

We have had an exciting few weeks at Lantern Lane – here's what we've been getting up to.

2025/26 SCHOOL YEAR

This school year has flown by and we're already preparing for the next one! On Wednesday 2nd July, children across school will spend time with their new teacher and classmates. On this day, your child will bring a letter home explaining who their teacher is for next year and where the classroom is.

On Wednesday 9th July, from 3:30pm to 4:15pm, parents/carers are invited to meet their child's new teacher. This will be a different format to previous years. Pick up your child and enter our school through our school reception. There will be some stalls providing info' for next year and new as well as pre-loved uniform for sale (cash/card accepted). Then go with your child to 'drop-in' and meet their teacher and see the classroom. Information will be provided and you can ask any questions you may have, but there will not be a sit-down presentation.

We will be saying goodbye to three staff members at the end of this school year; Miss Mistry, Mr. Morris, & Miss Stevenson. Although they have a little while left with us, we would like to thank them for all their hard work whilst with us at Lantern Lane and wish them well for the future.

We welcome three new teachers to Lantern Lane in September; Mrs Moore, Mrs Payne & Miss Spring – children and parents/carers will have a chance to meet them at our upcoming moving up morning and meet the teacher events.

Y5 PERFORMANCE

Our Year 5 pupils put on a brilliant show – with great songs and plenty of funny moments! Thank you for the help from the school community with our costumes and props – fantastic effort!



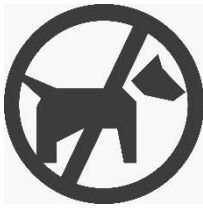
Y6 RESIDENTIAL

Parents/carers of Y5 pupils whose children are going to our Y6 residential – info meeting at 4:30pm Wednesday 9th July in our annex.



PE (PHYSICAL EDUCATION) 25/26

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.

Like many schools, we are having to take extra care with our school budget next year. That's why we have had to make the difficult decision to reduce the number of pupils who go swimming moving forwards. Our pupils still have access to a broad and exciting PE curriculum.

We know how important it is for children to learn how to swim and water safety and are pleased that our school continues to offer more swimming lessons than most other local schools. Y5 pupils will have swimming lessons over the Spring term & there will be targeted sessions for Y6 pupils during Summer term.

We are also moving our ice-skating lessons from Y5 to Y4. In 2025/26, both Y4 and Y5 pupils will have 3 sessions on the ice, to ensure that no child misses out, before the move to Y4 entirely in 2026/27. More details to follow in the new school year.

SPORTS WEEK



The sun was shining for us last week as we got active across school! Our children all had a great time and showed our CARE values during their sports day – thank you for all the support on the sidelines from those who came along!

We are also very grateful to the team at VIVA Wellness Studio for giving every child across school a yoga session this week! The children loved this new experience and learning more about the link between physical and mental health.

LANTERN LANE FUNDRAISING GROUP

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

DIARY DATES

| Date/Time | Event |
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| Monday 30 th June - 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 1pm to 2pm | F1 (New starters) Stay and Play |
| Friday 4 th July | F2 visit to Stonehurst Farm |
| Monday 7 th July 1pm to 2pm | F1 (New starters) Stay and Play |
| Wednesday 9 th July Drop in 3:30-4:15pm | Meet your child's new teacher for parents/carers |
| Wednesday 9 th July 4.30pm | Y6 residential – info for Y5 parents/carers |
| Friday 11 th July | End of year reports sent to parents/carers |
| Wednesday 16 th July 3:20-3:45pm | End of year report feedback – parent drop in (optional) |
| Wednesday 16 th July | EYFS Fun Day (more information to follow) |
| Friday 18 th July | House winners treat day |
| Wednesday 23 rd July 9:30am - 11:00am | Nursery graduation |
| 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 | |

SCHOOL GATEWAY APP



We're moving to the School Gateway app!

Schoolgateway

As you will be aware, we recently moved from Squid to the School Gateway app to manage payments for all school dinners, trips and offers. We now need to let all parents/carers know that we will also be moving all home/school communications and attendance management from Weduc to School Gateway from Monday 30 June. **Weduc will stop working on Friday 27 June so we therefore need all parents and carers to set up the School Gateway app as soon as possible.** Please note that you will need to download and use the School Gateway app even if your child receives free school meals. The set-up process is really quick and easy, and should take no more than a couple of minutes. The instructions are shown below:

1. **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)**
2. **Install the School Gateway app and if you are asked then say yes to "Allow Push Notifications"**
3. **When you open the School Gateway app for the first time, please select 'New User' and enter the email address and mobile telephone number you have registered with the school**
4. **The system will then send a PIN code to your phone; please enter this PIN code and the app will be activated for you.**

If you have recently changed your e-mail address or mobile telephone number, please let us know ASAP so we can update our records. Thank you for your support.

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CO-OPTED GOVERNOR VACANCIES



LANTERN LANE PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL COULD YOU BE OUR NEXT SCHOOL GOVERNOR?

We are currently looking to recruit new co-opted governors.

We can offer you:

- The chance to have a positive impact on our children's education
- Free professional training in areas such as HR, finance and wellbeing
- Skills which can benefit you in your current and future career with decision making at board level
- A great volunteering opportunity to make a difference in the local community

If you can commit to offering a few hours of your time each month, please get in touch by 7th July 2025

"Pupils love to come to Lantern Lane each day and would not hesitate to recommend it to other children. Teachers want all pupils to succeed, and they make education there exciting. They describe our school as, 'a united community' which we look forward to welcoming you into"

OFSTED - December 2022

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CHANGE OF DATE!!

COLOUR RUN

FRIDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER

AT EAST LEAKE ACADEMY FIELD

TIMINGS TO BE CONFIRMED

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

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:

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| 🤡 (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

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| 🍷 (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

Keith Broni is a globally renowned emoji expert and the Editor in Chief of emojipedia.org, the world's number one emoji resource. He has an MSc in Business Psychology from University College London and an MBA from Quantic School of Business and Technology.



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