



Lacewood Link

End of Autumn 2 – December 2025



It has been another busy half term with a wide range of exciting learning opportunities taking place across the school. Our Remembrance service in November made me feel exceptionally proud of our children; the respect they showed was truly admirable. It was wonderful to share our local heroes on the school display board and to give children the chance to appreciate how much people in our community gave during times of war. Pupils have also enjoyed a variety of educational visits, and it has been lovely to hear how wonderfully they have represented our school. Our Christmas festivities have been a real highlight—from the Christmas Fayre and Elf Fun Run to the Christingle service and carol concert—and it has been so special to see so many parents joining us in school. Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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.



Spotlight On Safeguarding

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)



Mrs C Searle – DDSL (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead)



Mrs A Jackson – DDSL (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead)

This half term we have strengthened our safeguarding team. This is part of our school commitment to ensuring our safeguarding systems are of the highest standard.

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](#)

[Keeping children safe online NSPCC](#)

THE MAIN CATEGORIES OF CHILD ABUSE ARE...

PHYSICAL ABUSE

The non-accidental physical injury of a child. The inadvertent result of physical punishment or physically aggressive treatment of a child.

SEXUAL ABUSE

Any act of sexual nature upon or with a child for the sexual gratification of the perpetrator or a third party, including anyone who allowed or encouraged it.

EMOTIONAL ABUSE

Chronic attitudes or acts which interfere with the psychological and social development of a child. When a parent or caregiver harms a child's mental and social development or causes severe emotional harm.

NEGLECT

Child-rearing practices which are essentially inadequate or dangerous. The failure to act on behalf of the child; not providing the care, supervision, affection, and support needed for a child's health, safety, and well-being.



Spotlight On Safeguarding

What is a Designated Safeguarding Lead?

Every school must have an appropriate senior member of staff to take lead responsibility for child protection and safeguarding. Key aspects of the 'Designated Safeguarding Leader' role include:

- Ensuring that all staff are aware of the processes for raising safeguarding concerns Ensuring all staff understand the signs of child abuse and neglect Referring any concerns to Social Care.
- Monitoring children who are the subject of Child Protection and CiN (Child in Need) Plans.
- Maintaining accurate and secure child protection records.
- Raising awareness of the school's safeguarding policies.

All schools should have a Safeguarding Governor. Their role and responsibilities include:

- Ensuring the school is following safer recruitment procedures when recruiting any new staff members.
- Reviewing all activity and policy relating to the safety and physical and emotional well-being of all children.
- Seeking improvement to ensure the school follows best practice in creating a productive and safe environment.
- Our Safeguarding Governor is Mrs Kelly Webster. She meets regularly with Miss Akeroyd to discuss, monitor and review all safeguarding practices and policies.



What would you do if you suspect a child could be at risk of harm?

If a child is in danger call 999 or 0114 2202020.

If your call is urgent, you can do the following:

Contact Barnsley Social Care on 01226 772423. Their offices are open between Monday and Friday from 9am to 5pm.



Important Dates

Spring Term 1

05.01.25	Whole School	Children Start Back After Christmas
22.01.26	Y5/6 (Group)	Sport's Hall Athletics Event - Trinity St Edwards
26.01.26	Nursery	Nursery Closure Day for Staff Paediatric First Aid Training
27.01.26	Y4 (Group)	Basketball Event – Astrea Dearne 3pm
28.01.26	Y1	National Emergency Services Museum Class trip
03.02.26	Y3	Yorkshire Water Class Trip
04.02.26	Y5	Cadbury's World Class Trip
9th -15th Feb	Whole School	Children's Mental Health Week
11.02.26	Y4/5 (Group)	Aqua Fest at Dearne Leisure Centre
11.02.26	Whole School	Safer Internet Day / Poetry Slam Parent Performance 2pm

We will remind parents of key events through dojo and letters regarding class trips will be sent home by individual class teachers.



Events & Achievements

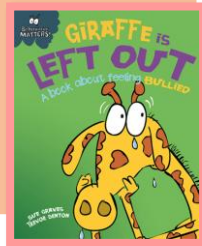
Children in Need

We held our annual non-uniform day to raise money for Children in Need. The children had a special assembly to learn more about the cause, too. We raised £258.80! Well done Team Lacewood!



Odd Socks Day

Lacewood children rocked their odd socks for our annual odd socks day. This day is held by the Anti-Bullying Alliance, who work hard to raise awareness of bullying both in and out of the school environment. We completed lots of anti-bullying activities in class and Miss Akeroyd shared a story in assembly, too. She also talked about the different types of bullying and how we can get help if we need it.



Mrs Searle and the SEN team hosted a coffee morning for parents. Members of the Local Authority came to provide advice and support, too!



We raised £571 at our Christmas Fayre! This money helps us to provide more special times and events for the children. A big thank you to all who came!

Four of our Year 5 and 6 children were chosen to represent Lacewood at our first inter-schools games competition. The day was held at Doncaster College by Children's University and Imagination Gaming. The children behaved exceptionally and we are beyond proud of them all!

Go Team Lacewood!



Mr Bletcher organised our annual TT Rockstars Day. The children loved dressing up and playing on TTRockstars throughout the Day!





Events & Achievements

Boccia & Skipping Taster Sessions



AK sports held a Boccia taster for Year 1-6. The children loved learning a new sport!

Skipping School came in to teach the children some skipping games and techniques, too!



Mrs Jackson and Mrs Anson held a parent Christmas Craft session. Lots of fun was had by all!



Go Team

Lacewood!

On Monday 1st December Mr Edwards took 10 Y5/6 children to Goldthorpe Primary Academy to compete in a boccia event against Carrfield, Goosacre and Goldthorpe in our termly Dearne Cluster Cup! The children were amazing and ended up winning

On Monday 8th December, Mr Edwards took 20 Y5/6 children to Astrea Dearne to compete in the School Games Indoor Athletics. The children competed in a variety of track and field events and they absolutely smashed it, winning the whole thing meaning we have progressed to represent the Dearne area in the Barnsley School Games final in January!





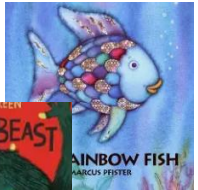
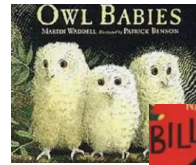
Learning in Foundation



Creating art inspired by Kandinsky and Lowes using 2D shapes.



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. 😊



Exploring rhythm and developing coordination, teamwork and listening skills



Baking and cooking



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



Learning in Year 1

Eureka!

Ash class went on our first school trip to Eureka! We explored the museum and had a senses workshop. We loved learning more about our bodies and senses following our Science topic work in Autumn 1.



PE

In PE this half term, we have enjoyed our Gymnastics and Sending & Receiving activities. We have developed our core strength and flexibility, too!



DT



In DT we designed and made our very own puppets! We explored different joining techniques and were very careful when using staples and safety pins!





Learning in Year 2



Skipping School

We were lucky enough to have a 30 minute skipping session with a skipping specialist this half term. They taught us how to jump a long rope and really helped our confidence grow 😊

Science

We have continued learning about animals but shifted our focus to the different habitats they live in and how they have adapted to suit their environment!



Design Technology

During our 'Chair for a Bear' topic we did lots of investigations around stability and strength in order to make a stable chair for Baby Bear.

PE

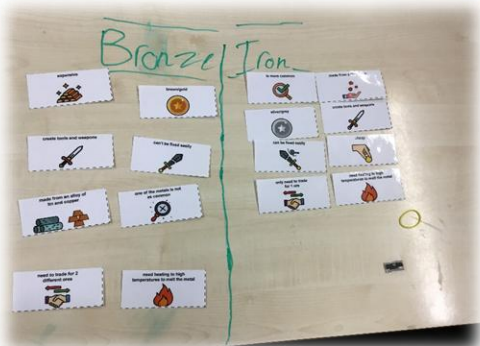
We have enjoyed our gymnastics sessions this half term, learning new balances and different ways of travelling safely and creatively over equipment! Children have really worked hard on improving their balance and core strength when holding their poses.





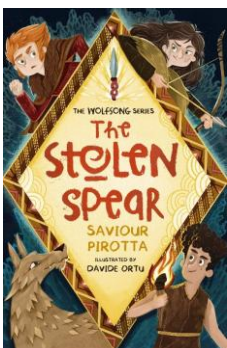
Learning in Year 3

We had a great class trip to Barnsley Museum. We looked around the museum and took part in a foraging activity. We also looked at some artefacts from the stone age and carved spear heads out of soap!



In History, we have continued our Stone Age – Iron Age learning. This half term, we learnt more about how people started to make bronze and why they made the change to iron tools in the Iron Age.

In PE, we have been focusing on dance and football. In our dance lessons, we did some superhero inspired dance pieces and some line dancing!



In our literacy and reading lessons, we've been really enjoying our class novel – The Stolen Spear by Saviour Pirotta. The children have been eager to find out what happens next in this Stone Age adventure story!

Y3 children might enjoy reading more books from the Wolfsong series at home!



Learning in Year 4

The ukulele concert for parents was wonderful! It was so nice to see so many parents coming to watch and see how much progress their children have actually made in such a short space of time!



We had a wonderful trip to Murton Park, where children became a Roman Soldier for the day! They spent the day completing chores that a soldier would have done and then did some soldier training in the afternoon!

In science, we have been learning about electricity. The children have been drawing and constructing simple circuits ensuring they work successfully. They have also, been making switches!



Our TT Rock Star Day was a great way of encouraging and engaging the children to want to improve with their times tables knowledge! They all rocked hard and we were only a few points from beating Y6!



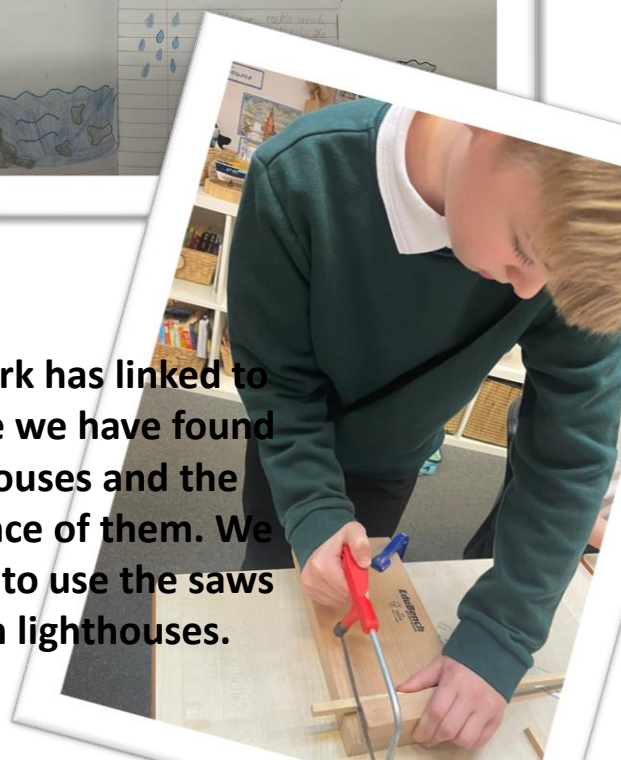
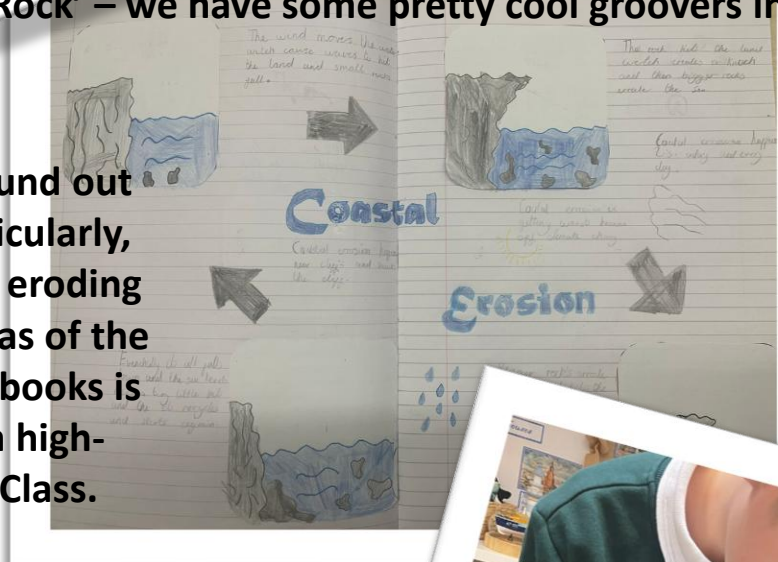


Learning in Year 5



And just like that, we are at the end of 2025! This half term we have spent lots of time in Maths, learning about pizza... I mean, fractions. Fractions. We've definitely been learning about fractions. We took that pizza into 'rainbow surgery' and discovered how to find equivalent fractions whilst dancing to 'The Fraction House Rock' – we have some pretty cool groovers in Y5!

In our topic work, we've found out about coastal erosion. Particularly, why the North-East Coast is eroding more quickly than other areas of the UK. Our work in our theme books is absolutely beautiful. Such high-quality work from Beech Class.



Our geography work has linked to our DT work where we have found out about lighthouses and the historical importance of them. We have loved getting to use the saws to build our own lighthouses.



Golden Leaf Winners
Well done to:
Jaxon, Nancy,
Matilda, George and
Noah



Learning in Year 6

We have enjoyed an **excellent** second half term in Year 6. Can you believe that we're already a third of the way through the children's final year at our school? 🕒 Where does the time go?

Geography 🌍 🏔️

In geography, we have been exploring **natural disasters**—with a particular focus on earthquakes. We also compared a less economically developed country with a middle economically developed country. It has been fantastic to see the children taking their learning further by researching earthquakes at home too!



Maths + - X ÷

In maths, we've continued to build on our arithmetic knowledge and have focused particularly on **fractions** this term. The children have been adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions

Writing 📖 🖋️

We continue to build our Year 6 writing portfolios and have completed both **newspaper reports** and **diary entries**. The standard of presentation and the children's enthusiastic use of new vocabulary have been wonderful to see. Their writing just keeps getting better! 🌟 📝

Crucial Crew 🚓 🚒 🚑

Our recent visit to **Crucial Crew** provided the children with an excellent opportunity to learn about the wider world as they prepare for secondary school. They took part in workshops on **road safety, water safety, fire safety, hate crime, county lines**, and even the **role of a magistrate**. The children engaged maturely and thoughtfully throughout the day. 🧠 🗣️

PE – Badminton 🏸 😊

It has been a real pleasure to watch the children develop their badminton skills this term. Every child has made fantastic progress, and many have even discovered a new love for the sport. I'd highly recommend renting a badminton court at a local leisure centre and challenging your child to a match—you might be surprised at how good they've become!

