



LADY JANE GREY SUMMER NEWSLETTER

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Head Teacher's Message

Dear parents and carers

What an excellent Summer Term and indeed an exceptional academic year it has been. We were delighted with the outcome of our successful Ofsted inspection, which recognised the hard work of our pupils and staff. Joining the Raleigh Education Trust has already brought significant investment to our school, especially in the Key Stage One areas, transforming the grounds for our younger learners. This week, our Year Six children performed a wonderful leavers' play and achieved fantastic results in their end-of-Key Stage Two SATs.

In July we had a very successful sports awards evening once again we paid respects and gave recognition to all the children who have excelled on the sporting field on behalf of the school. In total 44 awards with distributed and recognition of another successful sporting year.

The school at the moment is very buoyant with success and I would like to thank all of the teaching staff and support staff for their continued dedication and supporting your children with their education.

I wish you all a restful, enjoyable summer break.

Staff

We were very pleased for our teachers this year as three of them tied the knot in beautiful weddings.

Miss Chavda became Mrs Evans and Miss Brian became Mrs Brian-Owen. Mr Owen is still Mr Owen. We wish them all a lovely first Summer of their married lives.

We are also sad to say that Joy Watson, our amazing office administrator will be leaving the school at the end of the year. Her dedication to support the school in Covid recovery and transition to the the Raleigh Education Trust. She has been a real support and showed amazing support both professionally and personally to all.



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Year 6 Leavers

A Fond Farewell

We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils as they prepare to move on to the next stage of their journey.

This year group has shown tremendous resilience, especially after the challenges they faced in their early school years due to Covid disruptions.

Despite these difficulties, they have worked hard, grown in confidence, and become fantastic role models for our school.

We couldn't be prouder of the kind, determined young people they have become.

We wish them every success and happiness as they start their new adventures in secondary school and beyond.



Sports Day

We were thrilled to enjoy a fantastic Sports Day under perfect weather – sunny but not too hot!

Mr Ferns, our brilliant PE coach, organised a fun-packed day of races, team games, and cheering. Families and friends turned out in great numbers to support the children, creating a brilliant community atmosphere.

The children showed fantastic energy throughout the day racing hard and supporting each other.

Congratulations to Abbey House for winning both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 events this year!

Thank you to everyone who helped make the day such a success. We're already looking forward to next year and maybe a new winner!





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Sports Awards

On a warm and joyful evening, we gathered to celebrate the incredible sporting achievements of our pupils at this year's School Sports Awards.

With over 40 trophies presented, the event was a true reflection of the dedication, talent, and teamwork shown throughout the year.

These awards represent not only the hard work and determination of our pupils, but also the unwavering support from our committed staff and proud parents.

From netball and football to athletics and swimming, each trophy told a story of effort, progress and pride. Well done to all our fantastic young athletes!



Year 6 Play

This year's Year 6 leavers' play, Let the Games Begin, was a truly unforgettable performance!

The acting was confident, expressive and full of humour, while the singing had the whole audience tapping their feet and joining in with smiles.

The audience was brilliant too — full of encouragement and laughter in all the right places. Every pupil shone on stage and showed just how far they've come.

These fantastic performances will stay long in the memory at Lady Jane Grey Academy. Well done to our talented Year 6 — we are incredibly proud of you all!





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Commando Joes

We were thrilled to welcome parents, local headteachers, and members of the community to our special Commando Joe's Open Day.

Blessed with beautiful weather, the event gave visitors the chance to see our pupils in action as they took on adventurous challenges in teams.

The children demonstrated all the key character traits taught through the programme, including resilience, teamwork, and problem-solving – even when it meant getting a little wet!

It was wonderful to see so many parents cheering the children on and celebrating their achievements.

A huge thank you to our fantastic PTA, who kindly provided refreshments throughout the day. The event truly captured the spirit of adventure and community at Lady Jane Grey Academy.



Marconi Cup

This term, Lady Jane Grey Academy proudly took part in the local schools football competition for the prestigious Marconi Cup.

We were delighted to be represented by both an A and B team. Both teams faced tough opposition, particularly against a strong Kirby Muxloe side, who recently claimed the Leicestershire Rice Bowl title.

A special highlight was seeing several of our girls representing the school team for the first time in years. Their enthusiasm and confidence on the pitch reflected the fantastic progress being made through Mr Ferns' coaching.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the teams, and we look forward to even more footballing success in the future!





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Saffron Lane Athletics

We were proud to take three teams from Years 4, 5, and 6 to the Saffron Lane Area Athletics event this term.

Our pupils gave their all, making it through to several finals with impressive determination and team spirit. The day began with sunshine and excitement, but just as events were wrapping up, a huge downpour sent everyone racing for shelter in the stands!

A special mention goes to Maisie in Year 4, who broke the event record in the long jump – the first ever Lady Jane Grey pupil to achieve this! What an incredible achievement and a wonderful day of sport and celebration for our school.



Badminton

We are thrilled to share the fantastic achievements of our Year 4 and 5 pupils at the recent Leicestershire County Badminton Competition, held at the Leicestershire County Badminton Club. Our teams performed exceptionally well, securing an impressive 4th place in the county!

A special congratulations goes to Rishan Patel and Rahul Gandhi, who went unbeaten through the early rounds and battled hard in the semi-final, only narrowly missing out on a place in the final. Meanwhile, Jasmine Barber and Bobbie Goode showed great determination and skill, winning 4 out of their 5 matches.

Our Year 4 players also shone on the day, gaining valuable experience and showing great promise for next year's competition. Well done to all our players – we're incredibly proud of your teamwork, effort, and sportsmanship!





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Foundation Year 1 Trip

Foundation and Year 1 had a fantastic time on their trip to Stonehurst Family Farm!

The children loved exploring the farm and meeting a wide range of animals, including baby that had only just been born.

A highlight was the tractor tram ride through the village to see the wheat fields, which was so fun! We were able to visit the cuddly corner, where everyone enjoyed holding the adorable rabbits and guinea pigs.

The day ended with lots of fun at the adventure park. It was a brilliant day filled with smiles, laughter, and wonderful memories!



Year 2 Trip

Our Year 2 pupils had a fantastic time on their visit to the Attenborough Arboretum! The children explored a wonderful variety of plants and trees, from graceful weeping willows to towering oak trees.

They took part in a nature-inspired art activity, creating beautiful artwork using recycled leaves, twigs, and branches they collected along the way.

The children represented our school brilliantly, showing curiosity, creativity, and excellent behaviour throughout the day.



It was a fantastic opportunity to learn more about the natural world while having fun. Well done, Year 2. We're very proud of you!





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Year 3 Trip

Children were full of excitement as they stepped into the fascinating world of New Walk Museum.

Their adventure began in Ancient Egypt, where a knowledgeable guide led them through hands-on activities such as weaving clothes, making bread, and dressing up in traditional outfits. They were thrilled to handle real artefacts over 3,000 years old!

The excitement continued as they came face-to-face with towering dinosaur fossils, enormous bones, sparkling rocks, and mysterious minerals.

Enthusiastic museum mentors brought each exhibit to life, sharing fascinating facts and stories. The trip ended with an exploration of Leicester City's rich history. It was a fun-filled, educational day the children will remember for a long time.



Year 4 Trip

This term has also seen the Year 4 pupils enjoy a fantastic residential trip to Whitemoor Lakes, Staffordshire.

The sunny spring weather made it even more special, with clear skies and warm sunshine throughout the three-day adventure.

Children took part in a range of outdoor activities, including climbing, abseiling and the leap of faith. All the children challenged themselves to try something new and were proud of what they achieved.

Evenings were just as enjoyable, with group games and campfires. We also had a party for Mrs Edmonds 60th Birthday, which we kept a secret from her. Staff were incredibly proud of how well the children represented the school.





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Year 5 Trip

Year 5 had a fantastic time on their school trip to Think Tank this term. We loved exploring the many levels and exhibits in the museum, especially the Forces and Friction workshop, where we carried out exciting experiments.

The Science Garden was full of interactive equipment that let us test our science knowledge through play. In the Our World section, we explored a fascinating collection of stuffed animals and skeletons.

Finally, we had fun on the Power Up floor, where we saw a range of old vehicles and learnt about how they worked. It was a brilliant school trip!



School Choir

Our talented Year 5 and 6 choir recently took part in a wonderful massed choir event alongside primary schools from across the county.

The musical extravaganza celebrated Leicestershire's rich cultural heritage through a fantastic range of songs.

A particular highlight was the choir's performance of 'Leicester is the Place for Me' with members of the Windrush Choir - a truly special moment for all involved.

The event ended on a high with a surprise guest appearance from Leicester City Football Club's mascot, Filbert the Fox, delighting everyone in the audience. Well done to our brilliant choir!





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Father's Day

We were delighted to welcome so many dads, grandads, and carers to our Foundation Stage Father's Day event.

The school hall was filled with joy as families took part in a range of shared activities including crafts and games.

It was a wonderful opportunity for children and their special grown-ups to spend quality time together, creating memories that will last a lifetime.

The smiles and laughter throughout the afternoon were a true highlight of the week.

A heartfelt thank you to Mrs Brian-Owen for organising such a special event and to all the families who joined us and helped make it so memorable.



Year 6 v Staff Football

Our annual Year 6 vs Staff Football Match was a thrilling event filled with fun, laughter, and friendly competition!

The staff team, boosted by the return of Mr Heaney (not hiding in hospital this year!) and volunteer Kyle Solanki who put in a strong performance. However, it wasn't enough to stop the talented Year 6 team, who once again claimed victory.

The match was played in great spirit, Mrs Evans made some great saves and has secured her place for next year.

We were sorry to miss Mr Ferns this year and are looking forward to his return.

A huge well done to Year 6 for their impressive teamwork and sportsmanship – the honour stays with the pupils for another year!





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VE Day celebrations

To mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day, our school took part in a day of remembrance and celebration.

Each class engaged in a range of thoughtful and creative activities to help them understand the significance of this historic event.

The day was a valuable opportunity for our pupils to reflect, remember, and honour the past.



Year 6 Church Visit

Our Year 6 pupils recently visited the parish church for a very special transition service, beautifully led by our good friends Reverend Ed and Reverend Paul Ellis.

This reflective occasion gave the children a chance to pause and think about their journey through primary school and look ahead to the exciting new challenges of secondary school.

The service included prayers, blessings, and songs chosen by the children, along with words of encouragement from both ministers.

The church setting created a calm and respectful atmosphere, and we are very grateful for the warm welcome. Thank you to Reverend Ed and Reverend Paul for making the service so memorable.





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Water Safety Talk

This term, Year 1 and Foundation had a special visit from Jo, the real instructor from local swimming school Swim with Jo, for a water safety talk.

The children listened brilliantly as Jo explained how to stay safe around water, whether at the beach, pool, or even near rivers and lakes.

They learned important messages like always swimming with an adult, what different pool flags mean, and how to float on their backs like a starfish if they ever get into trouble.

The session was fun, engaging, and full of useful tips. Well done to all our Year 1s for being such attentive and thoughtful listeners!



Fire Safety Talk

Year 1 and Year 5 were visited by the Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service for important sessions on fire safety and personal responsibility.

The firefighters shared key messages about how to stay safe at home, including not playing with matches, the importance of smoke alarms, and what to do in an emergency.

Year 5 explored more mature topics such as creating a fire escape plan and understanding how personal responsibility plays a role in preventing accidents. Both year groups asked thoughtful questions and listened attentively.

A big thank you to our local firefighters for delivering such a vital and engaging visit!

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Cricket

Our Lady Jane Grey Cricket Team had an impressive run in the recent series of fixtures held at Hinckley Cricket Club, making it all the way to the semi-final against Mercenfeld.

Along the way, the team delivered brilliant performances and most importantly beat all the local village schools.

Lizzie Clark shone with her fantastic batting, scoring confidently in key moments. Evie Mann led the team with excellent leadership skills, and Rahul Gadhia impressed everyone with his accurate and powerful bowling.

The team showed great teamwork and spirit throughout the tournament. A big well done to all involved.



Year 3/4 Girls Football

Our brilliant Year 3/4 girls' football team wrapped up an incredible unbeaten season at The Girls' Summer Fest tournament. The team show came back to school buzzing and wanting to play even more fixtures as soon as possible.

In the tournament they won every game except one hard-fought draw. Amber Beck was on fire up front, scoring multiple goals, while Scarlett Perkins showed her class with confident control and leadership in midfield.

The girls have trained hard all year and their efforts have truly paid off, making the whole school extremely proud. A huge well done to all the players for representing Lady Jane Grey with such enthusiasm and sportsmanship throughout the season.





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Piano Concert

This year's End of Year Piano Concert was a fantastic showcase of talent, with pupils from both Key Stages performing to the school and their families. Children played a wide range of pieces, from classical music by Holst to 80s favourites and even video game themes like Zelda.

The audience was full of smiles and applause, clearly enjoying the quality of performances. Special thanks to Caroline, our brilliant piano teacher, whose hard work and dedication were reflected in every note.

This was perhaps the most impressive concert since Caroline began teaching at Lady Jane Grey Primary. Well done to all of our pianists — we are so proud of your achievements!



Rock Steady Concert

On a warm summer afternoon, the school hall was filled with excitement and music as four bands took to the stage for the much-anticipated Rock Steady Summer Concert.

Pupils from different year groups performed with confidence, showcasing the musical skills they've developed over the year.

Under the expert guidance of Lewis, their dedicated band leader, each group played a selection of well-rehearsed songs to enthusiastic applause from family and friends.

Huge thanks go to Lewis for inspiring and supporting the children all year. We can't wait to see what they'll perform next!





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Outdoor Investments

During the Summer half term work was undertaken to transform the learning areas at Lady Jane Grey.

The programme of work included a full redesign of our outdoor classroom in Foundation Stage and a redesign of the outdoor play areas in the Key Stage 1 playground.

The improvements have been developed in partnership with ESP Playgrounds and the Raleigh Education Trust. This project has been many years in the planning, and thanks to the support of our new trust partnership, it has finally become a reality.

The new climbing frame has been a huge hit with all year groups, encouraging active play and physical development.

Our Foundation Stage pupils are particularly enjoying their beautifully revamped play area, which supports both creativity and movement. We're proud to see our pupils thriving in these exciting new spaces every day!

