

Wednesday
30th
September



Let's Learn and Succeed Together

As we reach the end of our first month of the new academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our families for their continued support and to celebrate a wonderful start to the year at Lily Lane.

It has been fantastic to see our children settle so quickly into their new classes, build positive relationships and embrace new learning opportunities with enthusiasm and confidence. Across the school, pupils have demonstrated our values every day, showing kindness, responsibility and respect as they have adapted to new routines and challenges.

September has been a busy and exciting month, with children enjoying curriculum workshops, applying for pupil leadership roles, taking part in School Council elections and engaging in a wide range of enriching learning experiences. We have been incredibly proud of the effort, resilience and positive attitudes displayed by our pupils both in and out of the classroom.

As we move into October, we look forward to another month filled with exciting learning opportunities, memorable experiences and continued success. We hope you enjoy reading about some of the highlights from September and celebrating the achievements of our wonderful children.

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Dates for your Diary

Event	Date	Time
Year 6 What's My Job workshop	7 th October	9am
Inclusion Boccia Competition	12 th October	9am
Y6 Educational Visit to a Church	13 th and 14 th October	1pm (early lunch)
Y2 Educational Visit to the Manchester Jewish Museum	21 st October	9.15-12.30pm
Y1 Educational Visit to the Library	22 nd and 23 rd October	9.30am
School closes for half term	23 rd October	3pm - Nursery and Lotus 3.15pm
Debatemate Launch Event at Manchester University	3 rd November	9.15-3.15pm
Parents Evening	3 rd and 4 th November	3.30-6pm
Y5 Swimming Lessons begin for 2 classes	23 rd November	1pm
North Sports Hall Athletics Competition	26 th November	3.15-6pm
Y5 Educational Visit to Jodrell Bank	8 th and 9 th November	9-3.15pm
Nursery Christmas Sing Along	15 th December	9.15-9.45am
Reception Christmas Sing Along	15 th December	2.30-3pm
Reception Christmas Sing Along	16 th December	9.15-9.45am
Christmas Music Concert	17 th December	9.30-10.30am
School closes for Christmas Holidays	18 th December	3pm - Nursery and Lotus 3.15pm

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Ancient Greek Workshop

Year 4 enjoyed an exciting visit from DanTastic, who brought Ancient Greece to life through a fantastic interactive workshop.

The children learned about life in Ancient Greece, including the different levels of Greek society and the importance of hierarchy. They had the opportunity to explore and handle replica artefacts, try on armour, masks and clothing, and even hold a replica Greek sword. We were amazed to discover just how effective these weapons could be!

Throughout the day, the children immersed themselves in Greek culture by learning traditional Greek dances, smelling authentic Greek perfumes and taking part in a range of hands-on activities.

It was a fun, engaging and memorable experience that helped bring our history learning to life. Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed every moment of the workshop!



Macmillan Coffee Morning

A huge thank you to everyone who attended and supported our Macmillan Coffee Morning. It was wonderful to see so many families and friends come together to support such a worthwhile cause.

Thanks to your generosity, we raised valuable funds for Macmillan Cancer Support, helping them continue their incredible work supporting people affected by cancer. The morning was filled with delicious treats, friendly conversations and a fantastic sense of community.

Thank you to everyone who donated, baked and attended. Your support helped make the event a great success!



Anglo Saxon Workshop

Year 5 took part in an exciting Anglo-Saxon workshop that brought their history learning to life. They explored a range of Anglo-Saxon artefacts, carefully examining and sketching each one while learning about life in Anglo-Saxon Britain. The children were fascinated to discover more about Anglo-Saxon homes, clothing, weapons and daily life. It was a fun, hands-on experience that helped deepen their understanding of this important period in history.



Lotus Class Autumn Painting

Lotus Class enjoyed creating some beautiful autumn paintings. The children explored the colours of the season, using reds, oranges, yellows and browns to create their artwork. They showed great creativity and concentration, and we are very proud of their fantastic paintings!



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Student Leadership

The children have been applying for a range of student leadership roles, including Eco Ambassador, Librarian, Sports Leader and Rights Respecting Ambassador. We were incredibly impressed with the high quality of the applications, which demonstrated thoughtfulness, enthusiasm and a genuine desire to make a positive contribution to our school community. It was wonderful to see so many children keen to take on responsibility and help others. We would like to thank everyone who applied and look forward to announcing our successful student leaders soon. Mrs Lewis will choose the prefects, Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl.

School Council

This week, children across the school took part in our School Council elections. Pupils interested in becoming a School Councillor completed an application form, explaining why they would be a good representative for their class and how they could help make our school even better.

Each class then had the opportunity to vote for their chosen candidate. This was a fantastic opportunity for children to experience democracy in action, one of our Fundamental British Values, by having their voices heard and making a collective decision.

We were very impressed by the enthusiasm, thoughtful applications and responsible attitudes shown throughout the election process. The results will be announced later this week, and we would like to thank all of the children who put themselves forward. We look forward to working with our newly elected School Councillors throughout the year.



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Children walking home alone

If you have a child in Y5 or Y6 and you are allowing them to leave independently, please can you inform the school office, we can only allow children to leave independently once we have this information.

School Drop Off

Children in Nursery - Year 4 must be accompanied by an adult to their classroom doors.

Additional Information

- Breakfast Club: Available from 8:00am which is free of charge. Please contact book your child's place via the School Gateway app.
- After-School Activities: A variety of clubs (funded by school) are available for this term. Parents can book these via School Gateway. Please collect children from the main office at 4.15pm.
- Please note that if a child is absent from an after-school club on three occasions, or is collected late three times, they may lose their place so that it can be offered to another pupil.

Year 3 Dinner Money

Your child has been entitled to Free School meals universally to Year 2. As they are now in Year 3, I want to remind you that this Free School Meal funding will not apply. We work hard to provide good quality, value for money meals for our pupils and hope your child will continue to have a school meal with us. We have a meal price of £2.50 per day or £12.50 per week. The payment must be paid in advance and we recommend you use our online payment system School Gateway. If you have not already signed up to School Gateway please speak to the office team about a login and some help to get you started.

If you think you might be entitled to Free School Meals due to benefits you are receiving, please talk to the office team to clarify this and visit this site:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>



Educational visits

This year, each child will be offered educational visits which will enhance the learning taking place within the classroom. These visits will be linked to a specific area of the curriculum and will also support your child's personal development.

A maximum amount of £15 per visit will be payable for these visits, and plenty of notice will be provided for payment.

These visits will often cost in excess of £15; however, the school will subsidise the additional amount to help ensure that enriching educational experiences remain accessible to all children.

Attendance

Attendance matters at Lily Lane Primary School. We want your child/ren to be in school every day and on time. New government guidance is now statutory and it is important that we all work together to ensure all children thrive in our school. Every school day counts but every minute is equally important.

- 10 minutes late each day means 6.5 days of school are missed in the year.
- 30 minutes late each day means 19 days of school are missed each year.

From September 2024, if your child arrives at school after 9.15am, the office has to record your child as an unauthorised absence for the morning session.

At Lily Lane Primary School we offer a 'support first' approach and aim to work together to break down any barriers that may be affecting a child's attendance.

If you have any questions or need support regarding attendance or punctuality, or the new statutory guidance on notice to improve or penalty notices please come to the school office and speak to Mrs H Simumba or Mrs L Ashworth.

Please note: no holidays will be authorised.

Medicines

Medicines in School

If your child requires medication in school, including inhalers or EpiPens, please bring it to the school office. All medication must be prescribed, clearly labelled with your child's name, and accompanied by a completed Medicine Administration Form before it can be given in school.

Should you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact the school office on 0161 205 3397 or via email at admin@lilylane.manchester.sch.uk. Please do not use Class Dojo to send messages to staff.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

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Zones of Regulation

Zones of Regulation is a whole-school approach we use to help pupils understand and manage their emotions and behaviour. Children are taught specific lessons to recognise how they are feeling, describe their emotions using the Zones language (for example, blue, green, yellow and red zones), and use agreed strategies to help them regulate. Using the same language at home can really support children to make sense of their feelings and develop independence in managing them. An information leaflet is attached, and further details about Zones of Regulation can be found on the school website.

[Zones of Regulation - Lily Lane Website](#)

Zones of Regulation



Green Zone *Ready to learn*

- 😊 **Feelings:** calm, happy, focused, content
- 🤍 **How it feels:** regulated, in control
- 👍 **Tools:** finish my work, help others, share



Blue Zone *Low energy*

- 😞 **Feelings:** tired, sad, sick, bored
- 🤍 **How it feels:** slow body, quiet voice
- 👍 **Tools:** drink of water, stretch, talk to adult



Yellow Zone *Heightened emotions*

- 😬 **Feelings:** worried, silly, anxious, frustrated
- 🤍 **How it feels:** starting to lose some control
- 👍 **Tools:** movement break, breathing, using a fidget, counting to 10, talking through worries



Red Zone *Big emotions*

- 😡 **Feelings:** angry, scared, out of control, overwhelmed
- 🤍 **How it feels:** hard to think clearly, losing control, a volcano inside
- 👍 **Tools:** adult help, quiet space



Why Zones of Regulation?

Helps children recognise emotions
Gives them tools to self regulate

How families can help

Ask: "What zone are you?"
Help your child choose a tool
Praise your child when they use a tool

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What does "Responsibility" mean at Lily Lane?

Responsibility means making good choices, taking ownership of our actions, and doing the right thing even when no one is watching. It is about being ready to learn, looking after our belongings and school environment, and recognising that our actions affect others.

What children have been practising?

This month, children have been focusing on responsibility through assemblies, classroom discussions, and our daily routines. Staff have been celebrating children who show independence, take pride in their work, and make positive choices throughout the school day.

We've seen responsibility in action when children:

- arrive at school ready to learn
- complete tasks to the best of their ability
- look after classroom resources and equipment
- take ownership of their actions and learn from mistakes
- help to keep our school clean, tidy and welcoming
- use playground equipment safely and include others in games at break and lunchtime
- take responsibility for putting litter in the bin and caring for our outdoor spaces
- follow dining room expectations, use good table manners and tidy away after themselves
- make healthy choices and show respect for staff and other children during lunchtime

How you can help at home?

You can support our focus on responsibility by:

- encouraging your child to take responsibility for their belongings
- giving your child small jobs or chores to complete independently
- praising effort and perseverance when tasks are challenging
- encouraging your child to reflect on their choices and their impact on others
- using the word responsibility when discussing everyday routines and expectations
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Thank you for supporting our shared values. When children learn to be responsible at both school and home, they develop confidence, independence and the skills they need to succeed.

School Term Dates 2026-2027



Autumn Term	
Inset Day (Staff Only)	Tuesday 1 September 2026
Inset Day (Staff Only)	Wednesday 2 September 2026
Term Starts	Thursday 3 September 2026
School Closes	Friday 23 October 2026
Half Term Holiday	Monday 26 October 2026 – Friday 30 October 2026
School Re-opens	Monday 2 November 2026
Inset Day (Staff Only)	Friday 20 November 2026
Term Finishes	Friday 18 December 2026
Holiday	Monday 21 December - Friday 1 January 2027

Spring Term	
Inset Day (Staff Only)	Monday 4 January 2027
Term Starts	Tuesday 5 January 2027
School Closes	Friday 12 February 2027
Half Term Holiday	Monday 15 February - Friday 19 February 2027
School Re-opens	Monday 22 February 2027
Term Finishes	Thursday 25 March 2027
Bank Holiday	Friday 26 March 2027
Bank Holiday	Monday 29 March 2027
Easter Holidays	Tuesday 30 March - Friday 9 April 2027

Summer Term	
Term Starts	Monday 12 April 2027
Bank Holiday	Monday 3 May 2027
School Closes	Friday 28 May 2027
Half Term Holiday	Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June 2027
School Re-opens	Monday 7 June 2027
Inset Day (Staff Only)	Monday 21 June 2027
Term Finishes	Wednesday 21 July 2027