



Lostock Gralam Church of England Primary School

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Date: Thursday 16th November 2023

Children are at the heart of everything we do and Christ is the light that guides us.

John 8:12

Weekly Message

The Christmas tree is up and the so is the stage, we are ready for an early Lostock Christmas! There is singing all around school and we can't wait to welcome you for the start of our Christmas celebrations next week.

Basketball Success Match report by Jake and Erica



This week our Year 6 team won a very hard basketball tournament. We tied 2-2 in the first game and won 7-1 on the second game. We played Witton Church Walk A and B teams and came out as overall winners. We would like to say a big thank you to Mr. A for helping us with all the practice.

Lostock Gralam Christmas What's On Guide for Parents!

20th – 24th November
Donate jumpers

27th – 30th November
Christmas jumper sale



The PTA Christmas jumper donation box will be on the playground each morning and afternoon this week. The PTA will be holding a pre-loved Christmas jumper sale from 28th November, where, for a small donation you can select a new Christmas jumper for yourself or your children!

24th November

Lostock Christmas Light Switch On

Please join the choir while they help light up Lostock for Christmas!

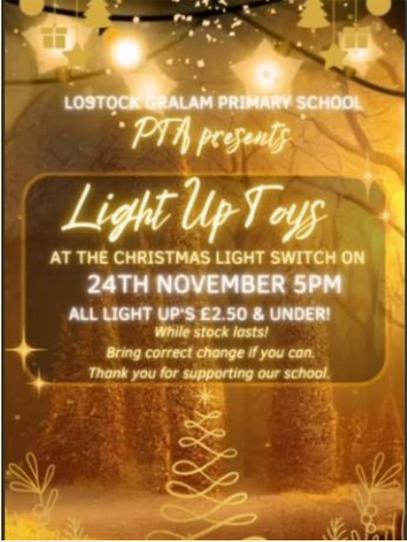
Everyone is welcome to join us by the tree on Manchester Road in Lostock!



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	<p>The PTA will be selling light ups so everyone can enjoy the fun; switch on is 5pm!</p> 
<p>28th November 9:30am & 2pm and 29th November 2pm</p>	<p>Christmas Play for Owls, Starlings and Swallows 9:30 am and 2pm in the school hall on Tuesday 28th November 2pm in the school hall on Wednesday 29th November Children and siblings to go home after the afternoon play if you would like them! The PTA will be selling raffle tickets for the chance to win a festive hamper!</p>
<p>1st December</p>	<p>Christmas Jumper Day and Elf Run for St Luke's Hospice! Please wear your Christmas jumper and we will raise as much money as we can for St Luke's Hospice. All children will get the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An elf hat and sticker for each child to wear during the race and to keep afterwards • An 'Elfie' frame for each school – we want to see lots of 'Elfie selfies' • A pot of porridge for each child as Elves work very hard and need a healthy breakfast! • Certificate to display following the event <p>Festive Sweetie Tuck Shop run by the PTA after school on this day also!</p>
<p>6th December 1:30pm & 5pm and 7th December 5pm</p>	<p>Key Stage 2 Play Children back at 4:30 pm please. The PTA will be selling raffle tickets for the chance to win a festive hamper!</p>
<p>8th December</p>	<p>Christingle Every child to make a Christingle at school. Parents invited to take part in a church service during the afternoon. Reception & KS1 – 1pm in Church.</p>



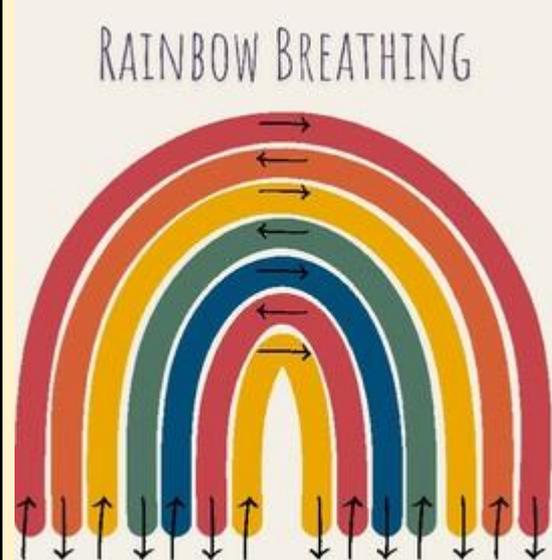
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	KS2 – 2pm in Church.
12 th December	Non uniform day for the Christmas Fair donations: Reception and KS1 – chocolate treats please! KS2 – bottles of something lovely please!
13 th December	Whole school trip to the Pantomime – please make sure you are in school at 8:30am as we will be leaving promptly at 9am. Christmas Fair 3:15 – 5pm Choir to sing! Please come and join us! Party Lunch to be sausage roll and chips today! Please can you pay £2.68 on the school gateway.
14 th December	School Christmas lunch if you would like it, please. Please can you pay £2.68 on the school gateway! Please join us for Christmas Carols on the playground at 2:45pm. PTA stall on the playground today
16 th December	School to finish at 1pm. Party lunch for children – burger and chips! Please can you pay £2.68 on the school gateway. No Fun Foxes today.

Something Lovely from Miss Dalby – 23rd November



Place your finger at the bottom of the first arch, take a deep breath in as you move your finger up to the halfway arrow then exhale out, continue this until you feel yourself become calm and grounded.



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Children in Need – Friday 17th November

Thank you so much for being so generous and helping us raise £158.32.

<https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

Clothes Donation

We would really appreciate donations of outgrown socks, tights and jogging bottoms for children aged 3-8. Please bring them to Miss Dalby (Reception Classroom) - thank you in advance!

Very Green Grocery Northwich (formally the Cheshire Food Hub)

Click [here](#) to follow on Facebook – it really is worth it as they offer an incredible service!

Online Safety

To help keep your children as safe as possible online, please click [here](#) to access an interactive guide. It gives you practical instructions on how to set parental controls on the most common devices children use.



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Diary Dates

This will be added to each week!

24th November	Choir singing at Lostock Christmas light Switch on
28th November	KS1 Christmas play – 9:30am and 2pm
29th November	KS1 Christmas Play – 2pm
1st December	Christmas jumper day for St Luke's and Elf run
6th December	KS2 play – 1:30pm and 5pm. Children to return to school at 4:30pm.
7th December	KS2 play – 5pm. Children to return to school at 4:30pm.
8th December	Christingle
12th December	PTA non uniform day for a donation for Xmas Fair. KS1 children to bring in chocolate gifts and KS2 children to bring in bottles for prizes.
13th December	Panto & PTA Christmas Fair - Party lunch – sausage roll and chips!
14th December	Christmas Lunch Christmas Carol Concert. Parents to join us on the playground for carols at 2:45pm.
15th December	Party lunch (Burger and chips!) and school finishes at 1 pm – No Fun Foxes
10th January 2024	Toucans trip to the Imperial War Museum
30th January 2024	Film Night
17th January 2024	Goldfinches trip to Chester Grosvenor Museum
14th February 2024	School Disco
12th March 2024	Swallows Trip to Fox Howl Centre, Delamere
8th May 2024	Skylarks Trip to Tatton Park
3-5th June 2024	Toucans Residential Petty Pool Centre
13th July 2024	Summer Fair



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Worship

Thank you to the parents who joined in with Vicar Andrew's worship in church, it is really special to welcome you into our class worships.

We have spent time in class worships this week exploring personal prayer. The children and staff have spent time exploring the different reasons to talk/pray to God. We have also focused on the importance of being still and having time in our busy day to simply stop, reflect and share our thoughts with God.

Year Three quote "I like to share something that has made me smile with God."

Year Six quote "I enjoy being quiet with God, asking for his help and sharing my worries with him."

Reception quote "I say thank you for my friends and animals."

Sunflower Award Children

Owls (Reception)	Iona	Iona, you have shown such courage and hope after being poorly, you have let your light shine and should be very proud of yourself!
Starlings (Y1)	Isabella	For being a wonderful example to others, showing respect to everyone and having the courage to take on new challenges!
Swallows (Y2)	Evelyn	For showing friendship, courage and always having a beautiful smile.
Robins (Y3)	Olivia	For showing wisdom and perseverance to edit and improve her writing to create wonderful descriptions.
Goldfinches (Y4)	Anya	For showing perseverance to let her light shine brightly and for showing lovely pride in her achievements. Keep shining Anya!
Skylarks (Y5)	Jacob C	For being a wonderful ambassador for Lostock on our school trip by showing respect and great wisdom about the Lion Salt Works. Well done!
Toucans (Y6)	Jake	For showing perseverance and determination in tackling a very tricky maths problem.

'Top Table' children for wonderful manners at lunchtime

Owls (Reception)	Freya and Mia
Starlings (Y1)	Edie and Penny
Swallows (Y2)	Brayden and James
Robins (Y3)	Peggy and Alice
Goldfinches (Y4)	Luci and Millie
Skylarks (Y5)	Bella and Molly

Before & After school clubs – Autumn Term

Name	Day/Time	Key Stage
Dodgeball	Monday 8-9am	Years 1-6
Girls Football	Monday 3.15-4.15pm	KS2
Hockey/Basketball	Wednesday 8-9am	Years 1-6
Football	Wednesday 3.15-4.15pm	Years 1,2,3
Athletics/Benchball	Friday 8-9am	Years 1-6
Football	Friday 3.15-4.15pm	Years 4,5,6



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Toucans (Y6)	Gabriel and Charlie		
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Happy Birthday!

To Savannah in Owls and John in Robins and a very special Happy Birthday to Mr Beswick – we hope you have the wonderful birthday you deserve!

Lunch Menu – Week 3

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Homemade sausage roll served with mashed potato & baked beans	Tomato & mascarpone cheese pasta served with garlic & herb bread and seasonal vegetables	Cottage Pie served with seasonal vegetables	Chicken korma served with Rice, Naan Bread & Seasonal Vegetables	Breaded Mozzarella sticks with chips beans or peas
Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings Served with a Side Salad	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings Served with a Side Salad	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings Served with a Side Salad	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings Served with a Side Salad	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings Served with a Side Salad
Deli Choice of Breads with a filling choice of ham, cheese or tuna Served with a Side Salad	Deli Choice of Breads with a filling choice of cheese, ham or tuna Served with a Side Salad	Deli Choice of Breads with a filling choice of ham, cheese or tuna Served with a Side Salad	Deli Choice of Breads with a filling choice of ham, cheese or tuna Served with a Side Salad	Deli Choice of Breads with a filling choice of cheese or tuna Served with a Side Salad
Fruit and Ice-cream	Chocolate Crispy Cake	Apple & Grape Pot	Fruit Jelly	Vanilla biscuit

TERM DATES September 2023/August 2024



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	Date of Closing	Date of Re-Opening
Christmas 2023/2024	Friday 15 th December school finishes at 1 pm – No Fun Foxes	Tuesday 2nd January
Spring Half-Term 2024	Friday 16 th February	Monday 26th February
Spring Break 2024	Wednesday 27 th March	Monday 15 th April
May Day Weekend 2024	Friday 3 rd May	Tuesday 7th May
Summer Half-Term 2024	Friday 24th May	Monday 3 rd June
Summer break 2024	Friday 19 th July school finishes at 1 pm – No Fun Foxes	Monday 2 nd September

INSET DAYS (Teacher Training) – 5 in total for 2023/24

Thursday 28th March 2024

Monday 22nd July 2024

Tuesday 23rd July 2024

Wednesday 24 July 2024

TERM DATES 2024 – 2025

Holidays	Date of Closing	Date of Re-Opening
Summer break 2024	Friday 19 th July school finishes at 1pm – No Fun Foxes	Tuesday 3 rd September
Autumn Half-Term 2024	Friday 25 th October	Monday 4 th November
Christmas 2024/2025	Friday 20 th December school finishes at 1pm - No Fun Foxes	Monday 6 th January
Spring Half-Term 2025	Friday 14 th February	Tuesday 25 th February
Spring Break 2025	Friday 4 th April	Wednesday 23 rd April
May Day Weekend 2025	Friday 3 rd May	Tuesday 7 th May
Summer Half-Term 2025	Friday 23 rd May	Monday 2 nd June



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Summer Break 2025	Friday 18 th July school finishes at 1pm - No Fun Foxes	Monday 1 st September
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INSET DAYS (Teacher Training) – 5 in total for 2024/25

Monday 2nd September 2024

Monday 24th February 2025

Monday 21st July 2025

Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Wednesday 23rd July 2025

HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

Pupils are discouraged from taking holidays in term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. It is very rare that any holiday would be authorised. Good attendance is key to pupils making good progress and taking time out to go on holiday can significantly hamper progress. Where a holiday is unauthorised the LA is informed. A Fixed Penalty Notice will then be issued in accordance with section 444 of the Education Act 1996. The current rates payable by parents are £60 where the amount is paid within 21 days and £120 where the amount is paid within 28 days. The charge is per parent/carer per child. If the Fixed Penalty Notice remains unpaid this could lead to prosecution in the Magistrate's Court.

For the DfE statutory guidance on school attendance please click on the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence>

Attendance

Attendance is crucial for all children in order that they will achieve and is monitored closely by school. We are always happy to help any families who are struggling for any reason. Emily Leather our family support worker is in school Monday, Tuesday and Friday and is always keen to help.

“Central to raising standards in education and ensuring all pupils can fulfil their potential is an assumption so widely understood that it is insufficiently stated – pupils need to attend school regularly to benefit from their education. Missing out on lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind. Children with poor attendance tend to achieve less in both primary and secondary school.” School Attendance DfE May 2022

If your child is ever unwell, please do let us know the reason for the absence by 8:45am on 01606 668270 (a message can be left on the school answer phone).