

Dear Parents,

We have had another very full half term, with a wide variety of visits, visitors and events taking place for all year groups, both in and out of school. Highlights have included the **Lindsey Lodge Sponsored Fun Run**, **Strider the Walk to School mascot**, and visits from the **Bottesford Mayor Gary Carnaby**, **Cllr Janet Longcake** and **Sir Nic Dakin MP** to LFJS to award prizes!

More than **40 children** have already completed **ten weeks of reading** and have been able to choose a book as their reading reward prize. It is not too late for your child to take part — children simply need to read **five times per week**, and these do not have to be consecutive weeks.

We encourage all families to support and promote regular reading at home. From January, we will also be opening our **fiction and non-fiction libraries** for children to borrow books, further promoting reading for pleasure. In addition, don't forget to encourage your child to access **Reading Plus**, **TTRS**, **Arithmagicians**, and more, through their logins. Y6 also have their Maths Bot Compact and revision guides to keep them busy!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff and governors at **LFJS** for their continued support, hard work and commitment. Without them, we would not be able to provide such a wide range of opportunities and experiences for our children. Your on-going support and generosity are also greatly appreciated. Finally, I would like to wish you all a **very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in **2026!**

Miss S. Thomas

Visits and Visitors

We have had a busy half term, with all year groups engaged in a range of educational activities supporting all areas of the curriculum.

Y4 have completed their swimming lessons and Water Safety talk, and badges have been ordered. **Y4** also had an educational visit to **Normanby Hall**, and celebrated progress through the **Y4 Reading Stars** initiative.

Y3 successfully completed their pedestrian skills training. We also hosted an **Open Evening** for current Y2 pupils.

In addition, a **Maths Workshop for Parents** was held, and six pupils enjoyed a **bowling** event.

The festive period has been filled with a wide range of exciting events and celebrations. Pupils took part in **Cllr Longcake's Christmas Card Competition** and **Sir Nic Dakin Christmas Card Competition**, with winners announced in both.

Our **Christmas Fair** and various other **Christmas celebration events** were well attended, alongside a memorable **pantomime visit to Kimberley Performing Arts School** (*with our very own celebrity from Y5 taking part*), our **Silent Disco and Party Day**, and a delicious **Christmas dinner**. Pupils also enjoyed taking part in **Christmas Jumper Day**.

We are extremely grateful for the generous donations received from local businesses and organisations, including **One Stop (Eton Court)**, **Eton Court Fish Bar**, **Co-op (Willoughby Road)**, **Rabbit Hole Barbers**, **Iceland Warehouse**, **The Iron Forge**, **Messingham Road Fisheries**, **Scunthorpe United Football Club**, **Morrison's**, **Asda**, and **Tayto (Golden Wonder Crisps)** as well as the **Lindsey Lodge Charity Shop**, as well as your much appreciated donations and pupils Christmas crafts, which helped make these events so special for our pupils.

With your amazing support we raised **£1,140** which will be a huge help towards our **OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)** project!

Coming Up in 2026!

So what's next?

- **Y3 and Y4** visit to **Creswell Crags** to help consolidate their understanding of the Stone Age – *8th January 2026*.
- More **Reading Stars** sessions for **Y4**.
- **Y5 and Y6 Mosque Visit** – *24th March 2026*.
- Change of hours for the school day to a **prompt start at 8:30am** (*see letter previously sent out*).
- We will welcome a new **Teaching Assistant**, Mrs Abu, who will be joining our team from January in Y3 and Y4.
- A small group of pupils will be attending a **Primary Future Stars** event in Sheffield organised by Get Ahead Partnership.
- **Bullseye Darts Academy** sessions will be held in school for all classes.
- **Y5 Bikeability** – *2nd and 3rd February for Olive Class and 5th and 6th February for Apple Class*.
- **School's Valentine's Disco** – *12th February 2026 (further information to follow)*.
- The **QEHS STEM Fair** for Y5 is on 11th March 2026 and our **Careers and Aspirations Day** will take place on 19th March 2026!
- And much more...

Term Time Dates 2025 - 2026

Training days:

Friday 2nd January 2026
Monday 5th January 2026
Monday 20th April 2026
Monday 20th July 2026.

Spring 1 – Tuesday 6th January 2026 to Friday 13th February 2026
Spring 2 – Monday 23rd February 2026 to Thursday 2nd April 2026
Summer 1 - Tuesday 21st April 2026 to Friday 22nd May 2026
Summer 2 – Monday 1st June 2026 to Friday 17th July 2026.

Term Dates for 2026 to 2027

Autumn 1 – Wednesday 2nd September 2026 to Friday 23rd October 2026
Autumn 2 – Monday 2nd November 2026 to Friday 18th December 2026.

Please avoid arranging hospital, dental or optician appointments in term time or taking annual holidays.

Don't forget the new earlier prompt start time of 8:30am – gates will open from 8:20am every morning and Breakfast Club will continue to run from 8am as usual!

Thank you for your support.

Take a look at our school website: www.leysfarm.org.uk and join our @leysfarm X feed.
Our school Facebook page will be launched in January 2026!