



# Lowther

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Hello and welcome!

We're now well in to the last half term of the school year now and there's much to look forward to. We hope your children love their time in their current class before moving on to the year up! We hope families and children are happy that we have managed to put together a plan that allows for each and every child to return to school safely and can have closure to their school year with their own class teacher.

We are delighted to have now put the finishing touches to our teaching team for next year. We have successfully retained all of our amazing teachers from last year and each of them is staying in the year group they taught this year. We can also announce that the release of Mr. Gradidge to teach music across the school will continue. We are delighted as this has been a very successful project this year. A new development this year is that Miss Mason will expand her role working alongside Mrs Bere as our new Inclusion leader. This is a key role across the school and will allow Miss Mason to support the school's plan to deliver superb support and interventions for pupils alongside training for support staff.

Excitingly, we also have many new children joining the school in September as well as all our wonderful new Nursery and Reception children. We look forward to welcoming them to the Lowther School Family.

There will be one more newsletter before the end of term so be sure to look out for that one.

The picture below is our fabulous year 6 pupils showing off their fancy new leavers hoodies. As you can imagine, they were very happy to receive them.



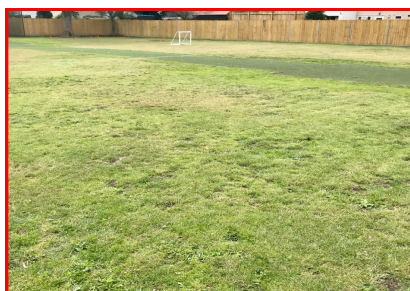
General School news

Whilst we won't be able to do Sports Day this year, Miss Tittle, our Sports leader is planning a virtual mini version. Sports Day was due to happen on Friday 3rd July so we'll be planning to do something a little different then. Do look out for it.

Each year the Library service sets a Summer Reading Challenge. This year is no different. Children aged 4-11 are encouraged to join the Silly Squad for this year's Summer Reading Challenge. This year, children can sign up to the challenge by heading visiting [the Silly Squad website](#) and creating a personal profile. They can set reading goals, keep a record of their reading achievements and view recommendation. Get involved and have some fun taking on the challenge!

It's been so good to have the children begin to return to school. These photos hopefully show just how pleased the children are to be back and how much they're enjoying seeing their friends and learning together.





The school site is looking great! The team has worked really hard to take the opportunity to improve our already fantastic facilities. They've cleaned up the outside hut, cut hedges, grown new grass seeds, given the KS1 outside area a makeover alongside huge amounts of organisation of resources and spaces. We love our school and want everyone to take great care of it. We hope you like the changes!

We are delighted to have now completed our staffing plan for next year, the details of which are below. We have a highly dedicated, enthusiastic and skilled staff team and we'll all be working extremely hard to provide the very best education and school experience for your child.

Included below, for your information, are also the different areas of school life that our teachers lead the school on. We have a superb team of leaders at Lowther too.

Finally, we also have an excellent support staff team and we will be releasing the details of which additional adults are supporting and working with each class later this term in July.

We're always delighted with how both children and their families embrace the excitement of changing classes and having the opportunity to work with new children and staff and to make new friends too. Thanks for your amazing support, encouragement, positivity and enthusiasm for all things Lowther, here's to a totally awesome school year 2020-21. Mr Bracken and I are very much looking forward to working together again next year to continue to support our drive to make Lowther the very best school.

Lowther Teaching Team 2020/2021						
EYFS		Nursery	Reception	Reception		Cover Teachers
		Lucy Murphy	Hannah Hughes	Emma Tittle		Emily Blaxland Achraf Mahi
Key Stage 1	Year 1	Year 1	Year 2	Year 2		SENCO
	Will Gradidge (4 days) Danny Agarwal (1 day)	Liberty Sandeman	Hannah Tucker	Lesley Cox (4 days) Achraf Mahi (1 day)		Emily Bere (3 days)
Lower Key Stage 2	Year 3	Year 3	Year 4	Year 4		Music
	Lila Palmer (4 days) Michelle Barker (1 day)	Fiona Rogan	Abbie Mason (4 days) Achraf Mahi (1 day)	Rachael Newton		Will Gradidge (1 day)
Upper Key Stage 2	Year 5	Year 5	Year 6	Year 6		Inclusion
	Paul Nelson	Jack Picken	Lesley Chalbot	Alastair Ripley		Abbie Mason (1 day)
Lowther Leadership Team 2020/2021						
PHASE LEADERS		SUBJECT LEADERS				
EYFS leader		Maths	PHSE	History		Music
Hannah Hughes		Jack Picken		Lesley Cox		Will Gradidge
Key Stage 1 leader		English	MFL	Geography		Art
Hannah Tucker		Paul Nelson	Achraf Mahi	Lesley Cox		Will Gradidge
Lower Key Stage 2 leader		Science	Computing	Religious Education		Physical Education
Fiona Rogan		Alastair Ripley	Lesley Chalbot	Liberty Sandeman		Emma Tittle
Upper Key Stage 2 leader						Design and Technology
Alastair Ripley						Rachael Newton



Summary of Year Groups attending Lowther						
	Wc 15/6	Wc 22/6	Wc 29/6	Wc 6/7	w/c 13/7	Wc 20/7
<u>Monday</u> Group A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nursery</li> <li>Reception</li> <li>Year 1</li> <li>Year 6</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nursery</li> <li>Reception</li> <li>Year 1</li> <li>Year 2</li> <li>Year 3</li> <li>Year 6</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nursery</li> <li>Reception</li> <li>Year 1</li> <li>Year 2</li> <li>Year 3</li> <li>Year 6</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nursery</li> <li>Reception</li> <li>Year 1</li> <li>Year 4</li> <li>Year 5</li> <li>Year 6</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nursery</li> <li>Reception</li> <li>Year 1</li> <li>Year 4</li> <li>Year 5</li> <li>Year 6</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 6 only</li> </ul>
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<u>Wednesday</u> Key worker only	All key worker year groups only	All key worker year groups only	All key worker year groups only	All key worker year groups only	All key worker year groups only	
<u>Thursday</u> Group B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nursery</li> <li>Reception</li> <li>Year 1</li> <li>Year 6</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nursery</li> <li>Reception</li> <li>Year 1</li> <li>Year 2</li> <li>Year 3</li> <li>Year 6</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nursery</li> <li>Reception</li> <li>Year 1</li> <li>Year 2</li> <li>Year 3</li> <li>Year 6</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nursery</li> <li>Reception</li> <li>Year 1</li> <li>Year 4</li> <li>Year 5</li> <li>Year 6</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nursery</li> <li>Reception</li> <li>Year 1</li> <li>Year 4</li> <li>Year 5</li> <li>Year 6</li> </ul>	
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Here (above) is confirmation of the schedule for the last 4 weeks of term. The schedule is unchanged for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. We are delighted to be able to offer a few days in school to bring their year to a happy and safe close for all the children in Year 2,3, 4 and 5. Thank you all as ever for your fantastic support.						

As you will know we have now released our new mixed classes for 2020/21. Teachers and leaders spend considerable time putting the classes together and consider lots of factors when deciding who is in each class. We believe this has been really positive for our school and created so many additional friendships as well as study partners. Please do get in touch with Mr Bracken or myself if you'd like to know more about our rationale for mixing the classes each year.



Over the years we have had a very successful and positive partnership with Richmond Knights basketball Club. We have made a short-term agreement for the club to use our outside court (as indoor courts are not allowed under current restrictions) The club will have no access to any indoor space at Lowther (including toilets) and we have completed a full and detailed risk assessment (approved by school governors) to ensure this provision is safe for all. Their sessions will run at Lowther after school when no children from Lowther are on the site. We were keen to support a local club and do what we can to get children back playing sports again. A bit of community spirit from all of us at Lowther.



Teachers are currently working on your child's individual end of year report. We hope to be able to send these out to parents week commencing 6th July. The format is largely the same as in previous years but we have added an extra section for the period the children have been learning at home. I take great pleasure in reading about the many successes and great progress each of our children have made.