



Lowerplace Newsletter

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A message from the Ms Martin, Headteacher

As a school community, we continue to emphasise the importance of respecting each other—through our words, our actions, and the way we work together each day. Alongside this, we are reminding children that challenges are a natural part of learning. When things get tricky, we don't give up; we try again, ask for help, and keep going. Let's keep celebrating those small steps forward as they build the strongest habits.

It has been wonderful to see so many pupils demonstrating these values throughout the term so far.

With best wishes,

Ms K Martin

Headteacher



Lowerplace Average YTD	94.4%
National Average YTD	94.5%

Well done, everyone — let's keep aiming high!



Smart Watches and Cameras Not Allowed in School

Please can we remind families that smart watches, cameras and any devices capable of taking photos are not allowed in school. This is to help keep children safe, protect privacy and ensure children are fully focused on learning throughout the day.

If a child brings one of these items into school by accident, we will ask them to hand it on, and it can be collected by an adult at the end of the school day.

The only exception is for children who walk home alone. They are allowed to bring a phone to school, but it must be handed in to their class teacher on arrival in school where it is stored securely and returned to the child at the end of the school day.

NEVER STOP READING

At Lowerplace, we love to read and we encourage every child to develop a love of reading. Research shows that 20 minutes of reading a day can have a huge impact on a child's development. As we start to plan for World Book Day, we are challenging children and parents to set aside 20 minutes a day to read. It doesn't have to be all at once.

Can you rise to the challenge?

20 is plenty!

Children who read for 20 minutes a day...

Will have a world of imagination & creativity opened to them

Will have better general knowledge

Will be exposed to 1.8 million words a year

Will improve critical thinking skills

Will improve their communication skills

Will have a broad vocabulary

Will have reduced stress levels

Will learn how to develop empathy

Will improve their test results



SEND Update

Neurodiversity Coffee Morning Thursday 5th February

Rochdale
Parent Carers



Lowerplace will be hosting a parent coffee morning this Thursday. Come along to find out more about how to support children who have neuro diverse tendencies.

There will be coffee and cake and lots of friendly faces. We look forward to seeing you there.

The Neurodiversity Hub supports families whose children or young person are neurodivergent or have social communication differences. They are a needs led service, you do not need a diagnosis to access support.

Find out more by clicking on this link [The Neurodiversity Hub](#)

SEND Transition Coffee mornings for Year 6 parents and carers

Join the Neurodiversity Hub and RANS NOTES to discuss your child's transition to high school and discuss any challenges with the team and other parents/carers. Please book on both dates.

Location: All Souls CE Primary School, 24 Healey Avenue, Heywood, OL10 4DE

When: Tuesday 3rd February and Tuesday 21st April 10am - 11.30am

Location: St Peter's RC Primary School, Middleton, M24 1FL

When: Thursday 5th February and Friday 1st May 10am - 11.30am

Location: Castleton Primary School, Hillcrest Road, Rochdale, OL11 2QD

When: Friday 6th February and Monday 27th April 10am - 11.30am

Dates for your diary

We hope you find the calendar of upcoming events helpful.
Please pin this to your fridge/add the events to your own calendar.

Spring Term	
Dates	Event/Activity
Mon 5 th January	INSET Day
Tues 6 th January	Children return to school
Thurs 8 th January	Y1 Parents Meeting re Phonics Screening at 3.30pm
Fri 23 rd January	Y1 Parents Meeting re Phonics Screening at 9am
Wed 28 th January	Class 4A Assembly 9am
Wed 4 th February	Class 4B Assembly 9am
Tues 10 th February	Internet Safety Day
Wed 11 th February	Class 4C Assembly 9am
Fri 13 th February	Young Voices Trip
Mon 16th February – Fri 20th February Half Term	
Tues 24 th February	Y2 SATs Parent Meeting at 3.15pm
Thurs 5 th March	World Book Day
Mon 9 th March to Fri 13 th March	Science Week
Tues 17 th & Wed 18 th March	Parents Evening
Fri 20 th March	INSET Day
Mon 23 rd March – Fri 27 th Mar	Y6 Mock SATS Week
Mon 23 rd March – Fri 27 th March	Careers Week
Tues 31 st March	Class 2B Recorder Performance at 9.15am
Thurs 2 nd April	End of Spring Term
Fri 3rd April – Fri 17th April Easter Holidays	

Date is being rearranged as many of our families will be opening their fast.