



Ladywood

Primary School



Ladywood Weekly News

Issue 27

Friday 17th April 2026

Dear parent / carer,

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break.

This week has signalled the start of the Summer Term and we have had a few changes within school. School dinners are now being provided by Chartwells as BMBC no longer provides a school meals service. The meals have looked lovely and the children who have school lunches have spoken positively about them. Perhaps if your child has a packed lunch they might like to give school meals a try – there are plenty of options which you can see on the menus included in this newsletter.

Our Always Children Awards have also changed. The children picked for an Always Award are chosen for demonstrating the schools core values of confidence, resilience, enthusiasm, respect, curiosity, and articulation. When chosen they now have an important role choosing a partner, who also consistently demonstrates the school values, to share a special treat. Today some of our Always Children enjoyed pizzas at lunch and others chose to enjoy a donut after lunch.

Next Friday the 24th April 2026, Miss Adams will be holding information meetings for Year 1 pupil parents about the upcoming Phonic Screening Check that all Y1 children have to sit. There will be a morning meeting at 9am and this will be repeated at 2.45pm to try and cater for all parents and carers of Y1 pupils to attend. It is important that you attend one session – you do not need to attend both.

I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs CL Grainger-Roystone

Headteacher

Attendance

Our attendance target is 96%. Each week the class with the highest attendance receives an award and £5 credit towards an end of year treat. Last week, **Y1** achieved the highest attendance of 99%. **WELL DONE!**

Lates

Polite reminder that if your child/ren arrive between 8.55am and 9.15am they will receive a late mark (L) code. If your child/ren arrive after 9.15am they will receive a (U) code which is also an unauthorised late mark and could lead to a fixed penalty. Absences, whether authorised or unauthorised will bring your child/ren's attendance down.

Illnesses

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell. Please see illnesses information below.

Polite reminder that if your child/ren are unwell, please ensure contact is made to the office, via the app or leaving a voicemail on 01226 711488. Please ensure a reason for absence is provided daily.

Appointments in school time

Polite reminder that medical/dental appointments need to be arranged outside of school hours, on occasions this may be unavoidable, please always ensure appointment confirmation cards/letters are provided to the school office at the earliest opportunity so these can be added to your child/ren's record.

Home visits

Home visits will be carried out to check on the well-being of children who are absent from school. These visits will take place in cases where no contact can be made to establish reason for absence and on day 3 of absence in all cases, and will continue if absence persists. In some cases, dependent on the circumstances surrounding pupil absence, we may make a home visit sooner. If deemed appropriate, the Education Welfare Officer may make the home visit.

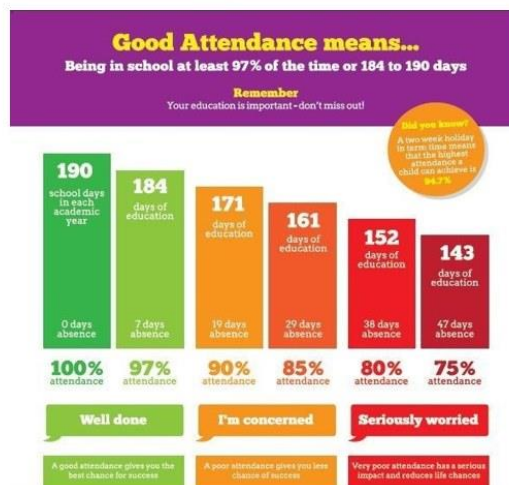
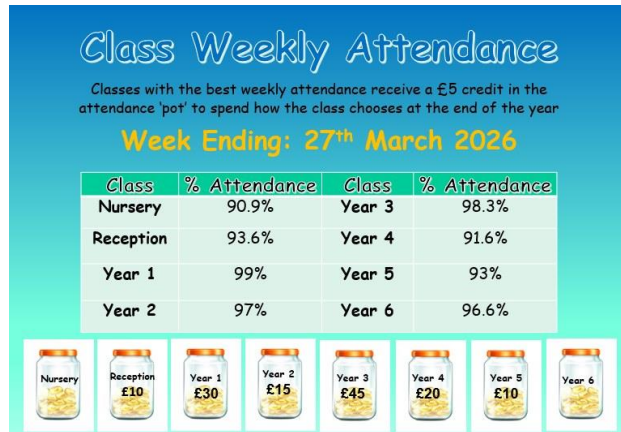
Leave of Absences

Penalty Notices are requested from schools and **issued by the Local Authority** to the parents/carers of statutory school age children, and can be issued per parent, per child. For example: 3 siblings absent for leave of absence in term time could result in **each** parent/ carer receiving 3 separate fines at the below rates.

- **First offence** - The first time a Penalty Notice is issued the amount will be: £80 per parent, per child paid within 21 days. This fine increases to £160 per parent, per child if paid after day 21, until day 28.
- **Second Offence (within 3 years)** - the second time a Penalty Notice is issued the amount will be £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

- **Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)** - the third time an offence is committed a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case may be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court under s.444 of the Education Act (1996) or other legal interventions considered. The Magistrates' Court can order fines up to £2500 per parent, per child.

Failure to pay a Penalty Notice will render you liable to criminal proceedings in the Magistrates Court under Section 444 of the Education Act 1996.



When can my child return to school? If you are worried, please seek further advice from your GP or community pharmacist
★ - Vaccine preventable

Chicken Pox 5 days from onset of rash and all the blisters have crusted over	Conjunctivitis No need to stay off, but school or nursery should be informed	Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from the last symptoms	Glandular fever No need to stay off, but school or nursery should be informed	Cold and Flu like illness (including COVID-19) No longer have a high temperature and feel well. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19	
Hand, foot & mouth No need to stay off, but school or nursery should be informed	Head lice No need to stay off, but school or nursery should be informed	Impetigo <small>Think Pharmacy First</small> When sores are crusted & healed or 48 hours after starting antibiotics	Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash and recovered	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	Scabies 24 hours after first dose of chosen treatment
Scarlet fever 24 hours after starting antibiotics	Slapped cheek No need to stay off after rash has developed. Inform school / nursery	Threadworms No need to stay off, but school or nursery should be informed	Tonsillitis <small>Think Pharmacy First</small> No need to stay off, but school or nursery should be informed	Whooping cough 48 hours after starting antibiotics	

Hand washing is one of the most important ways of controlling the spread of infections, especially those that cause diarrhoea and vomiting and respiratory disease. Liquid soap, warm water and paper towels are recommended. Supported by the Barnsley Health Protection Board. This information was correct at time of printing (August 2024). This information is based on health protection guidance from Public Health England on managing cases of infectious diseases in schools and other child care settings. More information can be found at the link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/infectious-diseases-schools-and-other-child-care-settings>

Awards



Special Mentions

- Reception: Colton & Hunter
- Year 1: Pola & Vihaan
- Year 2: Carson & Jayden
- Year 3: Oscar & Riley
- Year 4: Kaison & Teddy
- Year 5: Scarlett & Eden
- Year 6: George G & Harvey



Always Award	
Reception:	Frankie
Year 1:	Edie
Year 2:	Jemily
Year 3:	Dylan
Year 4:	Ella
Year 5:	Theo
Year 6:	Tilly



Behaviour Award	
Reception:	Hunter
Year 1:	Harper
Year 2:	Jayden S
Year 3:	Dylan
Year 4:	Teddy
Year 5:	Alfie
Year 6:	Jamie

Nursery

This week in Nursery, we have started our new topic of 'Traditional Tales'. We have been reading the story of 'The Gingerbread Man' and talking about the events of the story. We have also spoken about the repeated phrases in the story. In Maths, we have been exploring 3D shapes.

Next week, we will be reading the story of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. We will be talking about the events of the story and how the characters felt. In Maths, we will be exploring sharing and real-world Maths problems. We will also be making our own porridge to taste.

If your child has a milk allergy/intolerance, please can you discuss this with a member of Nursery so that we can adapt our porridge recipe if needed.

If your child struggles with sleeping, please can you inform a member of staff.

Reception

It has been lovely to see all the children back after the holiday and talk to them about what they have been doing.

This week we have started a new wider curriculum topic on Traditional Tales and have been reading the story of "Little Red Riding Hood". We have practised sequencing the story so that we can retell it in order and have begun to talk about the different characters of Red Riding Hood, Grandma and the Wolf.

In our literacy learning, we have been reading the story: "I Will Never Ever Eat a Tomato" by Lauren Child. The children have really enjoyed reading this story and loved the way Charlie encouraged his little sister Lola to eat different vegetables by calling them different names. As a class we have discussed things that we don't like to eat and the children have written their own speech bubbles to say what they will, 'Never ever' eat.

In number learning, we have practising our careful counting up to twenty and talking about when we can subitise to count and when we need to use other strategies. The children have been learning to line up objects to count them carefully and put objects in a tens frame to make counting speedier.

Our class P.E. Day is on Fridays. Can children please bring their P.E. Kit and make sure all earrings are removed.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Hopson and the EYFS Team.

Year 1

Welcome back, we hope you have all enjoyed the Easter holidays!

In English, Year One enjoyed reading our new book 'Yeti and the bird' this week. We talked about hot and cold places and why the bird had to leave in the winter to find a warmer place to live.

In Maths, Year One have been working on counting in twos, fives and tens. The children have also started to explore the value of 1p and 2p coins.

In Science, we began our topic on Everyday Materials. The children explored how glass is made and identified objects that are made from a variety of materials.

In PE, we have started practising rounders skills. Year One worked together to perfect their under arm throwing and batting the ball with confidence.

Have a great weekend,

Miss Adams and Miss Morgan

Year 2

Welcome back to all pupils after the Easter break! It has been wonderful hearing about all the exciting things the children have been up to, and they have returned to school settled, happy and ready to learn.

In Reading, we have started our new topic on bees. The children have been learning specific vocabulary, practising writing tricky "red words" and answering quick-check questions using evidence from the text. They are becoming more confident in explaining their understanding.

In Writing, we have been planning character descriptions, focusing on using common exception words, conjunctions and longer, more detailed sentences. We have also spent time publishing our work and using purple pen to edit and improve it.

In Maths, we have been exploring one more and one less, recognising that the tens number stays the same. This is a great introduction to addition and subtraction and will support us as we begin to bridge 10.

In RE, we have been learning about the parables of the "Good Samaritan and the Lost Son". The children engaged brilliantly in acting activities to retell these important stories.

Next week, we will be answering more detailed questions about bees using our VIPERS skills. We will also begin our new History topic on the Great Fire of London and start learning about Hinduism in RE.

Year 3

Welcome back everyone! We have made a great start to the new summer term. In English this week, we have used technical vocabulary and adverbial phrases in our independent writing. We have written our own pieces about the life cycle of a plant.

In maths, we have practised column addition with two and three-digit numbers and in Whole Class reading we have read and answered questions about the life cycle of a frog.

We have enjoyed finding out about the different layers of the earth in geography and in R.E. we have just begun to learn about Judaism and we have started to learn a new song in music.

In science, we have focused on light. We learned about sunlight and why we have night and day. In French, we have asked our friends how old they are and we have saying practised numbers to 20. In PD, we have focused on our actions and how they have consequences.

In P.E. this week, we have started to practise our cricket skills. **Our P.E. lessons will now be on Wednesdays and Fridays. Please ensure your child has their full P.E. kit on these days.**

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you all next week!

Mrs Lassu, Mrs Salter and Miss Longbottom

Year 4

This week in year 4 we have been looking at biographies in English - exploring at structures, how we write a biography and what needs to be included. Next week we will practise writing one together before writing our own.

In maths, we have been learning about position and direction moving from one position to another giving correct instructions before moving shapes. Next week we will continue with this. In the wider curriculum we have studied at Henry VIII and his quest for a male heir by learning about all his wives. We also learnt how the main religion in England had to change to help him divorce his first wife.

In PE, we have worked on cricket batting skills and practiced hitting a ball. In RE, we have been learning different religious symbols in Buddhism.

Swimming is back next Monday and our PE day will be changing for the next 9 weeks to a Thursday due to having guests from Pits to Pitches teaching history-based PE sessions for the children.

02-03-2026	
09-03-2026	
16-03-2026	
23-06-2026	
20-04-2026	
27-04-2026	Water Safety Week
11-05-2026	
18-05-2026	
01-06-2026	
08-06-2026	
15-06-2026	
22-06-2026	
29-06-2026	
06-07-2026	

1 - Swimming for Y4 children starts on Monday 2nd March 2026, timetable is attached. Please ensure your child/ren bring their swimming bag, costume and towel every Monday.

Year 5

In English, we began our new topic on 'The Lost Thing' by Shaun Tann. We used causal conjunctions and adverbials to make predictions after listening to the audio of the film version. Next, we designed our own 'Lost Things' and created 'Found' labels for them, describing where they were found, what they looked like and their behaviour. Next week, we will continue to read the story and create diary entries to describe what happened that day.

In Maths, we completed our work on multiplication by using estimation to support accurate calculations. Next, we started a new unit on division. We used Braining Camp on the iPads to divide a two-digit number by a single-digit number using partitioning and representations. We will move onto exchanging and remainders next week.

In topic, we started a new Art unit called 'People in Action'. We began by exploring some examples of artwork that show movement, particularly body movement. We practised sketching figures, looked at different poses and tried to sketch these we increasing accuracy.

PE days in Year 5 have now changed to Wednesday and Thursday.

Year 6

Year 6 have had a fantastic week of learning, showing great effort and enthusiasm across all subjects.

In English, we have been focusing on developing our writing skills through "*Goodnight Mister Tom*". The children explored word classes, ensuring they used adjectives, adverbs, nouns and verbs effectively in their writing. They also practised using a range of sentence types for effect, including questions, commands, exclamations and statements. As the week progressed, pupils worked on subject-verb agreement and expanded their sentences with additional detail before producing thoughtful character descriptions of Willie and Tom.

In Maths, we have been exploring area, perimeter and shape, learning how shapes with the same area can have different perimeters and reasoning about compound shapes. Later in the week, we moved on to percentages, developing an understanding of what percentages represent and how to convert between percentages, decimals and fractions.

In Geography, the children have been developing their map skills. They used atlases to locate information, learned how to interpret Ordnance Survey map symbols, and practised using four and six-figure grid references to find locations.

We also explored important topics in Personal Development, discussing the effects of smoking on health, and in RE, where the children learned about rites of passage and why they are important in different religions.

Alongside this, the children enjoyed their regular lessons in Music, French, PE, and Mastering Number, helping to keep learning varied and engaging.

It has been a brilliant week — well done, Year 6!

Useful contacts:

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BARNSLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR THE 2025-26 ACADEMIC YEAR
 For community and voluntary controlled primary, secondary and special schools

September (22 Days)	October (16 Days)	November (20 Days)
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June (22 Days)	July (14 Days)	August
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Denotes Bank Holidays
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195 days in total – including 5 days to be taken as professional development days for teaching staff

2 - Term dates September 2025 - July 2026

Inset Days

Friday 22nd May 2026

Monday 20th July 2026

Useful dates

20/05/2026 - Class Photographs

22/05/2026 - Inset Day (school closed to children)

08/06/2026 - Y6 Bikeability (further information will follow at a later date)

24/06/2026 - Y5 Music Festival Metrodome

17/07/2026 - Ladywood's Summer Fayre

17/07/2026 - Last day of term

20/07/2026 - Inset Day (school closed to children)

16/09/2026 - Individual and sibling group Photographs

School lunches



SPRING/SUMMER 2026 MENU **WEEK 1**
LADYWOOD PRIMARY

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES					
OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges	All Day Breakfast	Roast Chicken with Sage & Onion Stuffing, Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken Korma with Wholegrain Rice	Fish Fingers with Chips
OPTION 2	Red Pesto Spaghetti	Sweet Potato & Vegetable Curry with Wholegrain Rice	Quorn Roast with Sage & Onion Stuffing, Potatoes and Gravy	Cheese & Baked Bean Turnover with Potato Wedges	Quorn Dippers with Chips
OPTION 3	Cheese Panini Melt	Cheese & Tuna Panini Melt	Cheese Panini Melt	Cheese & Tomato Panini Melt	Baked Bean & Cheese Panini Melt
DELI					
OPTION 4	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Choice of fillings
ALL DISHES ARE SERVED WITH CRUNCHY VEGETABLES AND / OR FRESH SALAD					
VEG	Sweetcorn Salad Bar	Garden Peas Big Bowl Salad	Broccoli Carrots	Mixed Salad Sweetcorn	Garden Peas Baked Beans
DESSERT	Watermelon	Berry Blondie	Lemon Cookie with Fruit	Chocolate Crunch	Ice Cream

AVAILABLE DAILY
Fresh Fruit, Freshly Baked Bread, Yogurt and Water

🌿 Vegetarian
🌾 Wholegrain
👩‍⚕️ Nutritionist's Choice
🐟 Oily Fish
🍌 Fruity
🌱 Vegan

Our menu is subject to change. Please be assured that all notified medical diets and allergy requirements will be safely catered for.

3 - Week commencing 20th April 2026

SPRING/SUMMER 2026 MENU **WEEK 2**
LADYWOOD PRIMARY

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES					
OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges	Beef Burger with Herby Diced Potatoes	Roast Pork with Yorkshire Pudding, Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken Tandoori with Wholegrain Rice and Naan Bread	Fish Fingers with Chips
OPTION 2	Macaroni Cheese	Vegetable Korma with Wholegrain Rice	Quorn Roast with Yorkshire Pudding, Potatoes and Gravy	Veggie Burger with Herby Diced Potatoes	Quorn Dippers with Chips
OPTION 3	Cheese Panini Melt	Cheese & Tuna Panini Melt	Cheese Panini Melt	Cheese & Tomato Panini Melt	Baked Bean & Cheese Panini Melt
DELI					
OPTION 4	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Choice of fillings
ALL DISHES ARE SERVED WITH CRUNCHY VEGETABLES AND / OR FRESH SALAD					
VEG	Sweetcorn Salad Bar	Garden Peas Mixed Salad	Broccoli Carrots	Sweetcorn Big Bowl Salad	Garden Peas Baked Beans
DESSERT	Watermelon	Chocolate Marble Cake	Shortbread with Fruit	Chocolate Cookie	Ice Cream

AVAILABLE DAILY
Fresh Fruit, Freshly Baked Bread, Yogurt and Water

🌿 Vegetarian
🌾 Wholegrain
👩‍⚕️ Nutritionist's Choice
🐟 Oily Fish
🍌 Fruity
🌱 Vegan

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4 - Week commencing 27th April 2026

SPRING/SUMMER 2026 MENU **WEEK 3**
LADYWOOD PRIMARY

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES					
OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges	MEAT DAY Chicken Burger with Herby Coleslaw Potatoes	Roast Gammon with Yorkshire Pudding, Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Doughballs	Fish Fingers with Chips
OPTION 2	Creamy Garlic Pasta	Quorn Chow Mein	Quorn Roast with Yorkshire Pudding, Potatoes and Gravy	Meatless Ball Sub with Potato Wedges	Quorn Dippers with Chips
OPTION 3	Cheese Panini Melt	Cheese & Tuna Panini Melt	Cheese Panini Melt	Cheese & Tomato Panini Melt	Baked Bean & Cheese Panini Melt
DELI					
OPTION 4	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Choice of fillings
ALL DISHES ARE SERVED WITH CRUNCHY VEGETABLES AND/ OR FRESH SALAD					
VEG	Garden Peas Salad Bar	Sweetcorn Big Bowl Salad	Broccoli Carrots	Sweetcorn Salad Bar	Garden Peas Baked Beans
DESSERT	Watermelon	Vanilla Crunch	Oatle Biscuit with Fruit	Chocolate Fudge Cake	Ice Cream

AVAILABLE DAILY
Fresh Fruit, Freshly Squeezed Juices, Yogurt and More

Vegetarian
 Halal
 Nutritional Choice
 Dairy Free
 Fruity
 Vegan

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Chartwells schools

5 - Week commencing 4th May 2026

Community Notice Board

Jolly Good Communities presents

MEDIEVAL MAYHEM!

Opening times
11am - 4pm

Free Parking
Follow S71 5QE

Available now!
TICKET

Book in advance for the best price!

Advanced Tickets
Adult £9 - Child £3

General Admission
Adult £7 - Child £3

Book online

16th & 17th May
Monk Bretton Priory

Come one, come all and join us for a weekend of merriment, mischief & marvellous medieval madness!

This is a fundraising event, run by the community, for the community. The more support we receive in advance, the more madness we can book!

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Jester Shows
 Knight Battles
 Arc Throws
 Puppet Theatre
 Traders Games
 Living History
 Archery
 Anarchy
 Birds of Prey
 Hog Roast
 Food Feast
 Fire Breathers
 Cold Ale

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