



Lanchester E.P. (Cont.) Primary School & Nursery

A Caring Community Where All Can Flourish



*'Through God's love, we are the rich soil
where roots grow and seeds flourish.'*

Luke 8:4-15



Friday 26th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

There has been a real buzz in school this week. We have made the most of the weather and enjoyed lots of Forest School Sessions. Reception have been very busy making soup this week – thank you so much for all their vegetables they have brought in this week. The smell has permeated the whole school! We have had the first football matches of the season (and some great victories!), the Year 3 visit to the Great North Museum, Head Girl interviews, Captain Chemistry, Year 5&6 Open Evenings at St Bede's and Consett Academy as well as the normal business of teaching during the day too! I wonder what next week will bring....

Packed Lunches and Snacks

Children in EYFS and KS1 receive a piece of fruit for morning snack and all children can sign up for Cool Milk for Schools no matter what year they are in (www.coolmilk.com – children under 5 do not need to sign up as their milk is free and they are automatically signed up). Most children in KS2 choose to bring their own snack in for morning playtime and we ask for healthy snacks only. Please ensure these snacks are in children's bags or coat pockets and NOT their packed lunches as children are not allowed to open up their packed lunches until lunchtime. Thank you for your support with this.

1,000 Can Challenge

This year, there has been more demand than ever on our foodbanks. So, we are supporting Lanchester Parish Church in their 1000 Can Challenge. We are hoping to be able to collect 1,000 cans of food for our local foodbanks. Please help us make a difference. Even though it is not our Harvest Festival Celebrations for another two weeks, we will start collecting cans from next week. Please either send them in with your children or bring them to the Food Bank Boxes at the Main Office. Thank you! Let's work together to really make a difference to our local community.

Rotakids

Mrs Lydon is pleased to announce that RotaKids is starting again this year. RotaKids is a fun and exciting way to get our children involved with important activities in the community and at school. With the help and support from our local Rotary club and our designated Rotarian member John Brierley, our children will gain valuable experience in helping others and learning interesting, new things.

This year, our fundraising efforts will be to support three different charities; a local charity, a children's charity and an international charity. This year's RotaKids are children from Year 3, 4, 5, and 6. We will be meeting every half term to plan our fundraisers.

Our first fundraiser of the year will be to host a 'Whacky Hair Day' on Friday 24th October. We are asking for a voluntary donation of £1 for your child to come into school with a whacky hair style. We cannot wait to see your efforts! Thank you.

EYFS Forest School Sessions

Children in Nursery and Reception have begun their Forest School sessions this week. Nursery will be going on Monday afternoons and Thursday mornings, accompanied by small groups of Reception 'Forest Friends' and then Reception will be going on Friday afternoons. All children need wellies in school for safe access to the forest and will wear protective suits. If your child would like to bring in their own suit for trips to the forest, please ensure that they are clearly named.

Spare clothes

We are very short of spare clothes for children who need changing in Reception. If you could make sure that your child has a set on their peg (including socks, please), that would be very helpful. Donations of Reception-sized spares for us to keep in school are also very welcome.

Evidence Me

Our children love to share what they have been doing out of school with their class, so please do continue to send in photos. They can be uploaded directly to Evidence Me and are shared through discussion times in Reception and via our home links board in Nursery. Please remember that Evidence Me is not to be used for messages to staff - email is the best way to deal with any queries. If you would like an additional family member added to your child's Evidence Me account, please ask your child's teacher.

Parent and Carer Meetings

Our Parent and Carer Meetings take place on Tuesday 14th October and Wednesday 15th October and bookings for appointments will open at 4pm today on your Arbor account.

For Reception – Year 6 teachers, appointments will take place in the Main Hall between 3.30 and 6pm on each day and we encourage you to look at your child's books and classroom before or after your meeting with their class teacher.

For those parents and carers with 3 or 4 year old children in **Nursery**, your appointments will be as follows:

Group	Staff Member	Date & Times
Owls	Mrs Moralee	Tuesday 14th October 1.30 – 2.30pm (Meeting Room); 3.30 – 4.30pm (Main Hall)
Owls & Squirrels	Miss Butler	Tuesday 14th October 3.30 – 6.00pm (Main Hall)
Squirrels	Miss Butler	Wednesday 15th October 1.30 – 2.30pm (Meeting Room); 3.30 – 4.30pm (Main Hall)

Please make sure you only book one appointment for your child in Nursery – you do not need to book an appointment with Miss Butler *and* Mrs Moralee, as they will be sharing the same information with you.

Flu Vaccinations for Reception – Year 6

Flu vaccinations for children in Reception – Year 6 will take place in school on Wednesday 22nd October. All parents/carers of children in those year groups will be sent an email today regarding this. You must fill in the consent form <https://nhsmms.azurewebsites.net/session/22b09ec0> by Wednesday 15th October if you want your child to receive the flu vaccination.

5SJ & 5MS Bikeability Consent

Please remember to sign your child up if you would like them to take part in the Year 5 Bikeability sessions, using one of the links below. If you are struggling to access the sign up online, please speak to the school office, who will be able to sign your child up on your behalf if required.

Class	Dates of Sessions	Consent Link
Miss Jackson (5SJ)	3 rd – 6 th November	https://consent.bikeability.org.uk/webs-pay-ship
Mr Stephenson (5MS)	10 th – 13 th November	https://consent.bikeability.org.uk/minor-wide-drama

This Week's Big Question

This week's Big Question has been, '**What brings you Joy?**' Joy is the third of our school values which we have talked about in Worship this week. Please ask your child what they have talked about in their Mindful Moments this week around Joy?

Safeguarding

Keeping children safe from harm is our number one priority. We will always act upon any concerns individuals have, or any disclosures from children. However, if you have any concerns outside of school, or if you have a concern about a child or young person's welfare, it is essential that you call First Contact on: 03000 267979.

Attendance

Year Group	Current Week (%)	to Date (%)	Year Group	Current Week (%)	to Date (%)
Reception	98.3	99.2	Year 4	97.1	96.5
Year 1	96.7	97.5	Year 5	98.6	98.1
Year 2	100	99.3	Year 6	98.5	98.8
Year 3	99.3	98.3	Whole School	98.4	98.2

Diary Dates for Next Week

Monday 29th September - Cross Country

Some of our children from Years 4 – 6 are participating in a Cross Country Festival at Leadgate Primary School. They will leave school at 9.30am and be brought back to school in time for their normal school lunch. Please make sure they come to school in their PE kit. They should also bring plenty of fluids, and can pack a healthy snack too. All parent/carers of those taking part should have received an email about this event yesterday. Unfortunately, no spectators are allowed at this event. I am sure they will make us all very proud.

Monday 29th September – OASES leading Assembly

OASES (Outdoor and Sustainability Education Specialists) will be leading an assembly on Monday morning when they will be introducing the wider themes of climate change, green careers and local sustainable energy projects. This is a topic close to the hearts of many of our children and I am sure they will find it very interesting.

Tuesday 30th September – Year 5/6 Boys Football League

Our Year 5 & 6 Boys Football Team will continue their matches in the football league on Tuesday night after school at Consett Football Club. Those taking part will receive an email about the arrangements for the night.

Thursday 2nd October – Year 5 Leave for Birchwood, Tamworth at 5.45am

Year 5 will depart for Birchwood, Tamworth at **5.45am** on Thursday morning. Mr Stephenson, Miss Jackson, Mrs Coyle, Mrs Moralee and Mrs O'Halloran will all be accompanying the children. Please make sure that they bring a packed lunch and a drink. I know they will have a brilliant visit to Cadbury's World on Thursday, before staying the night at Birchwood Primary School.

Children not attending this trip will need to come into school as normal, where they will spend time in Year 4, as well as taking part in some fun activities with Mrs McGilvray.

Friday 3rd October – Picture News Assembly on Black History Month

Year 2 – Year 6 will be participating in a national event on Friday morning to celebrate the start of Black History Month. I am sure they will tell you all about it when they see you after school.

Friday 3rd October – Year 5 Return from Birchwood, Tamworth

Our Year 5 children will be returning after visiting the National Space Centre on Friday morning. We expect them to be back by around 6pm. We will update you with the Estimated Time of Arrival on 'X'.

Positive Thinking

*When you focus on your own Joy,
You become a beacon of Joy for others.*

As usual, if there is anything at all that you would like to talk about, please do not hesitate to contact us. Hope you have a lovely weekend.

Best Wishes,

Jane Davis

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Head Teacher