



Lawdale Junior School

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have made a great start to the new year and all the new year 3 children have settled in well. I am really pleased to let you know that our attendance is currently nearly 97.7%, which is phenomenal.

Thankyou so much to all the parents who have been sending your children to school everyday.

We currently have 123 children with 100% attendance. Remember that 100% attenders get prizes at the end of each term and children have a fresh chance of winning prizes at the beginning of each term. If you have appointments please send your children in and take them out only for the appointment ie bring the children back in after the appointment and then they will continue to be registered as fully attending.

We have just been reviewing our progress scores and have worked out that last year, the Years 6s, made amazing progress in their time at Lawdale with 80% of pupils making well above average progress in maths and 72% making well above average progress in reading. This means that the majority of children make expected progress ie 4 years of progress and these children have made 5 or more years progress, whilst at Lawdale.

This year we want to ensure that all year groups have a wide range of educational trips organised for them to complement our fantastic curriculum. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the trips.

October is also Black history month and we wish to shine a light on the amazing contributions of the black community to the UK and worldwide. We will be learning about black musicians, scientists, philosophers, authors etc.

On Friday 17th October we celebrated "Show Racism the **Red** Card". Social media can often be a fractious, divisive place, used to divide people and spread dangerous untruths. For one day, at least, let's try and change that and show that we cannot be divided. Please wear red to show we are united as a school community against racism and that we wish to celebrate diversity.

Thank you for your continued support of the school

All the best
Annette Rook

Lunch time Arts and Craft

Creative play during school lunch and recess is far more than just 'downtime'. It is a vital self direct activity that is critical for a child's holistic development, fostering skills that are difficult to cultivate in a formal classroom setting. Allowing children the freedom to invent, explore and express themselves without adult direction or predefined goals.



Royal Courts of Justice

Year 6 visited the Royal Courts of Justice and took part in a mock trial in a real court room. They all had different roles such as the judge, barristers, witnesses and jurors. They also got to meet a real judge and ask questions about their job.



Parents' Art Therapy

Parents enjoyed a creative and relaxing art therapy session at our coffee morning. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to express themselves and take a break from their daily routines. The session highlighted how art can be a beautiful form of communication, bringing parents and children closer together through fun interactions and learning new skills.



Soanes Centre - Year 4

Year 4 had an amazing time at the Soanes Centre, exploring and identifying a variety of habitats and living things.



An Amazing Day at Kew Garden

On Saturday, September 20th, our group of families visited the spectacular **Botanic Garden**. Exploring the site, which encompasses **500 acres of magnificent woodland** and is home to the world's largest **seed conservation project**, was truly an immersive experience. The scale and natural beauty of the place were absolutely **amazing**, and everyone had a wonderful time taking it all in.

Later in the day, we stepped inside to visit an art gallery and saw **stunning artwork** created by artists from all across the world. It was a lovely contrast to the natural environment outside.

We finished the day on a high note in a massive open space, where several parents joined the children for an energetic game of **tag**. Everyone was incredibly active, ending the day thoroughly exhausted and **thrilled** with the adventure.



Parents Sleep Well and Health Workshop



Gardening Club

School gardening programs, such as the one at Lawdale Junior School, are a fantastic way to teach children about where their food comes from and the natural world. They get to experience the whole process first hand, from planting a tiny seed to harvesting the final product.



Academic Year 2025 – 2026 Dates to Remember

Dates	Events
Wednesday 1 st October	Black History Month
Monday 6 th October	Year 6 Secondary Transfer online form support Raani Hafsana & Rushana
Thursday 9 th October	Flu Vaccinations & World Mental Health Day
Friday 10 th October	Friendship Foundation with Year 6
Monday 13 th October	Year 6 Trip – Royal Courts of Justice
Friday 17 th October	Friendship Foundation with Year 6
Monday 20 th October	Flu Vaccinations & Diwali
Tuesday 21 st October	6M Trip – Soanes Centre PM
Wednesday 22 nd October	6V Trip – Soanes Centre PM
MONDAY 27 th - FRIDAY 31 st OCTOBER 2025 - SCHOOL CLOSED - HALF TERM	
Monday 10 th November	Math's Week & Anti-bullying Week
Monday 17 th November	Road Safety Week
Wednesday 19 th November	Year 4 Trip – Science Museum
Monday 8 th December	Parent Conference – School finishes at 1:30 pm
Tuesday 16 th December	Year 3 Play – Middle Hall – 2:00 pm
Wednesday 17 th December	Tickled Pink
Friday 19 th	XMAS Parties AM – School finishes at 1:30 pm
MONDAY 22 ND DECEMBER 2025 - FRIDAY 2 ND JANUARY 2026 - SCHOOL CLOSED - END OF TERM	
Monday 5 th January	SCHOOL CLOSED – INSET DAY
Tuesday 6 th January	Year 2 Parent Meeting
Tuesday 13 th January	100% Attendance – Lunch at Nando's
Monday 26 th January	Holocaust Memorial Day
Tuesday 10 th February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 11 th February	Year 6 National Height and Weight
MONDAY 16 th - FRIDAY 20 th FEBRUARY 2026 - SCHOOL CLOSED - HALF TERM	
Monday 23 rd February	Walk and Scoot to School Month
Monday 10 th March	Book Week
Monday 16 th March	St. Patrick's Day
MONDAY 30 th MARCH - FRIDAY 10 th APRIL 2026 - SCHOOL CLOSED - END OF TERM	
Monday 4 th May	BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Thursday 7 th May	LOCAL ELECTIONS – SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 18 th May	Walk to School Week
Thursday 21 st May	100% Attendance – Lunch at Nando's
MONDAY 25 th - FRIDAY 29 th MAY 2026 - SCHOOL CLOSED - HALF TERM	
Monday 1 st June	SCHOOL CLOSED – INSET DAY
Wednesday 3 rd June	EID Parties
Monday 15 th June	Refugee Week
Monday 22 nd June	Healthy School Event – 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm
Monday 29 th June	Parent Conference – School finishes at 1:30 pm

Wednesday 1 st July	Meet the new class teacher & classroom
Friday 3 rd July	Parents meet new Year 3 teachers 1:1 – All Day & Year 6 out at Secondary school
Monday 13 th July	Attendance Certificates Year 3 & 4, & Year 6 Leavers Assembly – 2:30 pm
Tuesday 14 th July	Attendance Certificates Year 5 & 6, & Year 6 Performance – 2:30 pm
Friday 17 th July	End of year Parties AM
Monday 20 th July	SCHOOL CLOSED – INSET DAY
Tuesday 21 st July	SCHOOL CLOSED – INSET DAY
WEDNESDAY 22 nd JULY 2026 – 31 st AUGUST 2026 - SCHOOL CLOSED - END OF TERM	