

School Newsletter – Friday 6th June 2025

Welcome back everyone! We hope you all enjoyed the half term break. We are ready for an exciting and busy half term at Lantern Lane.

School start time

Classroom doors open at 8:40am and we have a 10-minute window for children to be brought to school on time. Classroom doors are closed and the register taken at 8:50am. If your child comes into school after 8:50am they will be marked as late.

Please allow enough time for your child to get to their classroom door – we have noticed an increasing number of children being brought to school through our main entrance/school office just before 8:50am. This helps us keep things running smoothly.

Sun safety

A quick reminder: children should bring a water bottle and can also bring a sun hat and sun cream.

Please make sure sun cream is labelled with your child's name as they can't be shared between children. If needed, please put sun cream on with children at home. They can re-apply this before going outside over lunchtime. We encourage them to do this independently but will help if required.

Please remember that children shouldn't wear any open-toed footwear in case of any accidents.

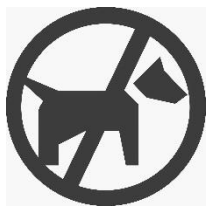
Payments and communication with school

It's important that all parents/carers sign up and download the School Gateway app, as we will be moving home-school communications from Weduc to School Gateway later this term.

The set-up is quick and easy, and should take a couple of minutes. Search for "School Gateway" in the Apple App Store/Google Play, or on your phone go to www.schoolgateway.com/apple (Apple) or www.schoolgateway.com/android (Android).



Please remember these rules when on school grounds:



No dogs are allowed on the school site.



No smoking or vaping on the school site.



Please dismount bicycles and scooters when on the school site.



Please park safely around our school site and be considerate of our local community.

Term Dates 2025/26

We have confirmed our term dates for the 2025/26 academic year - following the pattern set by Nottinghamshire County Council. [Click here](#) to see the calendar. In addition, our INSET days are:

- Day 1: Monday 1 September 2025
- Day 2 Friday 17 October 2025
- Day 3: Monday 5 January 2026
- Day 4: Monday 23 February 2026
- Day 5: Monday 27 July 2026

PTA

We have three key members standing down this year, and for the fundraising group to continue raising funds we need to fill those shoes!

Can you spare a few hours to help organise events or attend meetings, manage social media accounts or help to fill in grant forms from home?

Every penny we raise goes back into school to enrich the children 's time here. For more information see our Facebook page or email fundraising@lanternlane.notts.sch.uk

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EVENT HELD BY UNITED WITH ELA & LLFG

COLOUR RUN

SATURDAY 12TH JULY

AT EAST LEAKE ACADEMY FIELD

REGISTRATION OPENS AT 11 AM

RACES START AT 12PM

To get tickets, scan the QR code or go to:
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/lantern-lane-fundraising-group>

Age 10 and under £5
Age 11+ (including adults) £7
Family ticket £20 (2 adults and 2 children)
Spectators 50p (children under 3 FREE)

RUNNING NOT YOUR THING? YOU COULD BE A MUCH-NEEDED VOLUNTEER ON THE DAY! PLEASE EMAIL
unitedwithela@gmail.com or fundraising@lanternlane.notts.sch.uk

Diary dates	
Wednesday 11 th June	F1 (Nursery) class assembly
Thursday 12 th June	Y5 Musical 2pm & 6pm
Friday 13 th June	Y6 Halle Orchestra visit to Royal Concert Hall
Wednesday 18 th June	F2 – Miss Stevenson class assembly
Wednesday 18 th June	F2 (new starters) Stay and Play 4.15pm
Thursday 19 th June	F2 & KS1 Sports Day (F2 1.30pm, Y1 2pm, Y2 2.30pm)
Friday 20 th June	KS2 Sports Days Y3/4: 9:30am Y5/6: 1:45pm
Wednesday 25 th June	F2 – Mrs Cotton class assembly
Wednesday 25 th June	F1 (Nursery) Sports Day 9.30am
Wednesday 25 th June	Y3 visit to Twycross Zoo
Thursday 26 th June	Whole school theatre production 'Secret Garden'
Thursday 26 th June	F1 New Parent/Carer Welcome Meeting 5.30pm F2 New Parent/Carer Welcome Meeting 6.15pm
Monday 30 th - Wednesday 2 nd July	Y6 pupil transitions days at ELA
Wednesday 2 nd July	'Moving up' morning across school – children meet their new teacher
Thursday 3 rd July	F1 (New starters) Stay and Play 1pm to 2pm
Friday 4 th July	F2 visit to Stonehurst Farm
Monday 7 th July	F1 (New starters) Stay and Play 1pm to 2pm
Wednesday 9 th July	Meet your child's new teacher for parents/carers
Friday 11 th July	End of year reports sent to parents/carers
Wednesday 16 th July	End of year report feedback – parent drop in 3:20-3:45pm (optional)
Wednesday 16 th July	EYFS Fun Day (more information to follow)
Friday 18 th July	House winners treat day
Wednesday 23 rd July	Nursery graduation 9:30am - 11:00am
Wednesday 23 rd July	CARE awards & moment to shine assembly
Friday 25 th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly 9:00am
Last day of summer term: Friday 25 th July 2025 Children return to school on Tuesday 2 nd September 2025	

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EMOJIS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

GENERATIONAL MISCOMMUNICATION

An emoji like 🍑 (thumbs up emoji) might seem friendly to adults, but teens often interpret it as sarcastic or passive-aggressive. These differing interpretations can create confusion or unintended tension in cross-generational conversations.

SHIELDING BULLYING OR PEER PRESSURE

When embedded in emojis, mean-spirited jokes or exclusionary language can fly under the radar. Terms like 'mid' or 'delulu' may seem harmless, but they can be used to undermine peers in subtle ways.

RAPIDLY SHIFTING MEANINGS

Emoji meanings can change overnight. A person standing emoji (🧑) once signified awkwardness but might now be repurposed for something entirely different. This ever-changing lexicon can leave adults in the dark and young people vulnerable to misunderstanding or misuse.

MASKING DISTRESS OR HARM

Some emojis are used to discreetly signal troubling behaviours. For instance, 🍂 (falling leaves emoji) or 💊 (pill emoji) might suggest drug use, while 🌪️ (wilted flower emoji) could hint at emotional struggles. Such usage can obscure serious issues, making them harder for trusted adults to detect.

NORMALISING RISKY BEHAVIOURS

Emojis can make harmful actions seem light-hearted or fashionable. Strings like 🔥🍷 (fire + 'woozy' face + pill emojis) may appear humorous but can reference partying, intoxication or dangerous challenges, which might otherwise raise red flags.

Advice for Parents & Educators

LEARN THE LINGO

Stay updated with emoji trends and definitions using resources like emojipedia.org or Urban Dictionary. Knowing current meanings builds confidence when engaging with young people and helps spot potential concerns early.

CREATE SAFE SPACES FOR DISCUSSION

Encourage casual chats about emojis, online slang, memes, or social media trends. Showing interest without judgement reassures young people that they can talk about their digital world openly and safely.

ASK, DON'T ASSUME

Approach unfamiliar emojis with curiosity rather than suspicion. A light-hearted "What does 🍷 (juice box emoji) mean these days?" can open conversation and show that you respect their knowledge.

PRIORITISE TRUST OVER SURVEILLANCE

While parental controls and monitoring tools can be useful, emotional safety matters most. Be someone children and young people feel they can come to — not just someone who's watching them.

EMOJI CHEAT SHEET - The following slang terms and emojis are some common examples - please be aware this isn't an exhaustive list.

COMMON EMOJIS:

🤡 (Clown face) Foolishness or clowning around	🙄 (Pleading face) Over-affectionate or 'simping'
😎 (Cool face) Cool, stylish or ruthless	👁️ (Eyes) Watching drama unfold
🔥 (Hot face) Intense attraction or excitement	🐐 (Goat) Greatest of all time (G.O.A.T.)
😐 (Moai) Stone-faced, unbothered	💅 (Nails) Confidence, sassiness, or indifference
👑 (Crown) 'Slaying', as in doing great	🚩 (Triangular flag) Red flag; a warning sign about someone's behaviour

POTENTIALLY CONCERNING EMOJIS

🍌 (Ear of corn) Slang for pornography (avoids censorship algorithms)	🌪️ (Wilted flower) Often used to convey emotional struggle or sadness
❄️ (Snowflake, snowman, snow cloud) Can symbolise cocaine	🐍 (Snake) Can represent betrayal or being 'two-faced'
🔑 (Key, lying face) Related to cocaine use	💧 (Water pistol) Sometimes used to reference violence or self-harm
🍃 (Falling leaves, herb, maple leaf) Can symbolise cannabis	⚠️ (Warning) Used to emphasise drama, threats or emotional turmoil
💊 (Pill) May reference drug use or prescription misuse	🍜 (Steaming bowl) Refers to nudes ('noods' is an abbreviation of noodles)

Meet Our Expert

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