

Laceby Stanford Primary Academy



Principal Newsletter

23rd October 2026



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Principal – Mrs Smith

What a fantastic first autumn term it has been at Laceby Stanford! Over the past few weeks, our whole school community has truly come together, creating a vibrant, supportive, and enthusiastic atmosphere across every classroom. Thank you all for making this term so special.

On a personal note, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to our parents, carers, staff, and children for making my transition into the role of Principal so smooth and welcoming. Having served as Deputy Principal, moving into this new position has been an absolute joy, and I am deeply grateful for your continued warmth and trust during my first term leading the Laceby Stanford family. Together, we are building on strong foundations, and I am incredibly excited for everything the future holds as we continue to grow and become even greater. We already have some brilliant projects planned for our school and community in the terms ahead.

As part of our RE curriculum, we were delighted to welcome Sunita to Laceby Stanford, who delivered a wonderful Hindu experience for our pupils. The children had a fantastic time immersing themselves in Hindu culture and traditions, learning all about the festival of Diwali. It was an inspiring, hands-on experience that brought their classroom learning to life.

Today, we were also joined by PC David Mickleburgh, who came in to speak with the children about essential safety measures. With many of our families celebrating Halloween over the upcoming break and the darker nights setting in, PC Mickleburgh shared valuable advice on staying safe, stranger danger, and looking out for one another in the community.

We would also like to express our heartfelt gratitude to Mrs Seagroatt, who is moving on to an exciting new role. Over her time at Laceby Stanford, Mrs Seagroatt has worked incredibly hard and dedicated so much skill, energy, and kindness to our school community. I would like to personally thank her for everything she has contributed to our academy, and we wish her the absolute very best in her next chapter.

Thank you all for your continued partnership, energy, and support throughout this half term. I hope you all have a wonderful, relaxing half-term break and a very happy Halloween! We look forward to seeing everyone back refreshed for another fantastic term.

Mrs Clair Smith
Principal

Our Head Pupils exciting ideas!



Mrs Smith recently met with our Head Pupils to discuss their exciting ideas and plans for Laceby Stanford this year. We explored how we could bring their ideas to life by working with local businesses and our wider community.

Some fantastic ideas are already being discussed, including an outdoor library and Stanford's Got Talent. It is wonderful to see our Head Pupils showing such enthusiasm and taking an active role in shaping our school.

We look forward to working together to turn these ideas into reality. Watch this space for further updates!

The Golden Leaf Celebration



It was an absolute pleasure to host our very first Golden Leaf Assembly this week! One pupil from each class was selected to receive a Golden Leaf award for truly embodying our school values—our 5 Cs—and consistently living out what it means to be part of our school community.

Seeing our first group of awarded pupils stand up with such pride was a wonderfully moving moment for all of us. Their dedication to showing fantastic character every single day sets a brilliant example for the entire school.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parents, carers, and family members who joined us to celebrate. Your presence made the occasion extra special for our children, and we look forward to welcoming many more families to future Golden Leaf Assemblies throughout the year!



Community Safety: Safer Schools Partnership

On Friday, we were delighted to welcome PC David Mickleborough from Humberside Police to our school to deliver an important assembly for our pupils. PC Dave works as part of the Safer Schools Partnership, a collaborative initiative dedicated to building strong, supportive relationships between local police officers and school communities. His visit focused on essential seasonal advice, covering Stranger Danger, as well as practical safety tips for Halloween and Bonfire Night.

As the autumn nights grow darker, keeping our children safe is our highest priority. PC Dave reminded pupils about the essential rules of stranger safety—always staying with trusted adults or friends and knowing what to do if they ever feel unsafe. He also shared key advice for staying safe around fireworks and when trick-or-treating in the community.

We are immensely grateful to PC Dave for delivering such an engaging and educational session to our pupils on Friday. This assembly marks the start of a fantastic collaboration between our school and the Humberside Police Safer Schools Partnership. We look forward to working together on future initiatives to promote safety, build positive relationships with local officers, and ensure a secure environment for all our young people.



Supporting every child: Nurturing Growth, Wellbeing and Connection

At Laceby Stanford, supporting every pupil to flourish as an individual sits at the very heart of everything we do. We know that children learn and grow best when they feel safe, understood, and emotionally secure, which is why we are continually expanding the distinct pathways of support available across our school community.

To ensure every child receives the tailored care they need, our wonderful outdoor Tipi has become a vibrant hub for nurture, well-being, and creative development. Through targeted play and music therapy sessions in this calming space, pupils use rhythm, sound, and collaborative play to express their feelings, build self-regulation skills, and form stronger social connections outside the traditional classroom setup.

Alongside therapeutic creative spaces, our support extends to unique hands-on experiences like reading with Spirit, our visiting buddy dog. Sitting with Spirit gives pupils a gentle, non-judgmental companion to read aloud to, boosting their reading confidence and bringing real joy to their learning journey. Whether through guided outdoor play, creative therapy, or standard academic support, we remain deeply committed to offering an inclusive environment where every child feels valued and fully equipped to thrive.



Dates for your Diary...

Date	Event	Time
Friday 23rd October	🍂 End of Half Term	School closes at 3:20pm
Monday 2nd November	📖 INSET Day	School closed
Tuesday 3rd November	🏠 Pupils Return to School	8:45am
Tuesday 3rd November	FS and Y6 Height and Weight	Morning
Tuesday 3rd November	🌱 EYFS Open Evening	4:30–5:45pm
Wednesday 4th November	NELPCF Coffee Morning	All welcome- 0845-0945
Wednesday 11th November	Remembrance Day	
Friday 13th November	Children In Need	Non Uniform Day

Laceby Stanford named a T1 Rugby School!



We are thrilled to announce that Laceby Stanford has been officially selected as a T1 Rugby Focus School by the Rugby Football Union for this academic year. As part of this initiative, our Years 4, 5, and 6 students took part in an action-packed session today with RFU specialist trainer Owen Denovan.

T1 Rugby is England Rugby's new non-contact version of Tag Rugby. It is a safe, fully inclusive format that focuses on developing fundamental movement skills, teamwork, communication, respect, and fair play. Through this partnership, our school has also received a comprehensive Allianz Kick Start equipment pack and lesson resources. This will allow us to expand and enhance both our physical education curriculum and extra-curricular sports clubs throughout the year.

We are incredibly proud of how enthusiastically our Years 4–6 pupils engaged with Owen today, and we look forward to seeing our young athletes continue to build their skills, confidence, and love for team sports.

