



LPS LOOP



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“Welcome to the Spring edition of the LPS’s Loop Newsletter. Once again it has proved to be a very busy and action-packed term at the LPS. Some of our students recently visited the Houses of Parliament in London, this was an experience of a lifetime for them and they had a wonderful day.

“During the term we also had a focus on knife crime, in support of Knife Crime Awareness Week; during this week we hosted visits from the City’s Youth Offending Team, Leicestershire Police and Alison Cope, whose son was killed in a knife attack. These visits and presentations were backed up with activities relating to first aid, art projects and an Avoiding Violent Confrontation workshop, run by Kelso Simon, one of our Youth & Family Support Workers.

“Many of our students have engaged very positively and proactively in their education programmes this term and, as a result, we have rewarded them with special trips and visits, including; raft building, shooting and archery at Leicester Outdoor Pursuits Centre and visits to the cinema and Frankie & Benny’s restaurant.

“Some of our Key Stage 4 students are working towards gaining their Sports Leadership Qualification and are making great progress. As part of this qualification, they built and sailed their own rafts and also organised a badminton tournament.

“You will also be able to read about a number of other events that we have celebrated this term, including; Eid, World Book Day, Pancake Day and an egg hunt to celebrate Easter.

“Finally, I would like to inform you all that, after being the Head Teacher of Leicester Partnership School for 23 years, I have made the decision to retire at the end of this academic year. During my time as Head Teacher, I have been fortunate enough to have worked with many amazing staff and students. and although there have been many challenges to face there have also been many immensely rewarding occasions to enjoy and celebrate. I would like to thank everybody for making my time at the LPS both rewarding and enjoyable.

I wish everybody all the best for the future.”

Shaun Whittingham - Head Teacher

Term Dates 25.26

Public Holiday (Schools Closed) - 04/05/26

Schools Close - 22/05/26

**May Half Term Break (Schools Closed) -
25/05/26 - 29/05/26**

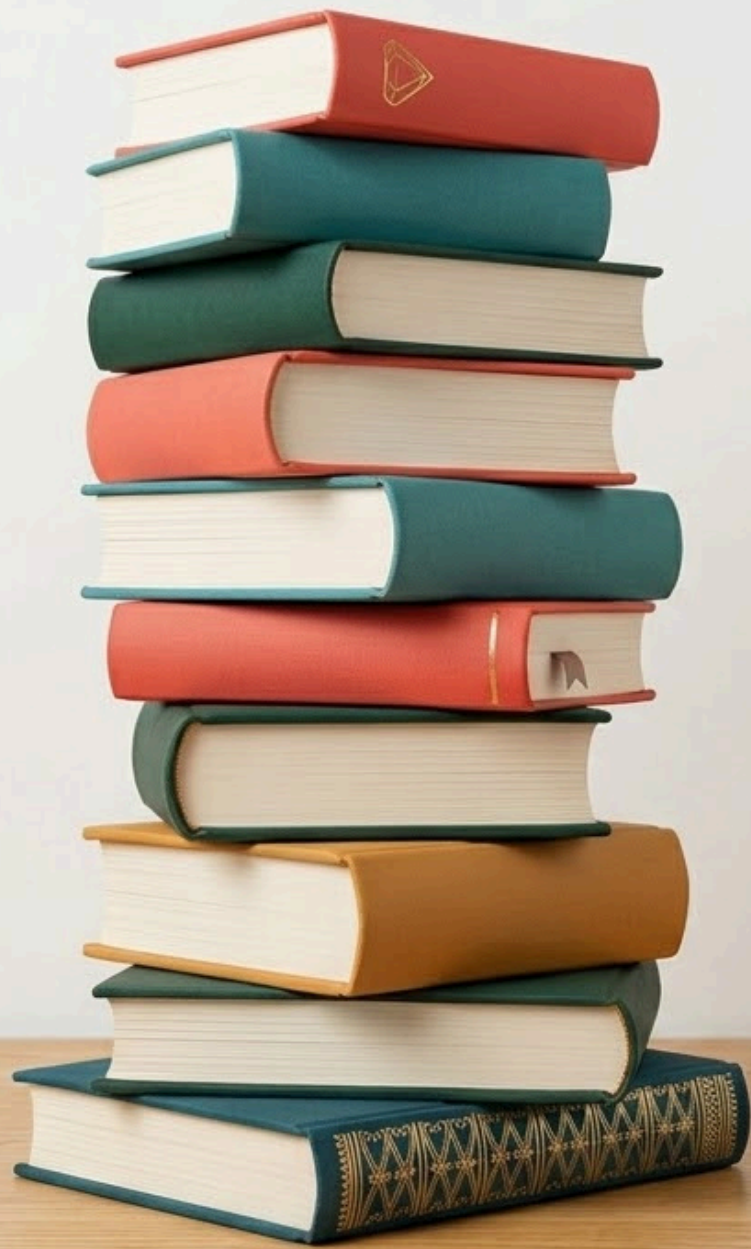
Schools Open - 01/06/26

Schools Close - 10/07/26

**Summer Break (Schools Closed) - 13/07/26 -
TBA**

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

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



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/>



London Parliament Trip



“The trip to London was Phenomenal!

“The houses of parliament was georgous. We got to see the last throne Queen Victoria had sat on. I saw an orginal painting of Anne Boleyn and made memories and bonds i thought i never would”

- Carter S



“The school took 6 of us to London. We saw lots of London landmarks and had a tour of parliament. I loved it and my favourite thing was walking through thr lords chamber and splashing in the fountain in Leicester Square. I am very grateful for the experience.”

- Tia J

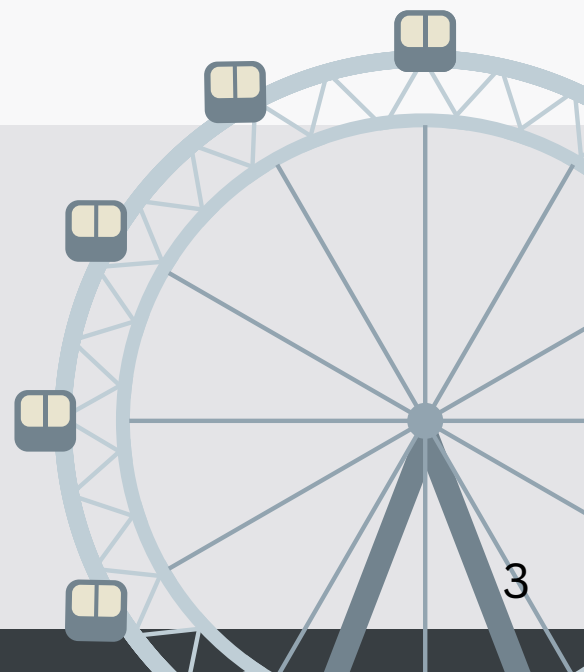
“It was exciting to get the train to London. We arrived in London and went on the underground, it was a bit scary but fun, and it was very busy.

“We walked over tower bridge and went to the houses of parliament. On the way we seen a big ship called the HMS Belfast.

“At the houses of parliament we seen big ben and we went to the house of lords. We ate at slim chicken.

“It was the best day ever.”

- Marshall F



London Parliament Trip



“My favourite part about the trip to London was having a slims chicken with everyone at school.”

“The most surprising part about the trip was seeing a war ship that was at sea for 25 years and it had 9 floors in total with cannons on the front. Wish we got to walk around.”

“I felt nervous seeing loads of police carrying guns and found it interesting.”

“Parliament building was huge and was covered in red, green and gold carpets, chairs and decorations.”

“I learned that you are allowed to go to parliament to watch the debates. Even though i had been to London before, i was shocked how loud the trains were.”

- Alfie P



“As i have never been London before it was a fun experience. I liked going on the underground trains. Seeing all the big buildings was great. I enjoyed seeing buckingham palace and big ben.”

“I think we should do more trips like this as it made everyone become more close and built friendships.”

- Lillie B

It's fair to say that our trip to London was a fantastic success! A huge thank you to the students in attendance for their engagement and enthusiasm, and to the staff who worked hard to make this memorable experience possible.



Knife Crime Awareness



As an ongoing attempt to bring awareness to certain topics, in this case knife crime, LPS planned many activities and visits for knife crime awareness week.

Some of our lessons were adjusted to focus on the topic of knife crime awareness. This included students accessing free wellbeing, safety and citizenship resources. Tyler Draycott, a Youth Advocate from the Youth Offending Team, also attended some of these lessons to hold conversations. Tyler currently runs the 'Ditch the Knife' project in Leicester

We also had a visit from local Knighton beat officers, who attended LPS at break and lunch time with their patrol car. This was an opportunity for students to engage with the police, ask questions, view the various kit used, and also speak to them regarding topics such as stop & search. And for many, this was also an opportunity to sound the siren, which many students (and staff!) enjoyed.

Other activities for the week included a visit from Alison Cope, first aid demonstrations, creating art work, and a 'Avoiding Violent Confrontation' presentation from Kelso Simon, one of our Youth and Family Support Workers.





LOPC REACH Trips

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

Over the past term, some of our students have had the amazing opportunity to visit the LOPC and take part in a variety of activities including: raft building, air-rifle shooting, and archery.

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 over the past few years, including: regular trips to LOPC for a variety of activities, visits to the cinema, a visit to Frankie & Benny's, and more.

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

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



Community Sports Leadership Level 2 Qualification



“The students completing the "community sports leadership level 2 qualification" have completed two external visits this half term where they have demonstrated excellent leadership skills in two community based venues.

“The first was a raft building exercise whereby the students had to design and build their own functional raft and put it to the test on the canal. Their raft also had to be strong enough to support the students while they completed several small challenges designed to test their confidence in their own design.”



“The second was a student-led badminton tournament, designed and hosted by the students accessing the qualification. The students demonstrated excellent leadership skills by designing the format of the competition, ordering all the equipment and refereeing all of the games.

“All students collected a medal for excellent participation, but after 90 minutes of good spirited competition, it was Kylan and Noah who collected the 2026 LPS Badminton pairs trophy for the Ash group to make Hari and Shauna, their group tutors, proud.”



- Andy Buckle, PE Teacher

Mosque Visit

Recently, a group of our students had the opportunity to visit the Leicester Central Mosque on Conduit Street.

During the visit, they were given a guided tour of the building and learned about the extensive work the Mosque does within the local community.



It was a wonderful chance for students to learn more about the religion of Islam – its beliefs, ideologies, and the common practices that take place within the Mosque itself.

The Leicester Central Mosque is a significant part of our local history; its foundation was laid on August 27th, 1988, in a ceremony attended by scholars from across Britain and overseas.



Each year, the Leicester Central Mosque welcomes countless schools, colleges, universities, organisations, professional bodies, and individuals.

- Information from <https://www.islamiccentre.org/>



5 Pillars of Islam

Islam is built upon 5 main pillars

Shahada (**Faith**), Salah (**Prayer**), Zakat (**Almsgiving/Charity**), Sawm (**Fasting**), and Hajj (**Pilgrimage**)





Eid

As part of our ongoing celebrations of Islam, a variety of traditional foods were brought in for our students to enjoy and explore. It was a wonderful way for them to experience the culture through different flavours and shared treats.

There was also a special gathering for our staff. With the room decorated for the occasion, it was a lovely opportunity for the team to come together over a shared meal, celebrate the culture, and show appreciation for one another.

What is Eid?

“Eid Mubarak! The feast of Eid-al-Fitr is when Muslims around the world mark the end of the holy month of Ramadan.

“Eid al-Fitr (also known as Eid ul-Fitr) means 'festival of the breaking of the fast' and is the end of the period where Muslims fast - refusing food and drink - between dawn and sunset.

“The actual date of Eid al-Fitr is decided by the cycle of the Moon, following the start of Ramadan.”

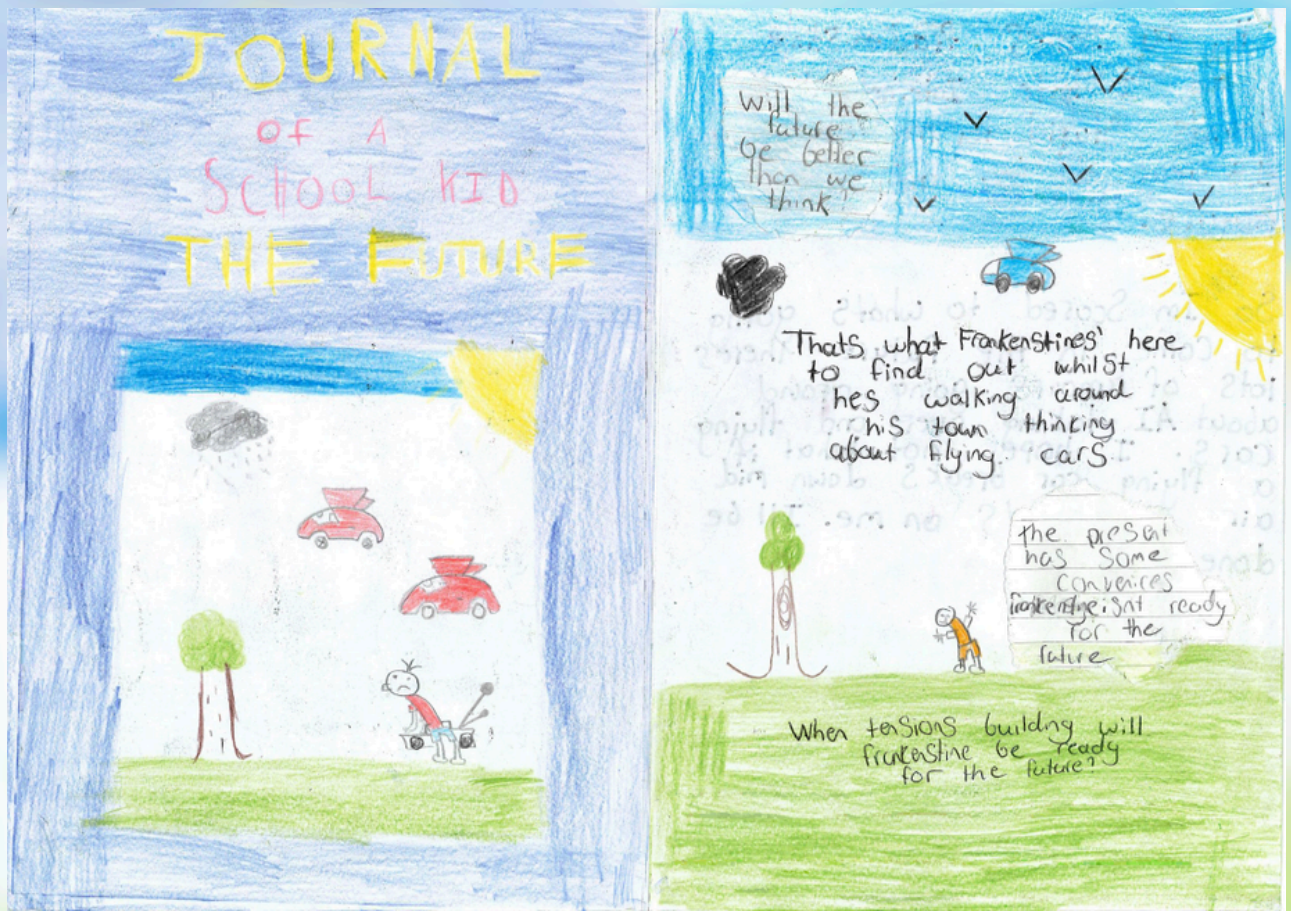
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Eid is celebrated by 1.8 billion people

It is estimated that more than 1.8 billion Muslims celebrate Eid each year making it one of the biggest religious festivals in the world.





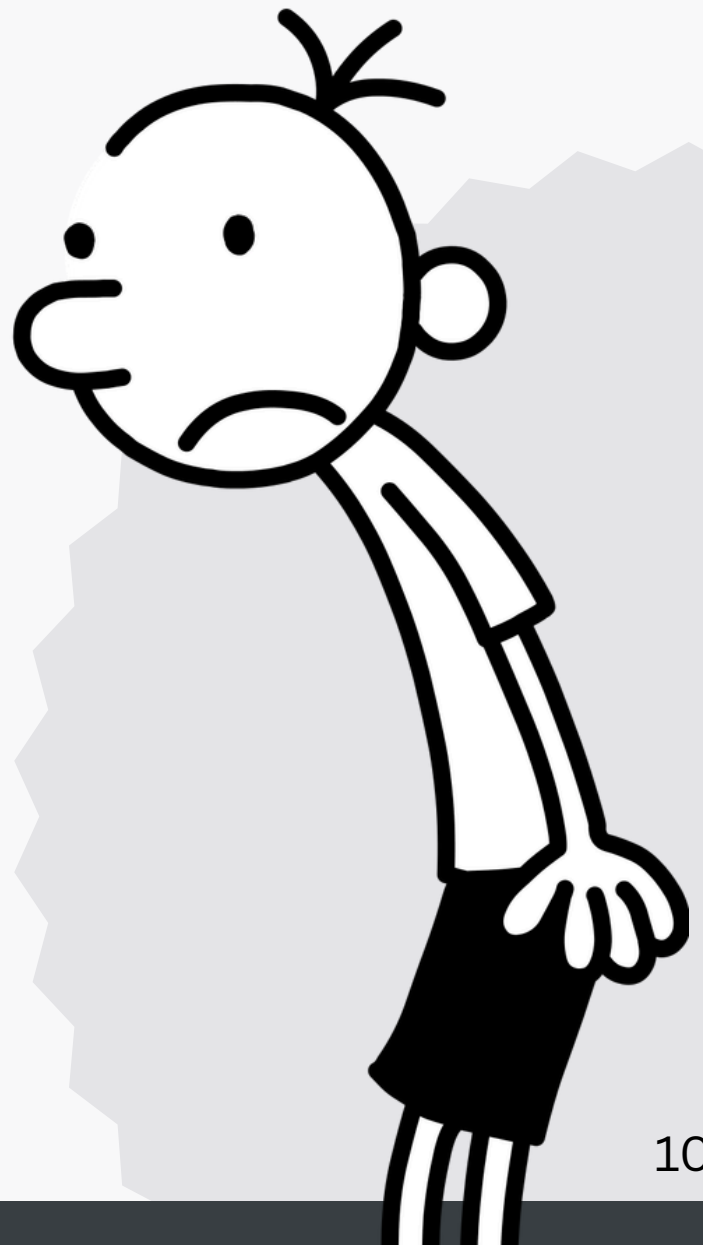
World Book Day

For World Book Day, we featured a modern classic: Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Old School.

During English lessons, students were challenged to rewrite the book's blurb, while our aspiring artists had the chance to redesign the front cover. The winning entry, shown above, earned its creator a £10 Amazon voucher. In addition to the prize, the winning work has been printed and displayed around the school, on our website, and here in the newsletter.

All participating students also received book tokens to use at participating retailers. Well done to everyone who took part!

World Book Day is a global celebration aimed at promoting reading for pleasure, particularly among children and young people, to improve literacy and life chances. It encourages reading habits, provides access to books for disadvantaged children.





Tell Mi

Leicester Partnership School recently had a visit from a couple of members of the Tellmi team. They gave a presentation to raise awareness about what Tellmi is, and the services and support they offer to people of all age ages. Tellmi provides safe, confidential and free advice and support, including text based therapy. A few of our KS3 students were then invited to explore the Tellmi platform, and how to better support their peers.

From the Tellmi website, here's a bit more about them.

“Tellmi is a British Social Enterprise which launched in 2017. Formerly known as MeeToo, Tellmi is successfully addressing the mental health crisis and tackling health inequalities for young people.”

“Founded by psychologist Suzi Godson PhD and engineer Kerstyn Comley PhD, Tellmi’s unique approach combines pre-moderated peer support and preemptive counsellor intervention to provide young people with easy access to the appropriate level of support. It is one of the few digital platforms available for NHS commissioning where young people can safely connect with age-banded peers to share their experiences, advice, and information.

“A pioneering force in the digital peer support space, Tellmi has now safely supported 90,000+ young people.”



Stronger Starts



Throughout January, February, and March, Leicester Partnership School was proud to be featured in the Tesco Stronger Starts initiative.

We appeared in the South Wigston and Evington Superstores, as well as several Express stores across South and East Leicester.

Many of you will recognize this scheme by the blue tokens handed out at checkout, which shoppers use to vote for their preferred local cause.

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who dropped a token in our box. Your contributions to the Stronger Starts program make an incredible difference to the lives of our young people.



The programme is open to all schools, registered charities and not-for-profit organisations, with priority given to projects that provide food and support to young people. Some of the types of projects supported include:

- Food for breakfast clubs
- Equipment for indoor/outdoor activities
- Food growing areas
- Food banks
- Healthy eating projects
- Brownie or scout groups needing funding for play equipment and other activities.
- Information from <https://tescostrongerstarts.org.uk>

Maths

“This has been a busy term in the maths department. We are preparing for the end of year exams - both at GCSE and Functional Skills. Our Year 9 students are preparing for the transition over to the KS4 years.

“The LPS follows the White Rose Maths Education scheme of learning. This supports our students with their transition back to school or new settings. Last term students have been learning about fractions, decimals, percentages, indices, standard form and number reasoning.

“Students took part in 'Money Week' at the end of January. Students learnt about banking, overdrafts, savings, credit cards, budgeting and bills.

“We wish all our students the best of luck in their exams which begin on May 12th!”

- Bhavini Mistry, Maths Teacher



We have also enjoyed several other celebrations across the school recently:

Red Nose Day: We held a non-uniform day and enjoyed some delicious cupcakes. A big thank you to everyone who donated to this fantastic cause.

Pancake Day: Students and staff were treated to pancakes with a choice of toppings, including strawberries, Nutella, and squirty cream—which certainly went down a treat!

Easter Celebrations: We brought everyone together for an Easter egg hunt, providing a bit of seasonal fun and a great chance for students and staff to socialise.