

# Lowther

## *We love learning at Lowther*

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Welcome back to a new and exciting half term of learning and opportunity at Lowther

In this first edition we have included our impressive academic results from last year. These are the ones I also presented to parents and children at the Harvest Assembly. Our children do fantastically well because they are taught skilfully by excellent teachers and are supported superbly at home too. We strive for every child to fulfil their potential in every aspect of school life. Please do come and talk to either of us if you'd like to know about the fantastic academic standards we have here.

Of course, the end of this half term is also a particularly special one as we build up to Christmas. We're looking forward to sharing special moments with you and your children at our various Christmas shows and the Christmas Fair. Please do offer to get involved with the Christmas fair in any way you can. The PTA are a fantastic group of parents who are always looking for new volunteers.

Here's to a fabulous half term at Lowther.

*Mark and Alastair*

### Assembly themes this week

We had two assemblies this week (we usually have three) On Friday we celebrated children's success with our weekly certificate awards assembly.

### Diwali

On Wednesday Ms Palmer led an excellent assembly about Diwali and shared the importance of this festival in the Hindu religion. She also shared the story of Rama and Sita with the children. The children engaged beautifully in the assembly.

### Photo of the week



Technically it's not a photograph from this week but we wanted to share a reminder of the brilliant Harvest assembly we enjoyed with you on the final day of last half term. I thought the children were brilliant. Special mention must go to Reception in their first big whole school assembly. They were awesome!

### What's been happening this week?

**Inset :** Teachers and support staff had an excellent day, having training on phonics, supporting behaviour and a session about well being with a health coach.

**Getting back to learning:** We've all been so impressed with how well the children have settled straight back in to the school routine and are already flying with their learning.

### Wonderful News!

We wanted to let you all know of Mrs Hunter's fantastic news. Noah Leonard Hunter joined us at rapid speed at 12:45am on Halloween morning. Hayley reports "He's absolutely perfect and we couldn't be happier."



### Upcoming events and diary dates

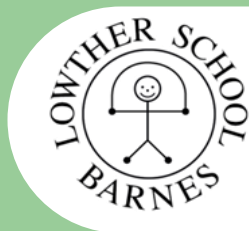
- ⇒ Wc 14th November is **Anti Bullying Week**
- ⇒ Thursday 17th November there is a school **open day** (please tell your friends if they have very young children or are thinking of coming to Lowther) There is another one on Thursday 24th November too.
- ⇒ Friday 25th November is **Takeover Day**—a day where children from Y1 to Y6 can apply to be a teacher and teach their class a lesson.

### Don't forget!

**PE kits** —children **MUST** have a PE kit to take part in school PE lessons. Please ensure your child has one at school ready to use.,

**Snack policy** —we only allow fresh fruit, fresh vegetables, dried fruit, plain breadsticks and plain rice cakes for a break time snack in any of the year groups. EYFS and Key Stage 1 also have fruit provided by the school.

**Club Pick up** —is now at 4:30pm from the area at the front of the school by the large wooden "School" sign.



Over the next two pages you can see Lowther pupil's excellent academic results at various stages across the school. From the last school year. Our children continue to do excellently.

Richmond is a fantastic borough and, as you know, has top notch primaries. Lowther is one of them. Richmond school averages are the highest in the country and we are proud to be part of the family of schools that continue to excel in so many different aspects of school life. Well done children. teachers and parents on working so successfully together to ensure our children perform brilliantly.

## Early Years Foundation Stage Profile

Proportion achieving a good level of development

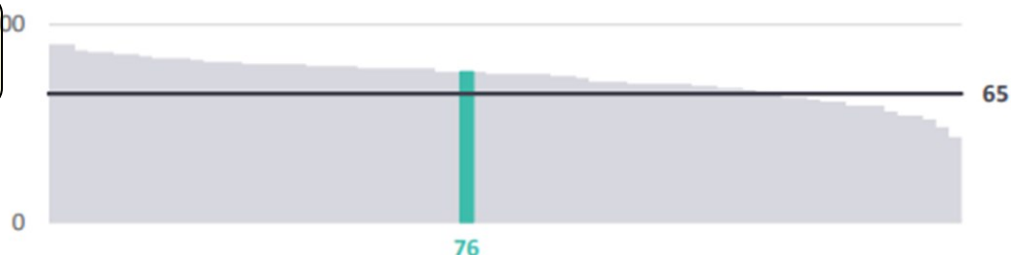
**76%**



National 65%

RBK 72%

LBR 72%



Please note:

National = the national average across the whole of England

RBK = Royal Borough of Kingston average LBR = London Borough of Richmond upon Thames average

## Y1 Phonics Screening Check

Proportion achieving the expected standard

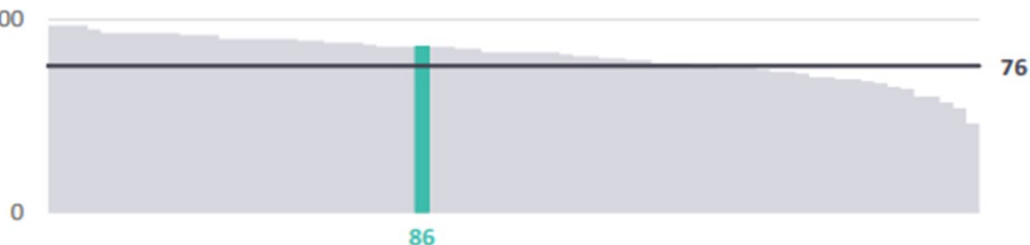
**86%**



National 76%

RBK 79%

LBR 83%



## Key Stage 1

Proportion achieving the expected standard or above in RWM

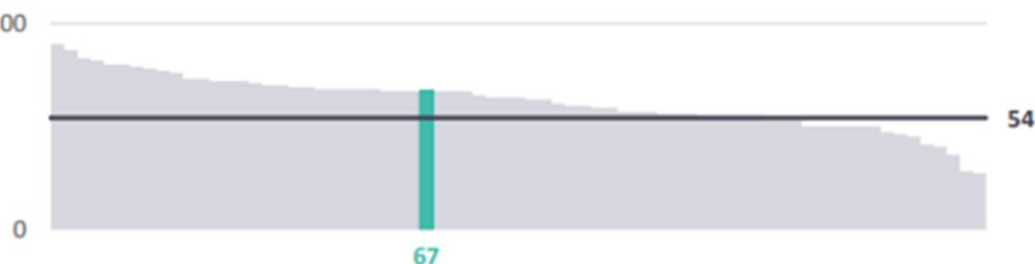
**67%**



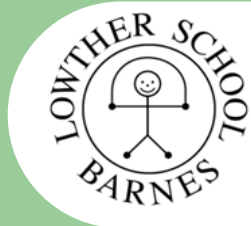
National 54%

RBK 62%

LBR 62%



RWM = Reading, Writing and Maths combined. This means that 67% of our children achieved the expected standard in all 3 core curriculum areas.

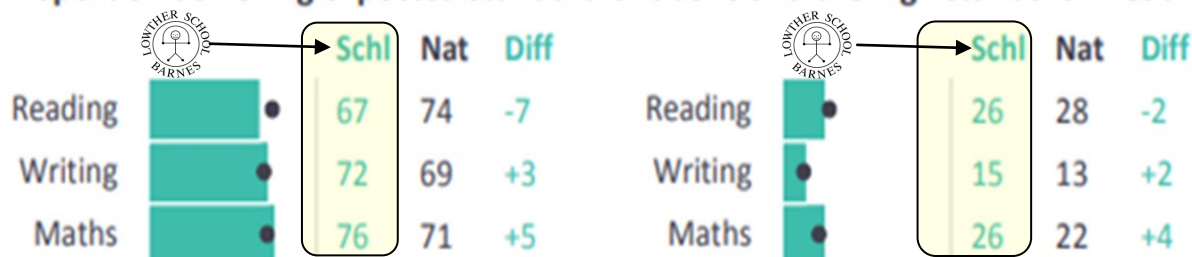


We know lots of tables and charts can sometimes be tricky to work out "what exactly does this mean?" So please do come and talk to Alastair or I and we'll gladly talk you through what these academic results tell us.

It is worth noting that these are only a small part of the amazing learning that goes on at Lowther and do not tell you about so many other important aspects of life here. They do not tell you of the children's social, moral and spiritual growth and personal development. They do not show how they've grown in confidence or the progress in PE or Art they've made or other wider curriculum areas. We strive for all children to make excellent progress in every aspect of life at school alongside making excellent progress in the core curriculum too.

## Year 6 Results

### Proportion achieving expected standard or above and the high standard in each subject



Our Key Stage 2 results were excellent. It is worth noting that this particular cohort had a much higher than average number of pupils with SEN. The results are still first class and, very pleasingly, progress was super, across all the different ability ranges in the cohort.

Reading results were lower this year but we've fully analysed these and have some additional plans we're putting in place this year. I've included previous reading results as historically Reading has been a very strong area of the curriculum at Lowther.

EXPECTED LEVEL	LOWTHER 2019	LOWTHER 2020	LOWTHER 2021	National Average	Richmond Average
Reading	87%	N/A	89%	73%	87%
HIGHER LEVEL	LOWTHER 2019	LOWTHER 2020	LOWTHER 2021	National Average	Richmond Average
Reading	38%	N/A	47%	27%	45%

These graphs below show the excellent progress Lowther children made during their time at primary school

### Value added score in writing

**+1.5**

National

0.0

RBK

+0.2

LBR

+1.7

+1.5

### Value added score in mathematics

**+2.2**

National

0.0

RBK

+1.0

LBR

+2.4

+2.2