

# Laceyby Stanford Primary Academy



Principal Newsletter

25th September 2026



## Principal – Mrs Smith



What a fantastic start to the term we have had! There is a real buzz around school, and it has been wonderful to see our pupils coming into school happy, settled and ready to learn. Across the school, I have seen pupils engaged in their learning, embracing new opportunities and really making the most of everything school has to offer.

One of my highlights each week is Lunch with the Principal. It is such a lovely opportunity to sit down with our pupils, chat together and get to know them outside of the classroom. I always enjoy hearing about their interests, experiences and what they are enjoying in school. It really is a highlight of my week!



Our pupils are also really embracing our Living Our 5C Award, and it has been fantastic to see them demonstrating our values in their everyday actions. We want our 5Cs to be something our pupils genuinely live by, both in school and beyond, and it is wonderful to see this becoming part of our everyday school life.

We have also enjoyed some lovely reading events with our Year 1 and Year 2 pupils and their parents and carers. It is always amazing to see so many of you joining us and supporting your children with their reading. Thank you for continuing to work in partnership with us — your support really does make a difference.

We have ended the week with two very successful Macmillan coffee mornings. The atmosphere was amazing, and it was lovely to see our pupils performing, enjoying time together and sharing a cake and a drink for such an important cause.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our school community, we raised a fantastic £436!

The oracy skills and musical talents on display were nothing short of phenomenal. A huge, special thank you goes to our Year 6 head pupils and pupil helpers, governors, and volunteers whose hard work made these events run so smoothly.

Thank you to everyone who came along, supported the events, and helped us raise money for Macmillan. It was a wonderful way to finish the week and a real reflection of our fantastic school community.



I am also pleased to share that the scooter and bike pod has now moved to the KS2 office area, which will help to ease congestion at the start and end of the school day. Just a polite reminder that bikes and scooters should not be used in the KS1 area at the beginning or end of the school day, and the trim trail should not be used at these times. With lots of children and adults moving around the site, this helps us to keep everyone safe and ensures that our entrances and pathways remain clear.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It really is a privilege to see our school community coming together so positively. What a fantastic start to the term — I am looking forward to all that the weeks ahead will bring!

Mrs Clair Smith  
Principal



# Pupil Voice – Our Pupils, Our Ideas, Our Future



Head Pupils 2026

At Laceby Stanford, we are incredibly proud of the importance we place on pupil voice. Our pupils are not just listened to — they are given real opportunities to share their ideas, take responsibility and help shape our school and wider community.

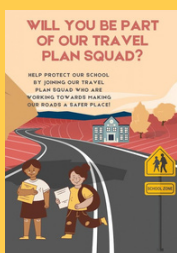


We are delighted to welcome our new Head Pupils, following our recent pupil elections. This has been a fantastic opportunity for pupils to experience democracy in action, understanding the importance of having a voice, making choices and representing others.



We are also welcoming new members to our established pupil-led groups: Eco Warriors, Cyber Squad, Bee Kind Krew and Travel Plan Squad. These groups will meet regularly to share ideas, discuss issues that matter to them and explore ways they can make a positive difference within our school and wider community.

This work reflects our commitment to our 5Cs: Care, Challenge, Community and Creativity, with pupil voice providing wonderful opportunities for children to demonstrate these values, take initiative, work together and develop ideas that can make a real difference.



It is wonderful to see our pupils taking ownership and understanding that their ideas really can make a difference. We are incredibly proud of them and look forward to seeing the positive changes they will help create.



# Year 5 & 6 Football Tournament



A huge well done to our Year 5 and 6 football team, who achieved an excellent 4th place out of 23 schools in a highly competitive tournament.

The team showed fantastic footballing ability, teamwork, determination and respect throughout the day, progressing through the group stages as winners and reaching the semi-final.



Although they narrowly missed out on a place in the final after two penalty shoot-outs, the pupils should be incredibly proud of their performance. Their 4th-place finish has also secured a place in the Cup draw in March, achieving the aim they set themselves from the very beginning!

We are incredibly proud of how they represented themselves and our school. A big thank you to Mr Marshall and to all the parents and supporters who came along to cheer the team on.

## Dates for your Diary...

Monday 26th September

EYFS Parent Workshop: 3:30pm in the school hall.

Thursday 1st October

Individual School Photographs: our individual photographs will be taken by Wrates.



Friday 2nd October

Harvest Festival: We welcome donations of packet or tinned food to support our Harvest Festival. All donation will be going to Harbor Place



Monday 5th – Friday 16th October

Mentor Meetings: please book via Arbor App



Wednesday 21st October

Halloween Disco: FS & KS1 3:20–4:20pm



Thursday 22nd October

Halloween Disco: KS2 3:20–4:20pm: please book and pay via Arbor to secure your child's place.



Please keep an eye on our school calendar, newsletter, and usual communication channels for further dates and any updates throughout the term. We look forward to sharing lots of exciting events and opportunities with you, and we hope to see as many of you as possible!