Lostock Primary School News

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Welcome Back!



I hope you all enjoyed the summer break and made some lovely family memories. It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome the children back this week. Of course, a very special welcome to our new Reception families. We are so pleased you have joined our 'Lostock Family' and we are already incredibly proud of your little ones. They have settled into life at Lostock brilliantly!

Trust VIP Award – Congratulations, Mr Kelly!

We are delighted to celebrate Mr Kelly, who has been recognised with a Leverhulme Academy Trust VIP (Values in Practice) Award for his outstanding contribution across the Trust.

As Deputy Headteacher, KS2 Leader, English Leader, Deputy DSL and Personal Development Leader at Lostock Primary School, Drew consistently demonstrates exceptional leadership, expertise and a commitment to supporting colleagues and pupils beyond our school. He has made a significant contribution to Trust-wide initiatives, including the Personal Development Network, Trust Oracy Project and KS2-KS3 writing moderation, helping to strengthen the transition between primary and secondary education. He also shares his expertise beyond the Trust as a Bolton Local Authority KS2 Writing Moderator.



Mr Kelly truly embodies our Trust values through his professionalism, humility and willingness to support others. A very well-deserved award – congratulations!

Weekly Sports Update



PE Dates: Mondays and Wednesdays

Clubs

Multi-skills – Tuesday afterschool

Basketball Club– Monday after school

Y2 and Y3 Nicky Hunt Football Club - Monday afterschool

Try outs for the school football team and cross country team will be held on Monday 7th September during lunch.

UKS2 Cross Country Club-Monday lunchtimes

UKS2 Football club-Thursdays after school

Further information will follow relating to competitions to selected children.

Attendance and Punctuality

At Lostock Primary School, we believe that regular attendance is essential to ensuring every child has the best possible opportunity to learn, make progress and achieve their full potential. Attending school every day during term time allows children to take part fully in lessons, build positive relationships and enjoy the wide range of opportunities available to them.

Good attendance also ensures continuity of learning, as missing school can mean missing important teaching and key concepts. For this reason, attendance is a high priority, and we work closely with parents and carers to support good attendance.

Punctuality is equally important. Arriving on time helps children settle calmly and begin their learning alongside their classmates. We understand that traffic can be unpredictable, so please allow plenty of time for your journey.

By working together, we can ensure every child has the regular attendance and positive start to the day they need to thrive.

Safeguarding and Child Protection

Our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy is on the school website. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, so if you have any concerns at all, please do not hesitate to contact me, Hannah Barnes-Gray (Designated Safeguarding Lead), or in my absence, Drew Kelly (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead). Thank you.

Green Flag Award

Congratulations to our Eco Team on achieving the Green Flag Award 2026 with Distinction. We are very proud of their hard work and dedication to environmental sustainability.

Cycle Shed



Our new bike and scooter shed is now open and ready to use. We encourage families to make the most of it and look out for exciting travel news and opportunities coming this term!

Online Safety Newsletter

Please take some time to read our monthly Online Safety Newsletter, which was sent out to families this week. It contains useful advice, guidance and practical tips to help parents and carers support children in staying safe and making positive choices when using technology and the internet.

Weekly Curriculum Update

Our children have been working hard and aiming high across all subjects this week.

What makes a good..?

This week we have been looking at each individual subjects and discussing what attributes and qualities you need to be successful in that area. This was a great refresher for the children, clearly setting out expectations for their new year group.

Lostock Listeners

Our new Year 6 class have been trained to become our very own Lostock Listeners. They will be out and around at lunchtime to help listen to any issues, worries and concerns

'Meet the Teacher' – Wednesday 9th September

'Meet the Teacher' is a great opportunity to meet your child's teacher and find out more about the year ahead.

Each meeting will be held in your child's classroom. Please enter the school via the classroom doors and sign in on arrival.

There are two sessions available:

Early session: 3:30pm

Later session: 4:15pm

If you are unable to attend either session, don't worry. The PowerPoint presentation used during the meeting will be uploaded by the end of the week for you to look

Benedict's Law



This September, new statutory guidance known as Benedict's Law strengthens the measures schools must take to protect children with allergies. As part of our preparations, all staff have completed allergy awareness and anaphylaxis training and we are reviewing our procedures in line with the guidance. We kindly ask all families to help us create an allergy-aware community by being mindful of the food sent into school, reminding children not to share food and following any advice provided by school. As a reminder, we are a nut-free school. Most importantly, we want all children to feel included and supported and we know our school community will continue to show the care, understanding and kindness that make our school such a welcoming place.

PTA

Calling all parents and carers! Can you spare a little time once every half term to help organise fun activities and raise vital funds? We need help for our Autumn Disco and Christmas Fair this term. Please see me or email the office with contact details if you feel you can help. Any support would be much appreciated.

Details of the next meeting to follow next week.

Weekly Reading Update

To promote a love of reading and books we are inviting your child to take part in the #caughtreading challenge. We would like to see photographs of as many of our children as possible reading at home in their favourite place to read. The cosier the better! Alternatively, if your child is caught reading in an unusual place, please also share your pictures with us. The more bizarre the better! Email any pictures to office@lostock.bolton.sch.uk. This week, here is James from Year 6 sharing his new book with classmate Theo.



School Uniform

Our children have looked incredibly smart this week, thank you. Please ensure full school uniform is worn on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, ensuring school shoes (not trainers) are consistently worn. Please ensure full PE uniform is worn on Mondays and Wednesdays. This includes the purple school hoody, not the school sweatshirt or cardigan. Please ensure trainers are school appropriate and safe for taking part in sports (not just for fashion purposes). Thank you.

Dinner Money for September 2026

A reminder of the price increase for the Academic year 2026/27. The new cost of school meals is £2.75 per day. Autumn Term school dinner costs are as follows:

£13.75 - 1 full week (5 days)

£104.50 - Full half term (until 23rd October 2026)

£200.75 - Full term (until 18th December 2026)

Please note that, following advice from Bolton Council, if your child needs to leave school after 10.30am a charge will still be made for their dinner even if not taken.

Forthcoming Dates

10/9—Meet the Teacher 3.30pm & 4.15pm

26/9—Macmillan Coffee Day

26/9—Steel Gladiator visit

3/10—Commando Joe's Parent Workshop

w/c 6/10—Scholastic Book Fair

w/c 6/10—Assessment Week

7/10—Year 6 Salford Museum

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