

Welcome back!

It has been so lovely to see the children return to school this week. They have come back looking healthy, refreshed and keen to learn. All children seem to have settled in well to their new classes and we are so proud of the responsible attitudes they show. We are looking forward to this next academic year and all the opportunities it presents.

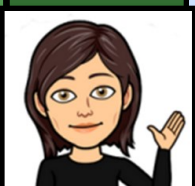
Class teachers will be hosting a welcome meeting for each year group next week and we do hope you can come along to meet them and find out what your child will be learning during this new academic year.

Mon 2nd 9-9.20 - Year 1 Classroom & Year 2 Large Hall

Wed 4th 9-9.20 -Year 3 Large Hall & Year 4 Classroom

Tues 3rd 9-9:20 - Year 5 Large Hall & Year 6 Classroom

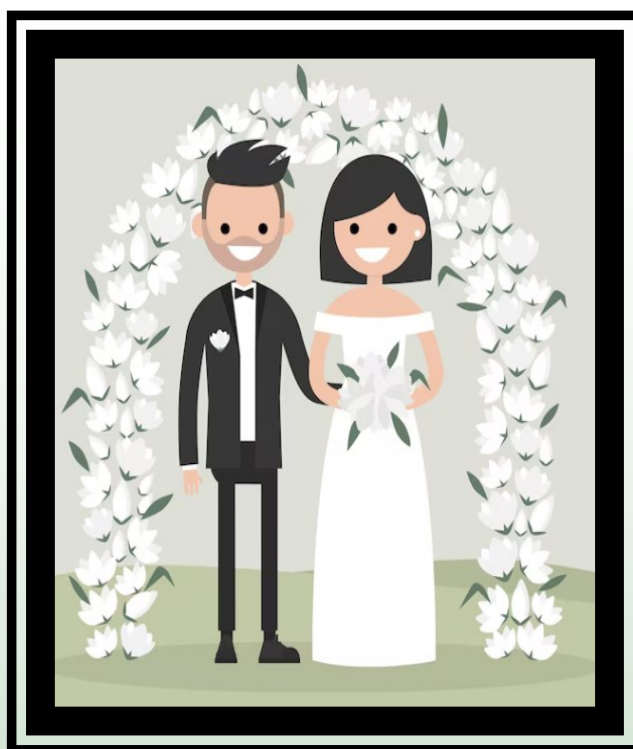
If you cannot attend these sessions all information will be available on our school website.



Staff News

As you will aware, 3 of our members of staff got married during the summer break. We know they had fantastic wedding days and wish them well in their married lives.

Miss Stodd is now Mrs Oshunbury, Miss Bentley is now Mrs Brown and Miss Sahota is now Mrs Parmar.



	<u>Key Dates for this term</u>
20th Sept	Year 6 Warning Zone trip
23 rd Sept	School photos
24 th Sept	Parent Reading event with local author
	Steve Skidmore 3.45- 5.00pm
w/c 30 th Sept	Food bank collection for Oadby Foodbank
10 th October	World Mental Health Day / Hello Yellow Day (wear something yellow)
w/c 15 th Oct	School book Fair
16 th and 17 th Oct	Parent consultations
Wed 30 th Oct	Diwali day
Mon 11th Nov	Odd socks Day to launch Anti Bullying week
13-15 th Nov	Y5 Residential
15th Nov	Children in Need – wear something spotty
20 th Nov	Open classrooms 9.00-9.30am
29 th Nov	Staff inset day
11 th and 12 th Dec	FS performances
18 th and 19 th Dec	Y1 and Y2 performances



Driving children to school is seen as the most convenient choice for parents with busy lives. Many parents take the view that by driving their children to school they are keeping them safe. Yet the combination of each individual decision means an increase in vehicle traffic and congestion particularly at the school gate.

Many children now miss out on the opportunity to develop vital road safety skills with their parents on the way to school. They fail to build up confidence and learn the ability to manage risk walking around their local community. Walking can improve overall fitness levels in children and adults. It is a cheap low impact way to exercise. Getting active in our daily lives can have a big impact on health issues such as obesity.

We realise that there are some parents/carers who have no alternative but to drive their children to school, however, many are driving short distances where walking is a real option. Even those who have to drive to school can do their bit by parking away from the school entrance and walking for part of the journey.

What can you do to help keep everyone safe around the school gates?

Please don't:

- Block the road- emergency vehicles and other traffic may need access
- Park on yellow lines, zig-zags or block the school entrance
- Park on the pavement, across dropped kerbs or residents' driveways
- Park opposite or within 10 metres of a junction

Park where you will cause inconvenience to other road users

These changes make a real difference to the congestion around schools, making the school run less stressful and far safer for everyone. Not only that but they will help your child's education. Research has shown that children who walk or cycle to school are more receptive to learning at the start of the school day than those who travel to school by car.

Key Stage 1 parents

Could you please send in spare items of clothing you no longer require, mainly jogging bottoms, shorts, t-shirts. And trousers. (ages 6-7 and 7-8 yrs)

Please call into the office before you bring any items in

Attendance

As you will be aware, schools are not able to authorise term time holidays. I need to inform you of changes made by Leicestershire County Council to the Penalty Notice regarding unauthorised leave during term time. These changes come into force on **Monday 19th August**. Please see guidance below. Any term time holidays after this date will be subject to these new rules.

Penalty Notices for unauthorised absences: What you need to know about the changes.

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for unauthorised absences that occur after 19th August 2024.

5 Consecutive Days of Term Time Leave.

Penalty Notice fines will be issued for term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days, and for fewer days where this has happened before.

10 Sessions of Unauthorised Absence in a 10-week period.

Penalty Notice fines will be considered when there have been 10 sessions of absence in a 10-week period.

Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice fines will be issued to each parent, for each child who was absent.

For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave will result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child when paid within 28 days.

Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Second Offence (within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child when paid within 28 days.

(No option to pay at £80 level)

Third offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or irregular attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued. The case will proceed to the Magistrates' court.

Magistrate's fines can be up to £2,500 per parent, per child.



Please consult your school's attendance policy and speak with your school if you are thinking of taking your child out of school during term-time. It is likely you will need to make a written request to take your child out of school and any leave of absence will need to be agreed by your Headteacher before it is taken.



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SATURDAY 31 AUGUST, THE PARADE



BAKING COMPETITION

OADBY HOUSE



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Third prize: A £25 Jenno's Coffee House voucher

A clear list of ingredients/allergens must be provided with your bake



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OUTSIDE OADBY HOUSE, AGES 8-15

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Maximum five participants per session - sign up at the Churches Together In Oadby stall outside Oadby House on 31 August



With thanks to Oadby House, Milners Bakery, Bru Oadby, S.I Opticals, Life on Pointe, Jenno's Coffee House, The Joy of Chocolate and Churches Together In Oadby



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2022 Attenborough prize winner for 5-10 year category: Samuel Eldredge-Alen (age 7) for As Flat as a Pancake, digital drawing

Open: The People's Exhibition

Does your school have any young talented artists who would want to see their work exhibited at Leicester Museum & Art Gallery?

This year's annual Open competition returns in December, it is free to enter, and applications are now open.

This is a perfect opportunity for your students to experience the realities of showcasing their work; from creating and submitting, through to selection and exhibiting.

Participation in the Open: The People's exhibition can feed directly into curricular learning outcomes, Artsmark activity, and Arts Award portfolios.

Young People can have their work for sale.

Who can enter?

- Any young person aged between 5–18 years old who lives or studies in the East Midlands.
- The age categories are 5–10, 11–15, and 16–18 years.
- Young People can enter as an individual.
- A teacher can submit as a group (schools/colleges/ organisations etc).
- For full details, please click on the following link : <https://www.leicestermuseums.org/arts/arts-in-leicester/the-open/>
- To make submissions, please follow the above link and create a Zealous account.

Key dates

- Application forms open for entries: mid-August 2024
- Deadline for submissions: Monday 30 September at 1.00pm.
- Exhibition dates: Saturday 14 December 2023 - Friday 31 January 2025.