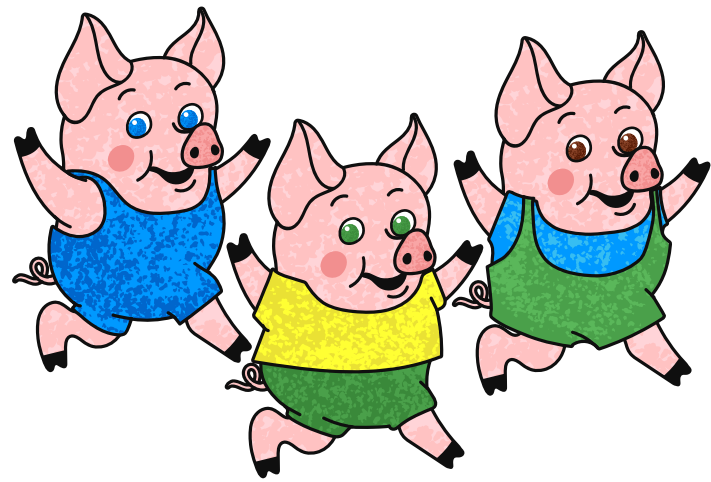
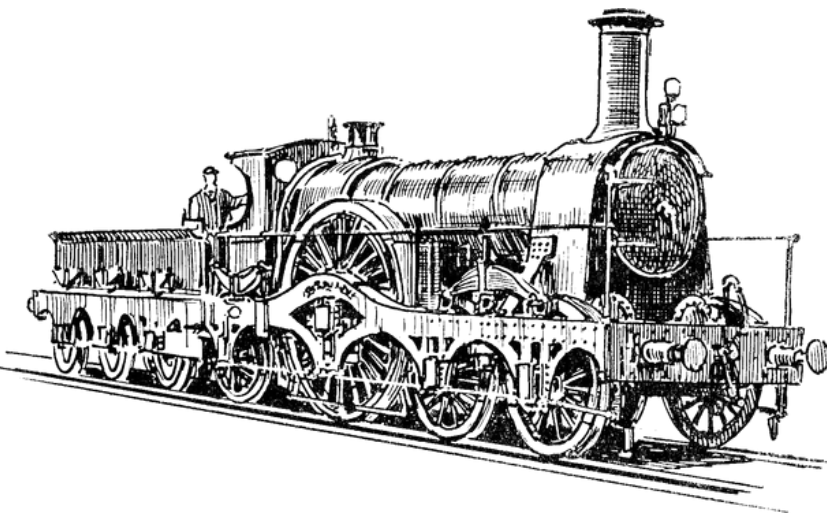
MORE INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW

Year Two

Year 2 have had another fantastic week of learning. In history, we have been finding out about George Stephenson and how he transformed the railways. We discovered that Stephenson and his son Robert owned the company that designed Norwich train station!

In science we have continued to learn about the properties of different materials and considered suitability of materials for different products. We decided that glass is not suitable for a pair of trousers as glass is rigid and transparent!

In English, we have been preparing for retelling the True Story of the Three Little Pigs by writing with question marks, exclamation marks, conjunctions and adverbials. We are proud of the progress they have already made in year 2.



Year Three

In English this week we did more work based on the story of Ali Baba. We are getting really good at using fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases. We are also beginning to look at using the power of three to help make a list of short sentences into one sentence split with a comma and the word and.

In DT we stuck with the Ali Baba theme and began planning our methods for making Ali Baba pneumatic toys. We will be using two syringes and a length of pipe. We are feeling excited to see how these turn out.

Maths has been tricky this week as we have started playing around with number beyond 100. This doesn't sound too bad however it can be very complicated, so our first few lessons have been based on making it easier for ourselves. For example, if we know $6+4 = 10$ then we know $60+40 = 100$.

Year Four

Another fantastic week in Year 4!

In Maths, we have been finishing our work on rounding. The children have been practising rounding the same number to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000, bringing together everything they have learned over the past few weeks.

In Science, we have been learning about condensation. We investigated this using glasses of ice-cold water and carefully observed what happened to the outside of the glasses. The children made some brilliant observations and used their scientific knowledge to explain where the water came from.

In DT, the exciting part has begun! After all of the hard work researching, designing and planning over the last few weeks, the children have now started making their interactive books. We are really looking forward to seeing their ideas come to life!

Finally, in Art, the children created some fabulous landscape drawings, using their knowledge of different types of line. We headed out onto the field and used the view from the back of the school as inspiration. The children worked amazingly and produced some wonderful observational drawings.

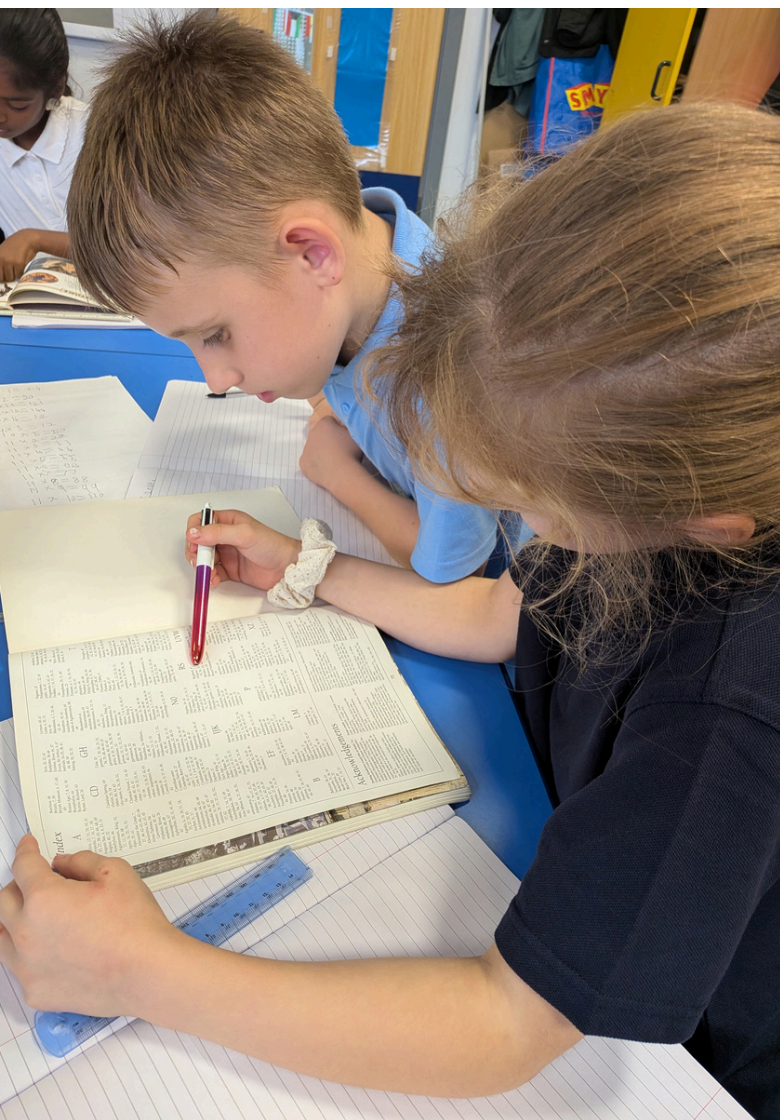
Well done, Year 4 – another brilliant week



Year Five

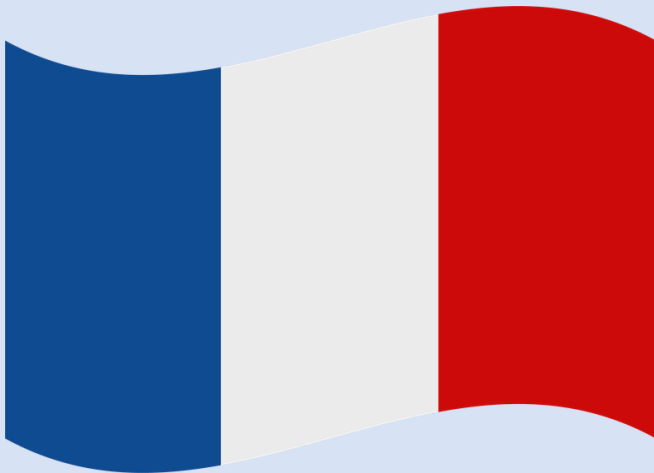
Year 5 have had another busy and exciting week of learning! In English, we have been writing suspenseful and mysterious narratives inspired by *The Secret Garden*, imagining Mary discovering the hidden door and stepping into a mysterious hidden world. In History, we have been exploring the legacy of Ancient Greece and considering how Greek democracy and the Olympic Games continue to influence life in the UK today. In Computing, we have been learning about indexing and searching, including how books are indexed and how to use internet search engines safely and effectively. Our Science lesson has been very practical this week as we investigated different ways of separating mixtures using magnetism, sieving, filtration and evaporation. In Art, the children have also completed their final Greek vase designs, which will eventually be transferred onto clay vases.

A reminder that there will be a brief meeting on Monday 5th October from 3:45–4:00pm for parents and carers of children attending the Aylmerton Residential. We will provide kit lists and a form for any additional medical information, medication, dietary requirements or allergies. If you are unable to attend, please let the school office know and we will make sure the information is passed on to you.

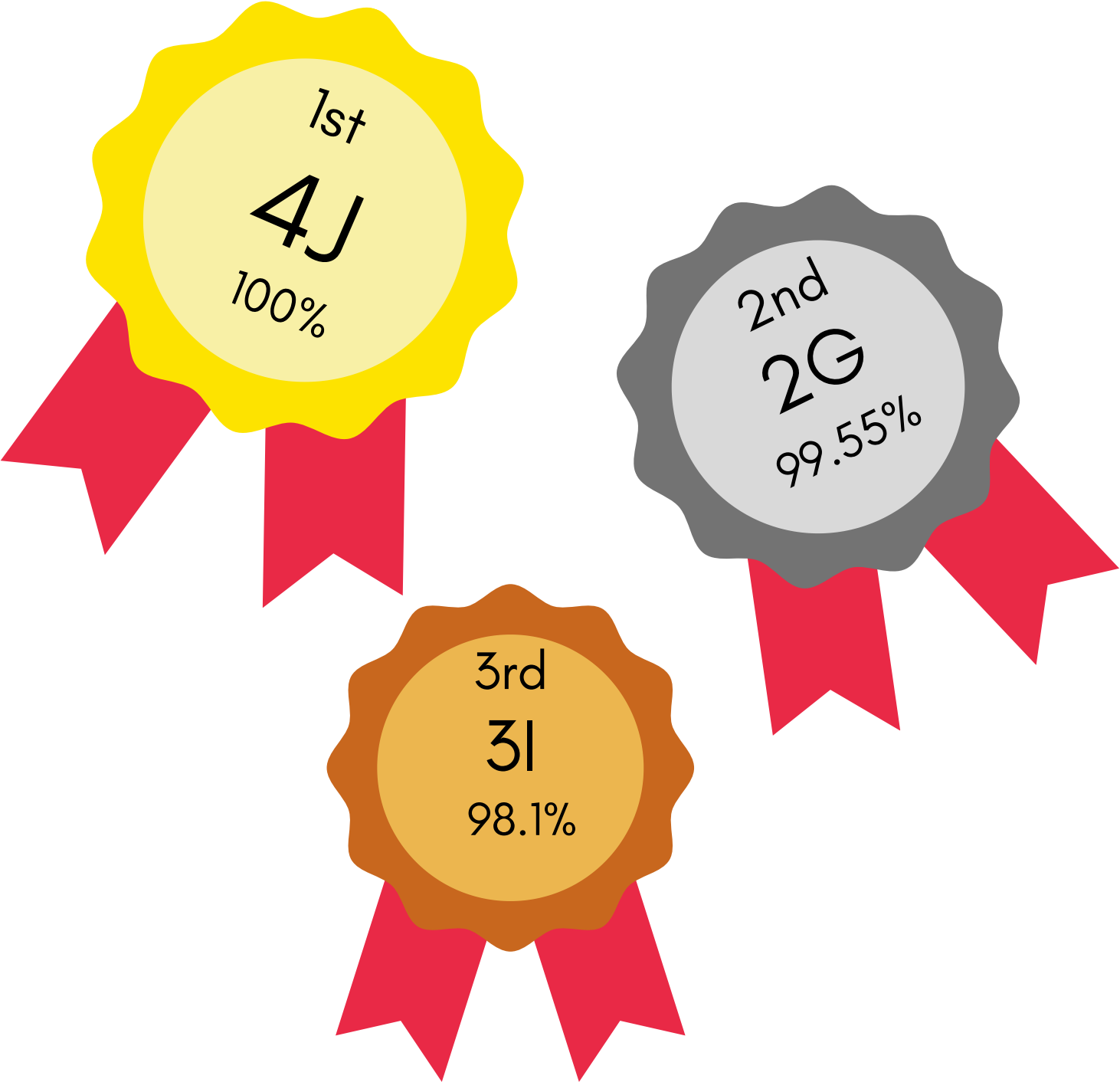


Year Six

Year 6 started reading our new book this week – Alice in Wonderland. We read the first chapter and considered what we could infer about the character Alice from what we had read. The children came up with some great responses using evidence from the text to explain their ideas! Our geography lesson this week, revised and built upon learning from Year 5 – we looked at our coastline and different features along it that have formed as a result of the sea. We also began our first French unit (Around the Town), when we played some games to help us learn some building names. Many recognised that some of the words were cognates – words which are the same in another language. Can your child name a cognate that they learned in French this week?



Attendance



Whole School Attendance: 96.9%

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

Upcoming events

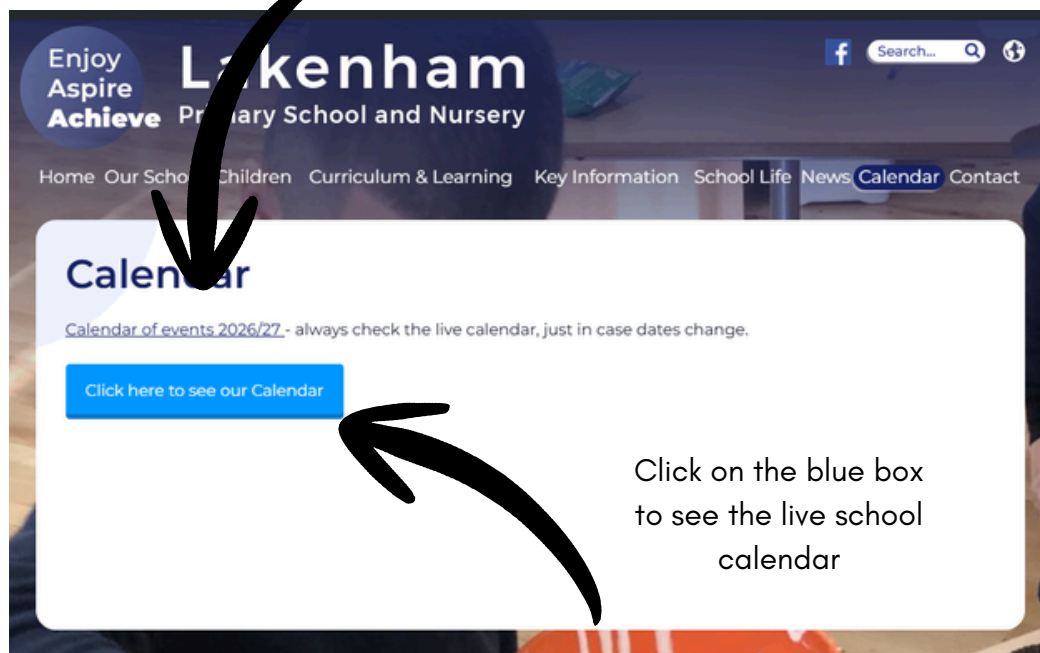
Date	Event	Year Group
5 th of October	Parent Cafe – Phonics	Reception
5 th of October	Aylmerton Information Evening	Parents of Year 5
8 th of October	Parent Cafe – Reading	Nursery
15 th of October	Parent Cafe - Music	Year 5

Upcoming trips

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

What is happening this year?

Click on the link to see the large calendar of events below.



Click on the work to change languages

Check out our school website!

Lakenham Primary School and Nursery

Lakenham Primary Calendar of Events – 2026/2027

Tuesday 1st September Home Visits – New joiners & Nursery & EYFS Home visits Thurs & Fri PM Fri – Parent curriculum booklets to be shared Fri – Whole year calendar for parents sent paper and online	7th Sept Monday 7 th , 2.30pm - Friends mtg New parent (EYFS) – drop in question time in hall after drop off - SLT&PSA's Meet the teacher week Fri – EYFS questionnaires for parents re transition	16th Sept Tues 15 th – Y2 Lakenham Way Walk (Free) Fri – Parents Forum - Lakenham Passport with Mrs Morrison Fri – Y2 Science workshop (ext) FOC	21st Sep FOL EVENT - Saturday 20 th Whittingham Walk	28th Sept Thurs – Census lunch – Please all order, the more people who order the more money the school gets towards lunches from the Government! 2 - Fri – Parent Forum with Mrs Williams	5th Oct Mon – 5 th – Reception Phonics cafe Tues – Nursery Phonics cafe - 9-10/12-30-1:30 Thurs & Fri – Year 6 Parliament Visit	12th Oct Mon – Whole School Cross Country Wed – Y2 Science cafe PM Thurs – Y2 Music Cafe 2.30-3.15 Fri – Coffee Morning for parents MHST – Challenging Behaviour Fri – WEAR RED - Show Racism the Red Card Fri – FOL Event Quiz night 6.30-9.00	19th Oct Tues & Thursday – Home adults learning conversations New Parent Open Day – Wed – All day NO SCHOOL FRIDAY
2nd Nov Wed – Y1 Local walk – Free Wed – Y4 Castle £6.50 Thurs – FOL – Uniform Sale	9th Nov Tues – Nursery BFFA visit Wed – Remembrance assembly families welcome 10.45am Thurs – New Parents Open Days–Th 12 th Nov All day Y4 – Science cafe Y6 – USA visit - Art focus Fri – Flu Vaccinations	16th Nov Mon – Y3 – Norwich Castle Visit - Egypt Fri – Family coffee morning – Supporting your child's sleep routine Fri – Odd sock day for end of Anti-bullying, diversity. Wear odd socks	23rd Nov Tues – Nursery Christmas cafe Tues – Royal Institution visit - Shows and CPD Th & F – New Parents Open Days Fri – FOL Non-Uniform day –bring raffle prize Parliament Week - Voting	30th Nov Wed – Year 3 Parent Cafe Fri – FOL Non-Uniform day – jolly Jars Fri – Y1 castle - £6.50 Fri – Reception – Christmas Cafe Reception – local walk post box Fri – Coffee Morning – Toy Drive	7th Dec Thurs – Y6 Art Cafe Thurs – FOL Event – Christmas Fair Fri – Free dress day – Christmas items Fri – Y1 DT cafe AM Fri – FOL Event : Wreath making 1.30-3 & 4-5.30 Home Adult events to see work	14th Dec Tues – Christmas Lunch Thurs – FOL Event – Christmas Fair Fri – Church service 9.30am – EYFS & KS1 - Songs 2pm – Y3-Y6 Musical Theatre group + songs	
Winter Holidays – 21st of October 2026 to 6th of January 2027							
4th Jan PD Children return Tuesday 5 th Jan Thurs – Y2 Seal Trip Sea Palling Fri – Coffee Morning – SENDCo drop in Fri – Y2 Seal trip £6	11 Jan Home Adult – Learning Forum with HT Questionnaires to home adults Fri – applications for Reception 27 close at county	18 Jan Y4 – West Stow £6.50 + bus	25 Jan	1 Feb Wed – Y3 sewing cafe Thursday AM – Maths enrichment Fri – Y1 winter walk Fri – bookings for home adult discussion to be sent Fri – Coffee morning – MHST support your child with anxieties	8 Feb Mon – Y2 DT cafe Tues – Vision & Hearing Screening Tues – FOL – Valentines Disco 8/1/2, Y3/4 & 5/6 W – Y5 Climate Change Cafe – 2.30-3.15 W-F Y6 – Residential York Wed – Reception Maths cafe Th – Y2 – visit to religious building - Synagogue W – Valentines Disco Y8/1/2 Fri Nursery Maths cafe		
February half term							
22 Feb Mon – Y2 Explorer visit - £4 Tues – Y6 Science Cafe 2.30-3.30 Wed – Y4 Parents Multiplication check meeting Feb/Mar – Reception – Norwich landmarks Trip £4	1 Mar Wed Y6 SATs workshop Thurs – World Book Day Fri – Coffee Morning – Chef Neil	8 Mar Mon – Nursery Science cafe Tues – Reception Science cafe Fri – Y4 RE Cafe Fri – Y6 Science Cafe Fri – Free dress day – Easter eggs for FOL raffle Science week	15 Mar W – Y1 phonics cafe Fri – 19 th Red Nose Day	22 March - 4 days, EAS18 W – Y1 GY beach £5 + bus Th – Y5 Parent cafe climate change Th – FOL – Easter Raffle			
Spring Holiday – 26th of March to Monday 12th of April 2027							
13 April - 4 days - Tues to Fri Tues – Return to school Fri – Y5 Gressenhall	19 April TBC – Y4 Hindu Mander TBC – FOL - Movie Nights 23 rd April – Year 3 Beach trip	26 April Thur – Coffee Morning – Mindfulness & Yoga	3 May – Bank Holiday Monday Mon – Bank Holiday TBC – May – Reception litter pick local TBC – Y3 Stone age trip or experience Fri – May Day Wild West PM	10 May SAT's Week Year 6 Assessment Week Thurs – Reception Creative cafe Thurs – Y2 Time and Tide Fri – Nursery Creative cafe - PM ONLY	17 May Mon – Y6N Norfolk Record Office Year 1-5 Assessment Week TBC – Y5 Norfolk Record office M – Y2 History cafe PM Fri – Y1 Aviation Museum	24 May Mon – Y6O Norfolk Record Office T – New Reception parent only meeting – NO Children Thur – Y5 VE Day parent cafe 2.30-3.15 Y6 – Tudor art - en plein air	
June half term – 31st May to 4th June 2027							
7 June Mon – Return to school Tues & Wed – New Reception families welcome sessions with children 3.45-4.30 Thur – Nursery welcome sessions with children	14 June National Fieldwork fortnight	21 June National Fieldwork fortnight Wed – Nursery Park trip	28 June	5 July Curriculum extravaganza Wed – Reception enquiry cafe Wed – SUMMER Fair/Fun afternoon – BBQ, TBC Fri – Reception GY - Circus	12 July Wed – Nursery Graduation Fri PM – Parent cafe picnic TBC	19 July Monday – All books due back to library Tues – Y6 disco and party Wed – Y6 leavers assembly Wed – End of year assembly	



October Holiday Club 23rd - 30th October 2026



This half term we are pleased to be offering our Holiday Club to all children aged 2-11 years old.

Join us for a week of STEM challenges!

There'll be paper crafts, rocket making and tower building, as well as all of the usual free play and activities



Session times and prices are:

Half day: 8.30am-1pm/1pm-5.30pm £26.65

Full day: 8.30am-5.30pm £43.90

If siblings are attending the same session, then a 20% reduction is applied to all except the oldest child.



Located at Kinchen Hall, Colman Road, NR4 7AW.

Bookings close on Friday 9th October.



For more information and to register contact Tina Royal (Manager)/Emma Emmerson (Office Lead)

We also offer Pre-school, Breakfast Club and After School Club during term time.

Tel: 01603259193

Email: beehives@btconnect.com Website: www.thebeehivechildcaregroup.co.uk



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

Excellent



Trustpilot

Every
School
Holiday



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Holiday Clubs

For children aged 4–11.



Full Day

08:00 - 18:00

£45

Half Day

10:00 - 14:00

£24



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Education

Your local clubs are held at!

Charles Darwin Primary School,
81 Rose Lane, Norwich, Norfolk, NR11DJ

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the app...



or at premier-education.com



THE BRIDGE EASTON OPEN EVENING

*We are inviting prospective parents to our annual open evening on **October 7th** @ 4.30pm - 5.30pm 2026.*

WHAT TO EXPECT....

- ✓ Introduction from the Deputy Head Teacher
- ✓ Information about our curriculum
- ✓ Take a tour around the school site
- ✓ Meet our senior leadership team

REGISTER NOW



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MONSTER SMASH

HALLOWEEN TENNIS CAMP
SPOOKY SKILLS, MONSTER CHALLENGES,
GAMES AND PRIZES!



**Eaton Park, Cringleford Tennis Club,
East Anglia Tennis Club & Heigham Park**
26th - 30 October 9.00-11.30am / 12.00-2.30pm

5-10 / 11-15 years

CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW TO BOOK-
<https://nationaltennis.org.uk/camps/norfolk>

SCAN TO BOOK



JOIN THE FUN IF YOU DARE!

QUESTIONS? CONTACT: [HELLO@NATIONALTENNIS.ORG.UK](mailto:hello@nationaltennis.org.uk)