



Lacewood Link

End of Autumn 1 - October 2025



What a wonderful start to the school year it has been! The children have settled beautifully into their new classes and have embraced their exciting new topics with great enthusiasm and curiosity. It has also been a joy to appoint our new Head Girl and Head Boy, who did a fantastic job leading our Harvest Festival assembly. In addition, our newly elected School Councillors and Art Ambassadors are already showing great promise in their new roles. It's been such a positive and inspiring start — I can't wait to see all the amazing things the rest of the year will bring!



Important Reminders

School Arrival and Collection

Please ensure children are kept under your supervision during arrival and collection times. This is due to health and safety regulations.

Dojo Points

Dojo points are awarded on a daily basis. Every child has the opportunity to earn at least 5 points everyday.



Daily 5	
Arriving at school on time	1
Wearing correct uniform	1
Positive Playtime	1
Positive Lunchtime	1
Positive Classroom	1
Bonus Points	
Bringing PE kit	1
Completing Homework	1
Completing Homework Projects	5
Outstanding Effort all day	3



School Uniform

Please remember to come to school in the correct Lacewood uniform everyday. If children arrive wearing incorrect uniform, spares will be provided, and these will need returning to school the following day. Please label all uniform.

Details of the school uniform can be found on our school website.

[Uniform | Lacewood Primary School](#)

Uniform can be ordered through Vortex or Pinders.



Here at Lacewood Primary School, we take the safety of our children and staff very seriously. We recognise it is all of our responsibility, in accordance with 'Safeguarding and Child Protection', to ensure that Lacewood is a secure and safe learning place for our children.

Safeguarding Leads



Miss K Akeroyd – DSL
(Designated Safeguarding Lead)



Mrs K Anson – DDSL (Deputy)
Designated Safeguarding Lead

USEFUL CONTACTS

Barnsley Safeguarding: 01226 772423

Emergency Out of Hours: 01226 787789

[Barnsley Safeguarding Webpage](#)

**Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO):
01226 772341**

NSPCC Helpline: 0808 800 5000

[NSPCC Webpage](#)

If a child is in danger: call 999 or 0114 220 2020

[Keeping children safe online NSPCC](#)


Online Safety

Follow the SMART rules to help stay safe online.

Safe

S


Stay **safe** online by not sharing your personal information.



Meet

M


Do not **meet** anyone who you have only become friends with online.



Accept

A


Do not **accept** messages and friend requests from people you do not know.



Reliable

R


Not everything online is **reliable**. People online are strangers and you can't always trust everything they say.



Tell

T

Tell an adult you trust if anything happens online that you do not like.



Be careful what you share online!

Stop and think before you share information online. Don't say or do anything that you wouldn't do in the real world!



Important Dates

Autumn Term 2

03.11.25	Whole School	School re-opens for Autumn 2
11.11.25	Whole School	Remembrance Day Assembly – 10.40am
14.11.25	Whole School	Children in Need Day (Pyjamas or Non-Uniform £1 donation)
17.11.25	Y6	Crucial Crew Trip – All day
18.11.25	Y5/Y6 (4 pupils)	Children’s University - Games Competition
	Y3	Stone Age Workshop in school
19.11.25	Y1	Eureka Class Trip – All day
25.11.25	Y3	Fire Safety Talk – In school
27.11.25	Y1-6	Barnsley Youth Choir singing workshops in school
01.12.25	Group of pupils	Boccia Event at the Dearne – 3pm (Mr Edwards to send out details)
03.12.25	Foundation	Nativity Performance – 10.30am / 2.30pm
05.12.25	Whole School	Rocksteady Concert 2.15pm
11.12.25	Whole School	Christmas Fayre – School closes at 2pm
12.12.25	Whole school	Chaplin’s Theatre – Little Red Riding Hood (in school)
15.12.25	Whole School	Barnsley Hospice Fun Run in school
17.12.25	Whole School	Christmas Lunch Day Christmas Jumper Day Christingle (Y4-6) – 2pm – Parents Invited Carol Concert (Y1-3) – 2.30pm – Parents Invited
18.12.25	Whole School	Christmas Party Day / Party box lunch (Non-uniform)
		Children break up for Christmas
19.12.25	Whole School	INSET DAY – School Closed



Events & Achievements

Hello Yellow

We held our annual 'Hello Yellow' event on World Mental Health Day. The children completed activities to learn about mental health and took part in a special whole school assembly.

We raised over £132 for the charity 'Young Minds', which is a mental health charity that supports children, young people and parents. Well done everyone!

YOUNGMINDS



Mrs Hughes organised our annual coffee morning for Macmillan this half term and raised £175 for a fantastic cause!

School council is in session! The children from Years 1-6 shared their views on our wonderful school during their first meeting of the year. The school councillors are taking their roles seriously and are excited to represent their classmates this academic year.



Go Team Lacewood!

A group of our Lacewood girls took part in a netball tournament. They were absolutely outstanding and came second! Mr Edwards was very impressed with their hard work and resilience. Well done girls!



The Lacewood football team were triumphant in their match against Wath OLSJ for the Barlow Salmon's Semi-Final. They were even commended by the referee for their amazing teamwork and received a mention in the South Yorkshire Sport magazine.

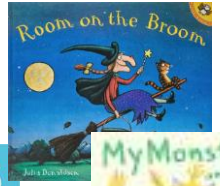




Learning in Foundation



Exploring seasonal changes and creating patterns inspired by them.



Please remember the £3 half termly donation we ask for from parents to help us provide those extra special activities for children.

Developing Oracy skills with Talk Through Stories



Have you brought your wellies yet? To be left in school for welly walk day and wet playtimes. 😊

Building relationships, teamwork, co-operation and problem solving.

Polite reminder to not let children (including siblings) play with our outdoor equipment before and after school. Thanks 😊

Exploring ice and colour mixing.





Learning in Year 1



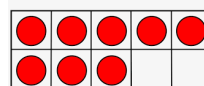
Literacy

In Literacy, we have enjoyed sharing stories such as Little Red Riding Hood and Funny Bones! We completed lots of vocabulary, handwriting and word writing work as well as retelling the stories. One of our favourite activities was making a sandwich for Grandma in the story (which we ate, of course!).



Numeracy

In Numeracy, we have been exploring reading, writing and representing numbers to 10. We have developed our mathematical vocabulary, too!



Art



In art, we have enjoyed learning about the artist Pablo Picasso and some of his most famous pieces. We discussed the Weeping Woman portrait and created our own interpretations.



Computing

In computing, we have learned how to use the trackpad and keyboards on the laptops. We have also learned the names of the part of a laptop and PC.



Learning in Year 2



YWP Trip

The children thoroughly enjoyed their time at the YWP. We saw many wonderful animals and learnt lots during our education session, all about food chains, which linked brilliantly with the learning we've been doing in our Science lessons!

Science

We have continued our learning on food chains in school, alongside learning characteristics for life and how to determine whether something is living, dead or has never been alive!



Art

We have enjoyed learning about our artist Brian Wildsmith and have loved trying to replicate his techniques this half term. We have focused on line drawing, the splatter technique and using combinations of different mediums such as paint and pastel to create our final pieces!





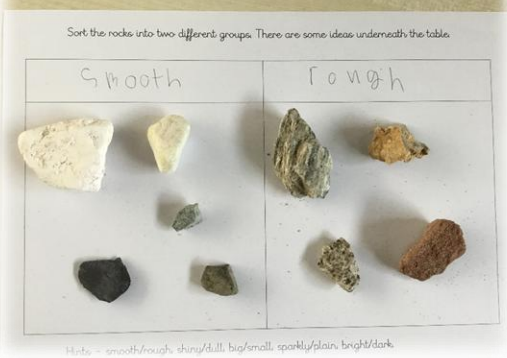
Learning in Year 3

We had an amazing class trip to Murton Park where we learnt all about the Stone Age. We did some weaving, grinding wheat into flour, hunting for animals and made clay pots!



For our Art learning this half term, we were inspired by Stone Age cave paintings. For a piece in our sketch books, we used chalk and black watery paint to draw animals and hunters just like a cave painting.

We had a rugby skills session this half term, which we all really enjoyed. We learnt how to throw and catch a rugby ball accurately.



In Science, we've been looking at different types of rocks. We thought about how we could classify rocks and also experimented with finding which rocks would be most suitable for different purposes.



Learning in Year 4

Children have loved their Ukulele lessons with Mr Childs and it has been wonderful to see their progress in such a short space of time! They have learnt the C, F and Am chords! Watch out for a Christmas Concert!



For our art learning this half term, we have been finding inspiration from Margret Godfrey and her work on Volcanoes. Children have been developing their drawing and painting skills.

We have loved our new reading lessons this year! The engagement and progress in fluency has been excellent. The children have enjoyed reading with expression; they especially loved poems!

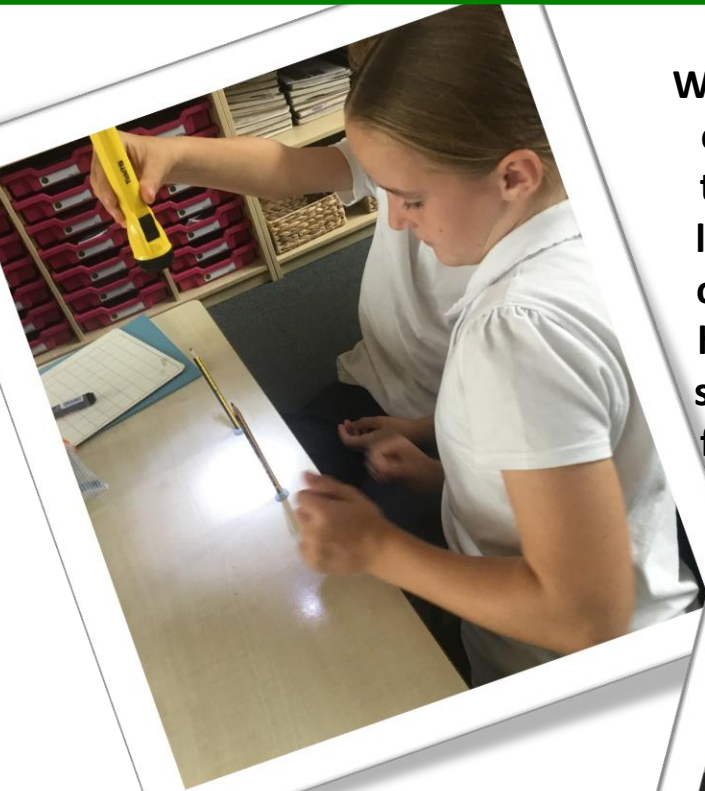


In PE, we have been learning about netball and fitness. The children have loved both of them, and I have been very impressed with their resilience and attitude to working hard and building up a sweat!





Learning in Year 5



What an amazing first half term in Beech class. We have settled so quickly in to the new routines and have absolutely loved getting to know our way around our new classroom . This half term we have had great fun learning about the sun, moon and earth in science. It was fascinating to explore why we see the moon differently each night.



Golden Leaf Winners
Well done to:
Louie, Ava, Ella, Polly,
Amelia and Liam

In history, we have loved finding out about the 5 MAIN reasons for WW1 starting. Especially, when we all got to take part in our own military race!



Fronted adverbials are a vital part of our literacy work this year. We have enjoyed using our theme work in our literacy to describe the trenches





Learning in Year 6

What a **fantastic start to Year 6** it has been! 🎉
The children have settled brilliantly into their final year at Lacewood and have really embraced their new responsibilities as **role models** for the rest of the school 🌟.

This half term, our topic has been **World War II**. We've explored this through **role play, drama, and creative activities**, bringing history to life in the classroom. A real highlight was our **trip to Eden Camp** 🚚 👤 — the children were immersed in wartime life, and it created some wonderful memories while deepening their understanding of WWII.



In **English** ✍️, we've begun building our **Year 6 writing portfolios**, and what a strong start we've had! We've written a **character description of Tom** from *Goodnight Mr Tom*, crafted **letters as evacuees**, and created vivid **setting descriptions of the Blitz** ✨. To finish the half term in spooky style 🎃, the children wrote **seriously scary descriptions of Whitby Abbey** — perfect for Halloween! 🕸️

In **Maths** $+$ $-$ \times \div , we've been focusing on the **four operations**, paying special attention to the (usually dreaded!) **long division**. The children have absolutely smashed it 💪 — and if you ever hear them say "*bring it on down*", you'll know exactly what they're talking about... yes, our division even has its own **dance moves!** 🕺 🕴️



As we move into **Autumn 2**, the children will take part in their **first round of Year 6 assessments** 📝. These will give us a clear picture of each child's learning so far, and we're looking forward to discussing their progress with you at our **parents' meetings next half term** 🤝.

The children have shown **enthusiasm, maturity, and teamwork** throughout this first half term. They've truly embodied the **Year 6 ethos**, and I couldn't be prouder of them 🥰. I can't wait to see what exciting things **Autumn 2** brings! 🌸 ✨