



Lowerplace Newsletter

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A message from the Headteacher

Following the recent and deeply saddening events at the Heaton Park Hebrew Congregation in Manchester, such incidents remind us of the importance of having strong safety procedures in place to protect our children and staff.

At Lowerplace, we want to reassure parents and carers that we have clear, practiced procedures for both evacuation (e.g. in case of fire) and invacuation (when we need to bring everyone safely inside due to a potential danger outside).

These procedures are:

- Age-appropriate and calmly delivered
- Practiced so children know what to do
- Designed to keep everyone safe and reassured

We understand that news like this can cause anxiety, and we want you to know that your child's safety is our highest priority. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

Kind regards

Ms Martin

Headteacher

Don't forget
parents
evening!

Let's Arrive on Time

Please ensure your child is on time to line up in their class line

- **Reception classes** 8.40am
- **Years 1, 2 and 3** 8.45am
- **Years 4, 5, and 6** 8.40am

The gates are locked promptly once classes have gone into school and parents have exited the playground.

KEY DIARY DATES

for the remainder of this half term

Fri 17th Oct: Y5 trip to Jodrell Bank

Wed 22nd Oct: Y1 Phonics Workshop at 9am

Wed 22nd Oct: Parents Evening

Thurs 23rd Oct: Parents Evening

Half Term: Mon 27th Oct – Fri 31st Oct

Parent Workshops

Thank you to all the parents who have come along to the workshops we have held so far this term. We would love to see many more parents attending the sessions.

Here is a summary of the ones already held and a reminder of the Phonics one yet to come.



It was great to see so many parents attending the information evening about how best to support their child be ready for the Y6 SATS. If you missed out, we will run another one early next half term.



Parents came along to find out about how we teach maths at Lowerplace. It was well received, and parents have asked for further workshops. The next one we will run will be about supporting your child to develop their fluency of number.



Last Friday we held a Spelling Workshop to introduce parents to the new spelling scheme that we are now using in Years 3 – 6. Parents even had a go at their very own lesson. Next half term we will be inviting parents into school to sit with their child for a spelling lesson. It would be good to have lots of parents joining in



If your child is in Year 1 then don't miss our next Phonics Workshop. This is being held on Wednesday 22nd October at 9am

Attendance Matters

Our whole school attendance so far, this year is 95.1%.

The national average is 95.5%

Remember

Our attendance data has improved since the last newsletter so a big thank you for getting your children into school and on time.

We hope you found the attendance newsletter useful. We are aiming to send this out each month.

	Days missed	School weeks missed
95%	10 days missed	2 weeks missed
90%	19 days missed	3 weeks and 4 days missed
85%	28 days missed	5 weeks and 3 days missed
80%	37 days missed	7 weeks and 2 days missed

Aspirations and Careers

At Lowerplace, we believe that **every child should be inspired to dream big and aim high.**

That's why one of our key priorities this year is nurturing **aspirations and career awareness** across all year groups.

Why Aspirations Matter

Children who are encouraged to think about their future are more motivated, engaged, and confident in their learning. By helping them explore a wide range of possibilities—from university pathways to vocational careers—we're building ambition and resilience.

What we're doing

- **Career-themed curriculum links** – showing how real-world applications and careers link to the different subjects' children learn.
- **Guest speakers and role models**– we're inviting professionals from diverse industries to share their journeys.
- **Personal development sessions** – children will reflect on their own strengths, interests and goals

How can you support?

- **Talk to your child** about your own careers journey, the jobs you have had and your own aspirations and goals.
- **Encourage curiosity** – ask them about what they enjoy and what they might like to do in the future
- **Volunteer** to talk to children in school about your job. If this is something you would be willing to do please speak to Miss Combs or tell the office staff and someone will get in touch to arrange a visit.

**Together, we can help every child to see
that their future is full of possibilities**

Reception Class had a visit from a builder

On Tuesday 23rd of September, Reception classes had a builder come to visit! This half term, the topic is 'Houses and Homes'.

They have been learning about the different types of houses and how they are made. The children asked the builder lots of questions, such as: 'What tools do you need to build a house?',

'What different things is a house made from?' and

'Have you ever seen the Big Bad Wolf try to blow down a house?!'

Reception children then practised their building skills in our outdoor area, working together to create a big, strong house!

