



LOWTHER SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

We were delighted to welcome the children back at school on Thursday last week. We had a really excellent Inset Day, receiving training on SEND, safeguarding, core curriculum elements and more. However, what we all really wanted was to see our awesome pupils back at school. As you would expect here at Lowther the children have come back on excellent form and we've already seen some really super work from them. We've given out a lot of Bling blings and house points already! We're certain this school year is going to be fantastic, we look forward to supporting your child have an amazing year of learning and discovery.

We're delighted to welcome back the same team of teachers to Lowther for this year, they possess such a great set of skills and experiences. In addition, we're so pleased to welcome Mr Topal back too. Alongside side our fantastic class teachers all of our brilliant support team have returned too. We have a settled, happy and experienced team that are all committed to ensuring your children have a wonderful primary school experience.

As always, feel free to drop as a line at headteacher@lowther.richmond.sch.uk, drop by the office or catch one of us on the gate, one day with any school related matters. Have a super week.

Mark and Alastair

Other news and updates

- **Welcome:** A very special welcome to our 30 new children who are joining Reception class and our best wishes to their families too. We're delighted you've chosen to join the Lowther School Family.
- **Snacks:** Children should only bring **fresh fruit or vegetables, plain breadsticks or rice cakes** for their break time snack (dried fruit is also ok) No other snacks are permitted.
- **PE Kit:** Please send your child into school with their PE kit each Monday and ask them to bring it home every Friday. This means they will have their PE kit available for use all week. Thank you in advance.

Assemblies this week

Space

Our first assembly of the year focused on our amazing planet and the exploration of space. Mr Ripley shared the story of the latest ventures into space and some of the Science behind it.

Attendance

Monday's assembly focused on the importance of good attendance and why we all want children to be at school every day. This is a school priority this year.

Reading/Books

Assembly on Wednesday will focus on books and how we recommend and share our love of a particular book. We'll share some stories too.

Celebrity Shout out!

Mrs Sandeman bumped into none other than Michael Rosen last week and he gave Lowther a little mention! See our Instagram reels for the video.



Have you heard of local Family Hubs?

You can find out more on Tuesday 22nd September as Laurie, the project lead for Family Hubs for Achieving for Children, will be on site. Laurie will be visiting the school from 3pm – 4pm to speak to as many families as possible to get their views on Family Hubs and the services they offer. Please do think about whether you could spare a minute or two to talk to him. There will also be leaflets available to take too.

Our Houses



Willow
4396



Swan
4519



River
4478



Bridge
4410

House Update: It's year two of our house competition. Last year was a fantastic success, with 2 half term victories for Bridge and River and 1 half term win each for Willow and Swan. Our overall winners for the whole year were Swan House who collected an incredible 4,519 house points over the course of the year!

We have more house competitions planned for this year, and the house point collection is already going up. Our Year 6 pupils are in the process of applying to be this year's house captains too. It's going to be another super year of friendly competition between our Houses.

Here are this years term dates. They can also be found on the school website.

Wednesday 2nd September to Friday 18th December 2026

Inset Day – Wednesday 2nd September

Children start – Thursday 3rd September

Children finish – Friday 23rd October

Half Term week – Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October

Inset Day – Monday 2nd November

Children start – Tuesday 3rd November

Children finish – Friday 18th December

Monday 4th January to Thursday 25th March 2027

Inset Day – Monday 4th January

Children start – Tuesday 5th January

Children finish – Friday 12th February

Half Term week – Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February

Children start – Monday 22nd February

Children finish – Thursday 25th March

Monday 12th April to Thursday 22nd July 2027

Children start – Monday 12th April

Bank Holiday – Monday 3rd May

Children finish – Friday 28th May

Half Term week – Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June

Children start – Monday 7th June

Inset Day – Friday 18th June

Children finish – Thursday 22nd July

Please see details below of the music tuition offered in school by the excellent Richmond Music Trust.



MUSIC TUITION

RMT instrumental lessons are available at your school!

Lessons take place weekly, during term time with experienced RMT tutors.

Instruments include:

- Guitar
- Piano
- Flute (as part of our Wider Opportunities scheme for Year 4)

Other instruments are available after school and on Saturdays at our centres in Twickenham.

APPLY NOW

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FEES AND SUPPORT

Beginner lessons are offered in groups of 3-4 children for 30 minutes a week (or 20 min pairs for piano). If your child has previous experience individual lessons may be recommended. Please note some instruments may have existing waiting lists.

Photographs of the week



Community Chicken Effort!

We are delighted to share the photographs of our wonderful new home for our chickens! What a lovely set up they have!

Huge thanks to a wide range of people from our community including staff, parents, former parents and pupils all of whom gave up their time and energy to set this up over the holidays.

We love having our chickens here at Lowther!



Safeguarding

It is everyone's responsibility at school to look after the children to the very highest standards and to keep everyone safe.

This year Mr Ripley and Mrs Sandeman continue to be the school's safeguarding leads. Their details are below. Please contact them directly if you have any safeguarding concerns or would like to discuss any aspect of pupil safety.

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