



LEYS FARM JUNIOR SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER 32 – December 2025  
Autumn 2 - Edition



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 – *8<sup>th</sup> January 2026*.
- More **Reading Stars** sessions for **Y4**.
- **Y5 and Y6 Mosque Visit** – *24<sup>th</sup> 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 Albu, 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** – *2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> February for Olive Class and 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> February for Apple Class*.
- **School's Valentine's Disco** – *12<sup>th</sup> 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 *19<sup>th</sup> March 2026*!
- And much more...

## Term Time Dates 2025 - 2026

### Training days:

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026.

Spring 1 – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026 to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Spring 2 – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026 to Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026

Summer 1 - Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2026 to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

Summer 2 – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026 to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026.

### Term Dates for 2026 to 2027

Autumn 1 – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2026 to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2026

Autumn 2 – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2026 to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.leysfarm.org.uk) and join our @leysfarm X feed.  
Our school Facebook page will be launched in January 2026!***