



Lowerplace Newsletter

Monday 20th October 2025

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A message from the Headteacher

As we reach the end of the first half of the autumn term, I want to take a moment to thank all our pupils, staff, and families for a fantastic start to the school year.

It's been a busy and exciting few weeks, filled with learning, creativity, and teamwork. From our engaging curriculum to enriching trips like Year 5's visit to Jodrell Bank, it's been wonderful to see our children so enthusiastic and eager to learn.

I'm incredibly proud of how well our pupils have settled into their routines and the positive attitudes they bring to school each day. A special thank you to our dedicated staff, whose hard work and care make such a difference to our school community.

I hope as many of you as possible have booked an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher on Wednesday or Thursday. This meeting is a great opportunity to find out how well your child is getting on and if there are any areas where you can support them further.

As we head into the half term break, I hope everyone enjoys a well-earned rest and some quality time with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming the children back refreshed and ready for another exciting half term ahead. Wishing you all a safe and happy break.

Kind regards

Ms Martin

Headteacher

Have you booked your parent evening meeting?

Wednesday 3.30pm – 6.30pm

Thursday 3.30pm – 5.30pm

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

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

Attendance Matters

Our whole school attendance so far, this year is 95.3%.

The national average is 95.4%

Fantastic news - Our attendance data has remained in line with the national average this half term.

However, we have traditionally seen a drop in attendance in the final week of a half term. Last make sure this doesn't happen this week.

It's important that children attend school right up to the last day of this week. We kindly ask that holidays or early leave are not taken during this time.

0 DAYS OFF 190 DAYS ATTENDED	100%	★ PERFECTION ★ "EXCELLENT ACHIEVEMENT"
4 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	98%	IMPRESSIVE
7 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	96%	NEARLY THERE
9 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	95%	CAN BE IMPROVED "INCREASE YOUR CHANCES OF BETTER GRADES"
11 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	94%	NEEDS TO IMPROVE
20 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	90%	SERIOUS CONCERNS "CLASSED AS A PERSISTENT ABSENTEE" referred to Education Welfare Service
30 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	85%	RISK OF PROSECUTION "can be damaging to a student's social, emotional and mental wellbeing"
38 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	80%	

At Parents Evening this week you will be given your child's attendance certificate for this half term.

Where does your child's attendance sit on this chart?

Does it fall in the green, amber or red zone?

Year 5 Explore the Wonders of Space at Jodrell Bank

Last week, our Year 5 pupils embarked on an exciting educational adventure to **Jodrell Bank Discovery Centre**, one of the UK's leading science centres and home to the iconic Lovell Telescope.

From the moment they arrived, the children were captivated by the scale of the telescope and the fascinating exhibits that brought space science to life. They explored interactive displays about the solar system, black holes, and the history of radio astronomy, sparking curiosity and plenty of thoughtful questions.

A highlight of the day was the **Planetarium Show**, where pupils were taken on a virtual journey through the night sky. They learned how to identify constellations, discovered the phases of the Moon, and even travelled to distant galaxies—all from the comfort of their seats!

The hands-on workshops were equally inspiring. Pupils investigated how telescopes work, experimented with sound waves, and learned about the role of scientists in space exploration. It was a fantastic opportunity to link classroom learning with real-world science.

The children returned to school buzzing with excitement and full of new knowledge. One pupil said, *"I didn't know space was so big and mysterious! I want to be an astronaut now!"*

A huge thank you to the staff at Jodrell Bank for making the day so memorable, and to our wonderful Year 5 team for organising such an enjoyable and enriching trip.

