



# Leadgate Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

## Autumn Term - November 2025

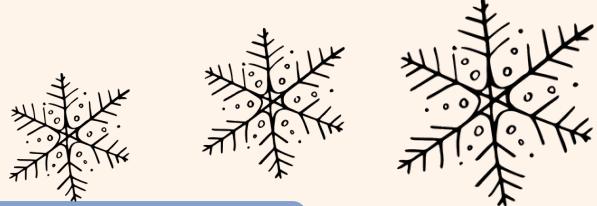
### Welcome Back After the Half-Term Break! 🎉

We hope you all had a lovely and relaxing half-term break. It's been a fantastic and successful start to the school year so far. We thoroughly enjoyed our curriculum enrichment days across both sites, and children who have already been on a school trip made us incredibly proud with their outstanding behaviour and attitudes while out in the community. We've taken part in numerous sporting activities, where the children have shown determination, sportsmanship, and teamwork. We have even more curriculum enrichment activities planned throughout the year, giving children further opportunities to explore, learn, and grow beyond the classroom.

As the dark nights draw in and the temperature drops, there's no denying that Christmas is just around the corner! It's that magical time of year again when glitter, sparkle, and festive cheer begin to fill the school.

We have lots of exciting events and celebrations coming up over the next few weeks — from our Winter Fair and nativities to class parties and so much more! We're especially looking forward to welcoming parents and carers into school for our Christmas Crafternoon. It's always such a special time in school, and we can't wait to celebrate the season with all of our children and families.

Best wishes,  
Miss Laura Weaver  
Acting Headteacher



### Designated Safeguarding Team

At Leadgate Primary School, safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. We are fully committed to ensuring that all children feel happy, safe, and secure. Creating a safe and supportive environment is at the heart of everything we do.

Our dedicated safeguarding team are:

- Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL): Miss Laura Weaver
- Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSLs): Mrs Clare Hannon, Miss Katy Nesom and Miss Lucy Scarr



If you have any concerns about a child's safety or wellbeing, or if you require support or advice regarding safeguarding matters, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the safeguarding team. We are here to help. Together, we can ensure that every child thrives in a safe, nurturing, and respectful environment.



## After-School Childcare

### Survey

Last year's parent feedback highlighted a growing need for after-school childcare. We are now exploring the possibility of setting up a childcare after school club—but this will depend on demand. If you haven't already, please take a few minutes to complete our short survey. Your responses will help us understand demand, shape our planning, and ensure we're meeting the needs of our school community.

## Maths Week – Making Numbers Come to Life!

We are excited for our upcoming Maths Enrichment Week, where our children will be taking part in a fantastic range of maths-themed activities and workshops designed to make learning fun, practical, and creative!



Throughout the week, pupils will explore all kinds of mathematical challenges — from problem solving and budgeting with money, to planning their own enterprise project. Each class will work together to design, cost, and create a unique product that they will later sell at our Winter Fair.

As part of the project, the children will calculate costs, predict profits and losses, and learn all about branding, advertising, and product development. Once their plans are ready, they'll pitch their ideas to their classmates in a fun Dragon's Den-style presentation — bringing teamwork, confidence, and creativity together!

It's not all about numbers, though — our Forest School sessions will also take on a mathematical twist, with children exploring shapes, patterns, and measurement in nature. Meanwhile, in art, pupils will be creating eye-catching designs and packaging to help promote their products.

Maths Week promises to be full of excitement, imagination, and hands-on learning — showing our children just how much fun maths can be!



## Diary Dates Autumn

- Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Nov- Maths Week  
Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Nov School Photos  
Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec Panto  
8th-10<sup>th</sup> Dec Y6 Residential  
Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Dec EYFS Stay & Play  
Tue 9<sup>th</sup> Dec KS1 Crafternoon  
Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Dec EYFS Nativity  
Thus 11<sup>th</sup> Dec KS2 Crafternoon  
Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Dec Xmas Fair  
Tues 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Dec KS1/KS2 Nativity  
Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Dec Xmas Lunch  
Thur 18<sup>th</sup> Dec Xmas Party  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec- Last day of term



## Nativity Performances Update

Due to capacity limitations at the church, we are unfortunately unable to hold our Nativity service there this year. Instead, we will be hosting separate Nativity performances for each Key Stage within the school. The dates will remain the same—only the venue has changed.

- Early Years will perform their own traditional Nativity on Wednesday 10th December at 9:30am.
- Key Stage 1 will present 'The Big Little Nativity' on Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 9:30am.
- Key Stage 2 will perform a Christmassy musical that's sure to knock your Christmas socks off—on Tuesday 16th December and Wednesday 17th December at 1:30pm.

To ensure all families have the opportunity to attend, Key Stage 1 and 2 will have two performances. However, due to health and safety regulations, our school hall has a maximum capacity. Therefore, tickets will be limited to two per family.

If you would like additional tickets, we are happy to place your name on a waiting list in case extras become available. Tickets are now available at a cost of £2 each, which helps cover the cost of the in-school performance licences. Bookable on Arbor.



## ■ Staying Connected with Class Dojo ■

We are so pleased to see so many parents and carers connected on Class Dojo. It is a brilliant way to stay informed and celebrate your child's achievements!



### New Website Coming Soon!

We are excited to announce that our new website will be going live shortly. Please bear with us while we update the content and make improvements. Thank you for your patience!

To help us manage communication effectively, we kindly ask that urgent messages, especially those sent first thing in the morning, be directed to the school office rather than sent via Class Dojo. This includes notifying us if your child will be absent. Our teaching staff are busy preparing resources and setting up for the day ahead and once the school day begins, their focus is on teaching and supporting pupils. We don't want any important messages to be missed.

Please note:

- During the school day, teaching staff are focused on providing high-quality teaching and learning, and therefore will not routinely check or respond to messages.
- For urgent matters, contacting the school office ensures a swift response.
- Staff aim to respond to non-urgent messages within 48 hours.

Please note that we do not expect staff to respond to messages during evenings or weekends.

We appreciate your understanding and continued support.

### 🎄 Winter Fair – Friday 12th December 🎄

We are delighted to announce our Winter Fair will be held on Friday 12th December at the Upper School site. It promises to be a festive afternoon filled with fun, games, and seasonal cheer!

We are always looking for volunteers to help with planning, preparation, and support on the day. If you are able to lend a hand, please contact the school office – we would love to have you involved!

### 🎄 Non-Uniform Day – Friday 28th November 🎄

To help us prepare for the fair, we'll be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 28th November. In exchange, we kindly ask for donations towards our fair, such as:

Bottles (for the bottle stall)

Sweets

Small prizes for games and stalls

Items for the general tombola



Your support makes a huge difference and helps us create a magical event for our children and families.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

### 🎄 Children in Need – Friday 14th November 🎄

Once again we will be supporting Children in Need on Friday, 14th November!

To help raise money for this fantastic cause, we're inviting all pupils to come to school dressed in spots – the spottier, the better! Children may come to school in non uniform if they prefer.

We kindly ask for a £1 donation which will go directly to Children in Need.





## ***There's No Such Thing as Bad Weather... Just Unsuitable Clothing!***

As the weather turns colder and wetter, we would like to remind parents that children must now bring a coat to school every day. We try to get all children outside for playtime and learning opportunities whatever the weather, and indoor playtimes are kept to a minimum. To help us do this, please make sure your child comes to school appropriately dressed for the season. A warm, waterproof coat is essential, and wellies are ideal for wetter days or outdoor learning sessions. Hats, gloves, and scarves are also very welcome as the temperatures drop. We really value the importance of outdoor play and learning so being properly prepared helps children stay warm, dry, and ready to enjoy their time outside!



### **Oh Yes We Are! 🎄 – Whole School Christmas Pantomime Trip**

We are thrilled to announce that this year, our whole school will be heading to the Consett Empire Theatre for a very special Christmas treat — a trip to the pantomime!

That's right... "We're all off to the pantomime!"  
(Oh no you're not! — Oh yes we are! 🎉)

This promises to be a magical morning filled with laughter, music, and festive fun for all our children. The cost of the pantomime ticket is £11 per child, and with the additional cost of transport, we are kindly asking for a £6 contribution per child, payable via Arbor.

To make the day even more festive, children are welcome to wear their Christmas jumpers if they wish — the more sparkle and cheer, the better!

We are so excited to make this a whole-school event, giving everyone the chance to experience the joy and excitement of a live theatre performance together — a perfect way to celebrate the festive season!



### **Exciting News – Nursery Provision Expanding**

We are delighted to announce that from January, Leadgate Primary School will be extending our nursery provision to include places for 2-year-olds.

If you would like to register your child for a space, please contact the school office for more information and to begin the registration process. We look forward to welcoming our youngest learners as they start their learning journey!

### **School Photo Day**

School photos will be taking place soon across both the Lower and Upper School sites. Photos will be taken during the school day, and staff will ensure all children have their individual photos taken.

#### **Sibling Photos:**

If you would like a sibling photo (for children attending different sites), please bring all children to the Lower School site by 8:30am. This allows the photographer to capture sibling groups before the regular sessions begin.

#### **Website & Brochure Photography:**

While the photographer is on site, they will also be taking photos for our new school website and brochure. Please make sure your photo permissions are up to date on Arbor.

Thank you for your support in helping us capture these special memories!





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## Diary Dates Sept 2025- July 2026



### SEPTEMBER

#### Welcome BACK to SCHOOL

- Thu 4<sup>th</sup> - School Reopens  
 Thu 4<sup>th</sup> & Fri 5<sup>th</sup> - Reception 8.50-12pm  
 8th-10<sup>th</sup> - Reception 8.50-1pm  
 11th-12<sup>th</sup> - Reception Full Time  
 15th-19<sup>th</sup> - Meet the Teacher Week

### OCTOBER

- Tues 14<sup>th</sup> & Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening  
 Tue 21<sup>st</sup> - Lower Non Curriculum Day  
 Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> - SEND Coffee Afternoon 2pm-3pm  
 Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Upper Non Curriculum Day  
 27th-31st -Half Term Holiday

### NOVEMBER

- Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Maths Week  
 Fri 28<sup>th</sup> - School Photos

### DECEMBER

- Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> - Panto Rec-Y6  
 Mon 8th-10<sup>th</sup> - Y6 Residential  
 Mon 8<sup>th</sup> - EYFS Stay & Play  
 Tue 9<sup>th</sup> - KS1 Crafternoon  
 Wed 10<sup>th</sup> - EYFS Nativity  
 Thu 11<sup>th</sup> - KS2 Crafternoon & Xmas Jumper Day  
 Fri 12<sup>th</sup> - Xmas Fair  
 Tues 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> - KS1/2 Nativity  
 Wed 17<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Lunch  
 Thu 18<sup>th</sup> - Xmas Party

### JANUARY

- Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Jan- School Reopens  
 Tue 20th Jan- SEND Coffee Morning 9-10am  
 Tue 27<sup>th</sup> - Rock Kidz Workshop

### FEBRUARY

- Tue 17<sup>th</sup> - Lower Non Curriculum Day  
 Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Upper Non Curriculum Day  
 23rd-27<sup>th</sup> Half Term Holidays

### MARCH

- 2nd - School Reopens  
 Thu 12<sup>th</sup> - Upper Mother's Day Lunch  
 Fri 13<sup>th</sup> - Lower Mother's Day Lunch  
 Tues 24<sup>th</sup> & Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening  
 Mon 30<sup>th</sup> - KS2 Crafternoon egg entries  
 Tue 31<sup>st</sup> - Rec/KS1 Crafternoon

### APRIL

- 1<sup>st</sup>- Nursery Stay and Play 9-10  
 Fri 3<sup>rd</sup>- School Closed Bank Holiday  
 Fri 3<sup>rd</sup>- 17<sup>th</sup> Easter Holidays  
 Mon 20<sup>th</sup> - School Reopens  
 Thu 23<sup>rd</sup> - World Book Day  
 Tues 28<sup>th</sup>- SEND Coffee Afternoon 2pm-3pm

### MAY

- Mon 4<sup>th</sup> May- School Closed Bank Holiday  
 Mon 11<sup>th</sup> - Y6 SATS Week  
 Tue 19<sup>th</sup> - Lower Non Curriculum Day  
 Fri 22<sup>nd</sup>- Upper Non Curriculum Day

### JUNE

- Thu 18<sup>th</sup> - Lower Father's Day Lunch  
 Fri 19<sup>th</sup> - Upper Father's Day Lunch  
 Mon 22<sup>nd</sup>- New Reception Parents Meeting 3.30-4pm  
 Mon 29<sup>th</sup>- New Reception Stay and Play 9.30-10.30am



### JULY

- Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Summer Fair  
 Tue 7<sup>th</sup> & Wed 8<sup>th</sup> - Parents Evening  
 Thu 9<sup>th</sup>- EYFS/KS1 Sports Day  
 Mon 13<sup>th</sup>- Rec/KS1 Crafternoon  
 Tue 14<sup>th</sup> - KS2 Crafternoon  
 Wed 15<sup>th</sup>- KS2 Sports Day  
 Thu 16<sup>th</sup>- Y6 Celebration  
 Thu 16<sup>th</sup> - Y2 Moving up Party  
 Fri 17<sup>th</sup>- Last Day of Term



### Important Dates

Please find attached the academic year dates. While changes may occur, we will ensure you receive sufficient notice of any necessary adjustments. Thank you for your understanding!