



Lawdale Junior School

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are fast approaching the end of the Spring term and have had lots of fun events this week. Eid celebrations and parties were enjoyed by all the children on Monday 23rd March. It was lovely to see all the children in their beautiful dresses and smart outfits.

Thank you to all the parents who sent in delicious samosas, curries and other foods.

On Tuesday, we had our Easter bonnet parade and it was very difficult to decide on winners for each class. The amount of effort, creativity and originality was astounding and we were very pleased to see so many entrants and so many parents come in to enjoy the children parading their hats. As there are now so many children participating, we will increase the number of prizes in future years. This year we added a headteacher prize for children who had created their hats from scratch and/or had shown exceptional creativity. Next year, we will have winners chosen by the children and winners chosen by the headteacher.

Year 6 are getting closer to their SATS tests which happen in May. Parents, please ensure that your children complete their homework over the 2-week Easter break. Children who completed homework over the Easter holidays, in the last few years, have vastly improved their chances of passing their SATs tests. Half an hour of reading and completing Maths Whizz will really improve your SATs scores.

We hope you all have a wonderful Easter holiday and we look forward to seeing you all back at school on Monday the 13th April.

All the best,
Annette Rook (Headteacher)

Spring is in the Air: Our Easter Bonnet Parade!

On Tuesday, our school was treated to a spectacular **Easter Bonnet Parade!** The children showed off their incredible creativity, wearing hats adorned with everything from fluffy chicks and spring flowers to colourful eggs. It was wonderful to see so much **imagination and hard work on display**. A huge thank you to all the families who helped the children create such "egg-cellent" designs!





Eid Celebrations Continued!

On **Monday 23rd March**, our children continued their **Eid celebrations** with their classmates. It was a wonderful **non-uniform day**, and the school was filled with colour and smiles! The children spent the afternoon enjoying a variety of **healthy homemade snacks** and beautiful **fruit platters**. It was a fantastic opportunity for everyone to come together, share delicious food, and celebrate as a community.



Creative Hands: Our New Crochet Club

We are delighted to share that **Ms Cane and Ms Nathan** have been running a fantastic **Crochet Club**!

The children have been having a wonderful time learning how to use their hook and yarn to create beautiful patterns.

It has been lovely to see them so focused and calm while mastering this new skill. They are really enjoying the process of "netting" their creations together and seeing their hard work turn into something handmade!



Year 3 & 4 Boys Tackle Football Tournament!

Our Year 3 and 4 boys' football team headed to **Thomas Buxton Primary School** for a thrilling competition!

Facing some tough opponents, the boys showed incredible **resilience and sportsmanship** in every match. Their ability to work together as a unit and stay determined until the final whistle was fantastic to see. A massive well done to the whole team for their **hard work and school spirit**—you did us proud!





Fantastic Effort! Year 3 & 4 Girls Reach the Final

Our Year 3 and 4 girls recently took to the pitch at **Thomas Buxton Primary School** for an exciting football competition!

After a series of hard-fought matches, the girls truly showcased their incredible **teamwork and determination**. Their resilience throughout the tournament was inspiring to watch, as they stayed focused and played with heart to make it all the way to the **grand finale**.

While they narrowly lost in the final, a huge well done goes to the whole team for their **hard work and effort**. Coming home as runners-up is a brilliant achievement, and you represented the school with fantastic sportsmanship!





Year 3 Step Back in Time at the Pompeii Exhibition

Our Year 3 classes recently embarked on an unforgettable journey to the Pompeii exhibition! It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to bring their history and geography lessons to life.

Using incredible **visual technology** and interactive displays, the pupils explored the streets of the ancient city and learned about the daily lives of its citizens before the eruption of Mount Vesuvius.

The children had an amazing time becoming "history detectives" for the day, and their enthusiasm for learning was truly impressive!





Celebrating the Magic of Reading: World Book Day & Book Week

What an incredible week we had celebrating **World Book Day** and our annual **Book Week**! Our school was buzzing with excitement as we dove into a variety of learning activities designed to inspire a lifelong love of reading.

A Costume Parade of Characters

To celebrate World Book Day, the school was transformed as children (and staff!) arrived dressed as their **favourite book characters**. From classic heroes to modern-day protagonists, the creativity on display was wonderful to see.



Sharing the Joy of Stories

Reading is even better when shared, and we were thrilled to host several guest reading sessions:

- **Lawdale** visited **Elizabeth Selby**, where they spent a lovely morning reading with the infants.
- We were also joined by pupils from **Oaklands**, who visited our school to engage in collaborative reading sessions with our pupils. It was heartwarming to see the older and younger students bonding over their favourite stories.



"Drop Everything and Read"

One of the week's highlights was our daily **reading bell**. At various times throughout the day, the bell would ring, and everyone—no matter what they were doing—had to stop and **read for 10 minutes**. This gave us all a chance to slow down and lose ourselves in a good book.

It has been a truly memorable week, and we hope our pupils feel more inspired than ever to pick up a book and explore a new world!

Academic Year 2025 – 2026 Dates to Remember

Dates	Events
Friday 27 th March	School finishes at 1:30pm
MONDAY 30th MARCH - FRIDAY 10th APRIL 2026 - SCHOOL CLOSED - END OF TERM	
Monday 13 rd March	Big Walk and Wheel to school starts - until end of term
Tuesday 21 st April	Parasports: Team of 5 SEN to Bangabandu
Wednesday 22 nd April	Mayor's School Air Filter Activity Day
Tuesday 28 th April	Year 4 Trip Science Museum
Monday 4th May	BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Thursday 7th May	LOCAL ELECTIONS – SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 11 th May	Assessment Week
Monday 18 th May	Walk to School Week
Wednesday 20 th May	National Numeracy Day & Green Shoots Singing Project
Thursday 21 st May	100% Attendance – Lunch at Nando's
MONDAY 25th - FRIDAY 29th MAY 2026 - SCHOOL CLOSED - HALF TERM	
Monday 1 st June	SCHOOL OPEN & Green Shoots Singing Project
Tuesday 2 nd June	Switch Number and Career Workshop Y6 and Y5
Wednesday 3 rd June	EID Parties
Wednesday 10 th June	Year 4 Transport Museum
Thursday 11 th June	Parasports: Team of 5 SEN to John Scurr Year 4 Multiplication Test &
Monday 15 th June	Refugee Week & Science Week Yr 3 Class Trip: British Museum
Tuesday 16 th June	Science Workshop - Wonder Dome Workshop
Friday 19 th June	Yr 3 Class Trip: British Museum
Monday 22 nd June	Healthy School Event – 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm
Tuesday 23 rd June	Daily Mile Event at Mile End
Friday 26 th June	Year 5/6 Trip to City of London
Monday 29th June	Parent Conference – School finishes at 1:30 pm
Tuesday 30 th June	Children meet the new class teacher & classroom
Wednesday 1 st July	Year 6 Gorsefield Trip & RRS Gold Accreditation visit
Friday 3 rd July	Parents meet new Year 3 teachers 1:1 – all day Year 6 out at secondary schools
Monday 6 th July	Year 6 Gorsefield Trip
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 - School finishes at 1:30 pm
Monday 20th July	SCHOOL CLOSED – INSET DAY
Tuesday 21st July	SCHOOL CLOSED – INSET DAY

WEDNESDAY 22nd JULY 2026 – 31st AUGUST 2026 - SCHOOL CLOSED - END OF TERM