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A Message From our Co-Head Teachers

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The year began with our staff participating in a team-building day at the Leicester Outdoor Pursuits Centre. Staff were challenged to work together in teams to solve a number of practical challenges. Staff enjoyed taking part, and it helped prepare them for the challenges of the new academic year.

Our students have also been involved in a number of challenging events and activities. They raised a staggering £620 by holding a Macmillan's coffee morning and have also taken part in outdoor activities at the Leicester Outdoor Pursuits Centre. As part of our REACH Reward programme, students have also taken part in visits to Frankie & Benny's Restaurant, air rifle shooting, and cinema trips.

We also hosted a visit from Jafro, a Music Designer, Creative Writer, and Voice Actor. [He is a man of many talents!] – Jafro shared his very powerful and entertaining story with our students.

Throughout the term, students have also engaged enthusiastically in a range of other educational events and activities including an outdoor & environmental programme run on our behalf by Enstruct, an external training provider. Students also engaged enthusiastically in our Community Sports Leaders Programme and our Activall Board Competition [Well done to Taylor, who won this competition].

A group of our students took part in a writing competition and were successful in having their work published – What a great achievement, and well done to them all! In addition, some of our students have engaged enthusiastically in our Avoiding Violent Confrontation workshops, run by Kelso, one of our Family Support Workers.

I hope that you enjoy reading this issue of the LPS Loop as much as we did.



Term Dates 25.26

Schools Close - Friday 19th December

Christmas & New Year Holiday

Monday 22nd December to Monday 5th January

Schools Open - Tuesday 6th January

Schools Close - Friday 13th February

Spring Half Term Holiday

Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February

Schools Open - Monday 23rd February

You can find all the latest news and term dates information over on our website

Important Information & Resources



Our website offers an extensive library of resources helpful for students, parents, and carers. You can find important information such as our current uniform policy, details on safeguarding and well-being, and guides for staying safe online.

<https://www.lps.leicester.sch.uk/>





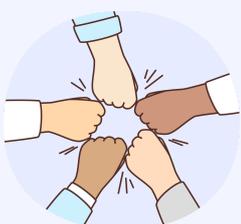
Staff Team Building Day

On 22nd August, our staff team participated in a professional team-building day designed to strengthen the skills that underpin a successful school: clear communication, creative problem-solving, and a strong community.

The day began at the Leicester Outdoor Pursuits Centre, where teams worked together to solve complex puzzles and challenges.

We then returned to school for an afternoon focused on building connections in a more relaxed setting. Activities included rounders, badminton, board games, and even a giant inflatable football dartboard.

This was far more than just a fun day; it was a vital investment in our team. The benefits of this collaboration and trust are passed directly to our students, helping us maintain a positive, supportive, and effective school environment.



"Unity is strength... when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved."

– Mattie Stepanek



Macmillan Coffee Morning

26th September 2025

We were delighted to host our annual Coffee Morning this term, joining thousands across the UK to support Macmillan Cancer Support. This event is incredibly important, raising vital funds to help Macmillan provide the medical, emotional, and financial support that people living with cancer and their families depend on.



Our school hall was transformed into a bustling café, filled with an amazing selection of donated cakes and treats. Guests also tried their luck on our popular tombola and enjoyed games like 'Guess the Coffee Cups' and 'Find the Coffee Bean'. We were especially proud to showcase our students' talents, with many of their brilliant handmade items available for sale.



We want to say thank you to everyone who attended, baked, donated, or helped organise the event. This was our most successful coffee morning to date, raising an amazing £620 in just 45 minutes, and every penny will go to Macmillan to support their vital work.



In total LPS raised £620 for Macmillan Cancer Support

A huge thank you for all those in attendance and anyone who contributed to the organisation of the event.



LOPC REACH Trip

LPS are certainly regular visitors to the Leicester Outdoor Pursuits Centre.

For our end of half term 1 REACH rewards trip, some of our students had the amazing opportunity to visit the LOPC.

During the visit there was kayaking, climbing, and traverse walls.

What is REACH?

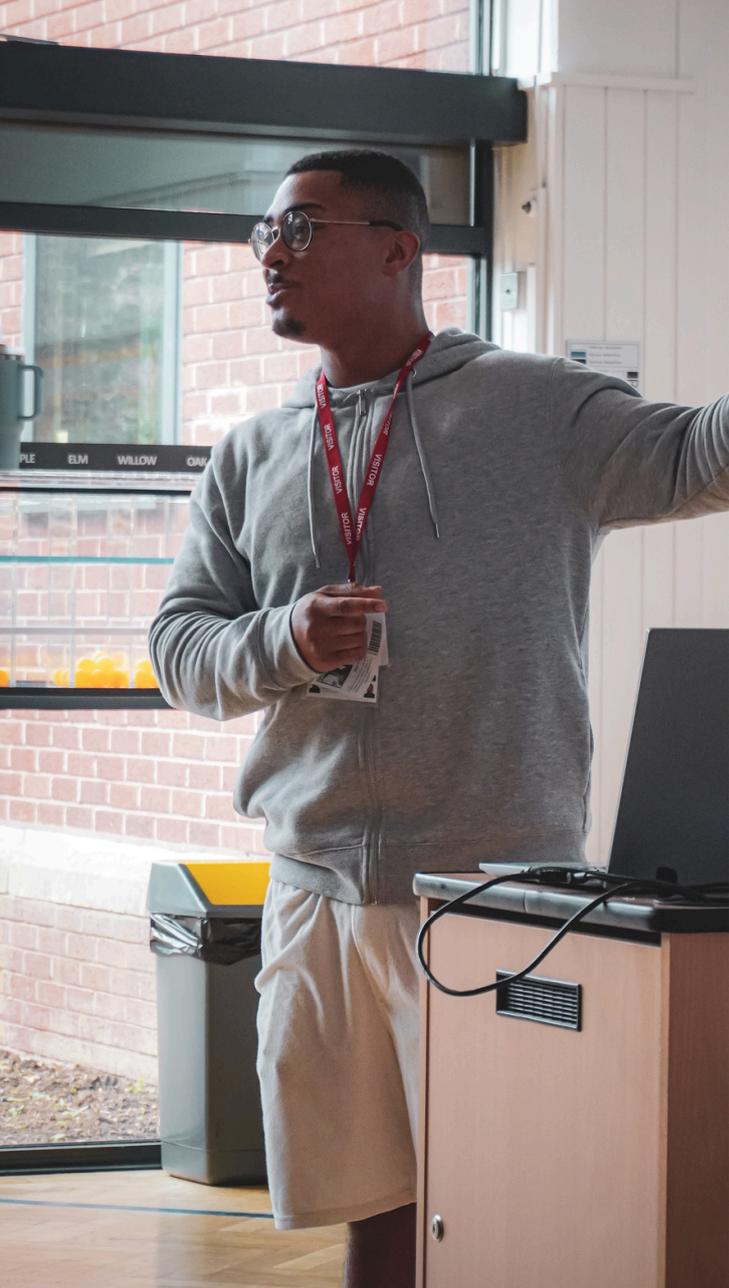
Our REACH rewards initiative celebrates students who show great behaviour and a strong attitude to learning. To recognise their efforts we hold regular trips.

So far we've had some incredible trips including: archery, Frankie & Benny's, air-rifle shooting, regular trips to LOPC for outdoor activities, a trip to the cinema to see A Minecraft Movie, amongst many more!

To find out more about
Leicester Outdoor Pursuits
Centre, please visit

<https://www.lopc.co.uk/>





JAFRO

We had a very special guest at LPS! We were thrilled to welcome the amazing Jafro, a music designer, creative writer, and voice actor, to come and speak to our students and staff.

Jafro shared his incredible journey, talking openly about his life, his career, and the importance of following your dreams. It was a powerful message for everyone in the room. We couldn't let him go without hearing his skills in action, and after many requests from our students, he treated everyone to a short freestyle.

It's safe to say everyone was absolutely hooked from start to finish.

A huge thank you to Jafro for taking the time to inspire some of our young people.

Discover More



To discover more about Jafro and his music, you can check out some of his social platforms.

Instagram: @officialjafro

X (Formerly Twitter): @OfficialJafro

You can also find his music on popular streaming sites such as YouTube, Spotify, Amazon Music and Apple Music.



Diwali Celebrations

30th October 2025

As part of our recent celebrations for Diwali, we explored the culture behind the Festival of Lights. This important festival, celebrated by Hindus, Sikhs, and Jains, is a joyful time that symbolizes the spiritual victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance.



The stick dance was a clear favorite! We attempted it with all the students and staff, and it was by far the best part—we even managed to bring it all together for a mini-performance. The entire event was very successful, and we look forward to welcoming Aman back.

To bring this celebration to life, we were thrilled to welcome Aman from the Nurpur Arts Leicester dance school. He taught us all some amazing Bollywood dancing, and it was wonderful to see so many students (and staff!) get up to try the dance moves and use the traditional props.

We learned about several cultural dances including: the Chari dance and the Kolannalu (stick dance)



Fun Fact about Diwali

Outside of India, Leicester is said to have the largest Diwali celebration. It takes many months to plan, with multiple agencies involved.





Enstruct Visit

A group of our Key Stage 4 students got a fantastic sneak peek this week of a new hands-on learning adventure starting after the half-term break.

Students were visited by Enstruct for a taster session of an outdoors environmental programme, which will be offered to LPS students every Wednesday. The visit was a huge success, giving them a real feel for the exciting activities they can expect. To kick things off, students were given a brief presentation outlining the details of the programme, they then gathered around a warm campfire to toast marshmallows and enjoy delicious hot chocolates.

This new programme is designed to give students practical, real-world skills in an engaging, natural setting. Throughout the course, participants will dive into activities like advanced campfire cooking, essential woodland management, and many other hands-on environmental tasks.

It's a wonderful opportunity for students to build confidence, learn valuable skills outside the traditional classroom, and develop a deeper connection with the great outdoors.



Visit

<https://www.enstructtraining.co.uk/> to learn more about who Enstruct are and what provisions they offer.





Remembrance Day

Our school has come together to mark Remembrance Day, a time when we pause to honour the service and sacrifice of all those who have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life.

To share our respect with the wider community, our staff and students have created a beautiful and thought-provoking display at the front of the school. We invite all our parents, carers, and local residents to view it as you pass by.

Our display is made up of a stunning collection of poppies. These poppies have been crafted from recycled bottle tops. This creative idea has produced a powerful and visually striking tribute.

We are incredibly proud of the collaboration and respect our students and staff have shown in creating this display.

Why Poppies?

Poppies are widely used as the main symbol of remembrance because these flowers grew in abundance on the battlefields of World War I.

It is said that the heavy bombardment of artillery brought their dormant seeds to the surface. The high levels of calcium and nitrogen in the ground then allowed the poppies to flourish. The bright red poppies stood out in an otherwise barren landscape.



Children in Need

14th November 2025

Our school came together to support BBC Children in Need. The mission is to ensure that every child has a safe, happy, and secure childhood. The work they do is incredibly important. The money raised funds thousands of local charities and community projects across the entire UK, providing vital support to children and young people.



Lastly, we had an amazing Children in Need-themed cake, baked by our very own Ayesha, to auction off to staff to raise further money for this great cause.

A big thank you to all those who helped organise the day's events, and all those who took part, both staff and students.

The day's activities included creating a very colourful Pudsey bear out of confetti, with a reward given for the most creative result. We also had a special challenge which involved students heading back to their tutor rooms to find hidden spots, before racing back to stick those spots to their group's Pudsey.



In total LPS raised £67.50 for Children in Need

A huge thank you for all those in attendance and anyone who contributed to the organisation of the event. Every penny matters.



Other Mentions & Student Highlights

Young Writers 2025

A big shout-out to our young writers:

- Ra'Mae
- Kylan
- Jessie-Jae
- Leo
- Lester

The Young Writers Talent For Writing Award is given to students who have created an original piece of writing that is selected for publication in a Young Writers anthology.

This is a wonderful accomplishment that showcases their creativity and hard work. We are incredibly proud of them.





We want to celebrate the great work being done by our ongoing Student Council and Anti-Bullying Ambassador program. We are incredibly proud of the students who have stepped into these important roles this year.

The Student Council provides a link between pupils and staff, ensuring that student ideas and perspectives are heard. Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors are essential in championing kindness and respect, actively working to ensure our school is a safe and welcoming space for everyone. We have also added our new LetItGo boxes where students can drop in any worries that they may have.

Activall Boards

Here at LPS, we have 2 ActivAll boards in our main hall. If you're not familiar with them, ActivAll offers interactive boards that promote physical activity for young people. Here is their mission statement:

At the heart of it all, ActivAll is powered by a small but passionate team—Kerry and Sue. While we may be tiny, our dedication is huge. Our mission is simple: to improve health and fitness through innovative, engaging, and inclusive activity. Let's move, play, and make a difference together!

While we've had these boards at LPS for a while now, they have proven a big hit this year as we set up our new leaderboard and offered prizes to those with the best scores.

Congratulations to our first winner! Taylor put up an incredible score of **313** in Clearout.





Knighton Park Trip - Community Sports Leadership

Great to see a couple of our KS4 students out in the community recently!

As part of their Level 2 in Community Sports Leadership, they visited Knighton Park to explore the external gym equipment and the football golf course.

This hands-on project is all about developing their personal leadership skills while also discovering the best sports activities Leicester has to offer. The goal is to find new ways to help engage post-16s in exercise around the city.

Avoiding Violent Confrontation

Kelso, One of our APST Youth and Family Support workers is currently trialing a weekly session for some of our KS4 students. The session is all about exploring ways in which young people can avoid becoming involved in potentially violent situations and how to resist peer pressure that could lead to one. The Students have been very forthcoming with sharing their views and ideas and have participated very positively in exploring ways of how to avoid potential violence and violent crime.

