

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of another academic year, I wanted to take this opportunity to share some highlights from this year, as well as key information for September 2025.

Curriculum

Our curriculum is constantly evolving to suit the interests and needs of our children. One of the actions from our Ofsted visit last year was to refine the precise knowledge in the curriculum and ensuring that we leave nothing to chance. Our Subject Leads have worked tirelessly this year, updating and refining their curriculum subjects. We have also been fortunate to have specialist teachers in subjects this year to really strengthen the teaching across the school, and ensure that all of our teachers are equipped with the most up-to-date training to deliver our curriculum.

Statutory Assessments

We are incredibly proud of the progress that all of our pupils have made this year, but I do have to mention year groups that have undertaken statutory assessments. Our Reception class achieved 86% GLD (Good Level of Development) and are definitely ready to take that step into KS1. Our Y1 class achieved 89% in the Phonics Screening Check, having worked incredibly hard this year to learn their sounds and apply them in their reading. Our Y4 class took part in the Multiplication Check where they have to answer 25 times tables questions and only have 6 seconds to answer each one. 62% achieved a score of 25/25 and 86% achieved a score higher than 20, which is phenomenal! Finally, our Y6 class achieved the best KS2 results we have ever had: 91% expected in reading, 76% expected in writing and 79% expected in maths. We are so proud of all of the children at Lace Hill for working so hard to achieve the best possible outcomes.

Year 6

Our Year 6 class have had a very busy final term. They have taken part in lots of sporting events, including the RLS Y6 Sports day, Y5/6 girls cricket and our own sports day. Last week, they put on an excellent performance of Peter Pan for the whole school and then for their parents. They worked so hard to learn their lines, stage directions, scene changes, songs and solos. It truly was a fantastic performance. They also enjoyed their leavers party, organised by our PTA. It was a lovely evening of bouncy castles, food, celebrations and a water fight. On their last day they shared memories in assembly, had a surprise treat of pizza for lunch and have signed shirts. We wish them all the best at their secondary schools and for the future.

Staffing

I hope you can all join me in wishing Mr West, Miss K. Cheshire and Miss C. Cheshire the very best in their next adventure as they leave us for pastures new. I would like to thank them for their hard work and dedication to Lace Hill.

I would like to welcome back Mrs Fanning following on from her maternity leave. She has been in this week but will be officially back with us in September. I am also delighted to share with you all that Mrs Brewer is pregnant! We are very excited for Mrs Brewer and her family and I hope you will all join me in congratulating her on this wonderful news. She will be with us for some of the Autumn term before going on maternity leave.

Start and End of the school day

From September, the gate will be open from 8.30-8.50am. We expect all children to enter the school via the classroom doors. When interventions begin (further communication will be sent out about this in the Autumn term), children will need to go round via the gate for these and enter through their classroom door. At the end of the school day, the gate opens at 3.10pm. We do expect children to be collected promptly at 3.15pm and no later than 3.25pm.

Uniform and PE days

Moving forward to the next academic year, I would so appreciate your ongoing support with uniform. Please refer to our website (<https://www.lacehillacademy.co.uk/uniform>) for details. I would like to emphasise that long hair should be tied up and all hair should be of a modest style and colour. Also, children must not be in trainers or socks that are not in line with our school uniform please. Reception children still need to bring in their PE kits to support with learning independent dressing skills but Y1-Y6 need to come in in their PE kit on their PE days.

YR PE days: Mondays and Wednesdays

Y1 PE days: Tuesdays and Thursdays

Y2 PE days: Wednesdays and Fridays

Y3 PE days: Wednesdays and Fridays

Y4 PE days: Mondays (swimming), Tuesdays and Thursdays

Y5 PE days: Mondays and Thursdays

Y6 PE days: Mondays and Tuesdays

Head Lice

I would like to ask for your support in helping us tackle a recurring issue in school: head lice. Unfortunately, we have noticed that some children are coming into school with live head lice, which can quickly spread to others.

With the summer holidays just around the corner, this is the perfect time for a 'head lice reset'. We kindly ask that all families take the opportunity over the break to check their children's hair regularly and treat any cases thoroughly before the new term begins. This will give us the best possible start to the new school year and help minimise the disruption and discomfort caused by head lice.

A few reminders:

- Regular checks (at least once a week) can help catch and treat lice early.
- Treatments are widely available from pharmacies and should be repeated as advised.
- Tying back long hair can help reduce the spread.

We really appreciate your vigilance and support in keeping all children as happy, healthy, and comfortable as possible.

Diary Dates

As always, we will start the year with a busy and exciting calendar. Please see below for the dates for the first half term. You will also be sent a calendar for the year and term. This information will be uploaded to our website for your reference, under our calendar tab.

Dates	Events
4th September	Current Nursery, Y1-6 start back at school New Nursery and Reception stay and play sessions (please see previous communications)
5th September	New Nursery and Reception stay and play sessions (please see previous communications)
8th September	New Nursery and Reception start full time
Every Monday afternoon from 8th September to 15th December	Year 4 swimming
9th September	Practice Transfer Test
11th September	Transfer Test
10th October	Transfer Test results
15th October	Parents Evening
16th October	Parents Evening
17th October	Y5 Black History assembly
23rd October	Last day of half term



I cannot write this letter without thanking the wonderful staff at Lace Hill for their incredible dedication and hard work. This school continues to go from strength to strength thanks to them and their relentless commitment to the children. Also, I would like to thank our Local Governing Body for their support and being such a vital part of our team. Our PTA can also not go unmentioned for everything they have done this year for our school, including a hugely successful summer event.

Finally, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to all our parents and carers for your unwavering support throughout this academic year. Your support and involvement have been invaluable in creating a positive and nurturing learning environment for our children. I am incredibly proud of our school community and the achievements we are accomplishing together.

On behalf of the staff, I wish you all a restful, enjoyable, and safe summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming our Y1-6 pupils back on Thursday 4th September at 8:45am, and our EYFS pupils on Monday 8th September, ready for another year of growth and success.

Miss Biltcliffe