

Laceby Stanford Primary Academy



Newsletter

May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of another busy and successful half term, I would like to share some important personnel updates with you.

Following a rigorous recruitment process, I am delighted to announce that Mr Joe Middleton has been appointed as Vice Principal at LSPA, starting in September 2026. Mrs Smith, our new Principal, and Mr Middleton are both excited about leading the school forward together with staff, pupils and the community and continuing to make our setting the very best it can be for all pupils and families. I am sure you will join with me in wishing them both every success in their new roles.

We are also very pleased to welcome Ms E. Carver as a new member of our support staff team, working across the school, and Mrs V. Brown, who has joined the administration team as Admin Assistant. (Please see the previous communication from Ms L. Horsfall, Senior Office Manager, for further details.)

Our Facebook page and website continue to showcase the fantastic curriculum opportunities and high standards across school. A particular highlight this term was the Year 4 residential visit to Leeds, which was a tremendous success. Staff from the venue described our pupils' behaviour as "impeccable" — and rightly so. We were incredibly proud of every single one of them and appreciate the staff's support with this enriching and collaborative experience.

Founder's Day was another very special occasion for our school community this half term as we celebrated the rich heritage of our school both in school and at the beautiful St Margaret's Church. Thank you to the Stanford Trust for their support, to Rev Matt for leading the service, to our pupils for their wonderful contributions through singing, poetry, artwork and musical performances, and to all visitors who supported the day in so many ways.

It was particularly meaningful to reflect on how Sarah Stanford established an inclusive school for both boys and girls in the 1700s — values which continue to underpin our caring and inclusive school community today. We remain incredibly proud of a school where pupils and staff support one another, help each other and work together to make positive change. The school flag flew proudly throughout the celebrations!



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We pride ourselves on our open-door approach; recent mentor meetings have been well attended and we actively encourage parents and carers to continue engaging with these opportunities. Alongside this, our friendly office team are always happy to help should you have any questions or concerns. Please do come and speak to us directly — positive communication and partnership working always achieve the best outcomes for everyone.

As always, thank you to parents, carers and members of the wider community for your continued positive support and feedback this term. It is always most valuable when schools, parents and carers work together constructively for the benefit of the children.

With this in mind, please see the attached Parent/Carer Voice feedback summary which reflects our “You Said, We Did” approach. We ensured the survey remained open for double the amount of time an Ofsted inspection would usually last, to give parents and carers every opportunity to contribute their valuable comments and views.

As in previous years, new classes and staffing arrangements for September 2026 will be shared alongside pupil annual reports. We continue to ensure that transition across year groups and key stages is supportive, timely and carefully planned to help pupils prepare confidently for their next steps. We are also looking forward to welcoming our new starters into Early Years in September, with transition visits and meetings already well underway and many exciting activities planned.

An update re term time change consultation - any change would not be for next academic year due to the timescale. We will inform parents/carers of the outcome and any changes once the full process is complete.

Finally, I would like to wish all our families a wonderful half term. We hope you enjoy spending time with friends and family, and we look forward to welcoming our wonderful pupils back to school on 1st June.

With best wishes,
Headteacher

