

Follow us:



@leen\_mills



Attendance



Website:

<https://www.leenmillsprimary.co.uk>

**Leen Mills Primary School**

**This week: 97%**

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you had a wonderful, albeit short, Christmas holiday.

I would like to say thank you to those of you who have reached out to school to offer their support and kind words after the letter we sent out on Wednesday. The last few days have been tricky to navigate as we try to quell any hurtful and simply untrue rumours about some of our families and the school itself. Putting out a letter was a tough decision as we did not want to worry you all, but we did not want this rumour spreading any further than it already has. Please be reassured that the alleged event simply did not happen. If you have any questions, then please speak with me or Miss Owen.

## Curious, Creative, Confident

### Young Voices



Our Curious, Creative, Confident shout out goes to our year 5 and 6 pupils who attended the Young Voices Concert on Monday evening. The children were amazing and did the school proud. A big thank you to Mrs Barlow and Mrs Flint for all their hard work arranging everything and also to Mrs Holmes and Mrs Murden for helping on the day. What an amazing experience for our pupils!

### Arrival at school



School doors open at 8:40am for an 8:45am start, we have had lots of children arriving after this. Whilst we understand that sometimes things happen beyond your control, there are groups of children that are arriving persistently late.

Can I also remind you that the playground is not supervised by staff in the morning and you have responsibility for your children before 8:40am. Again, we have a small group of children who are arriving as early as 8:20am on the playground who are using the trim trails and playing football unsupervised by an adult.

## School Dinner Taster Day

On **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January** we are encouraging children to try a school dinner if they have not done so before or they would like to try again.

The menu for that day is:

Roast gammon with Yorkshire pudding or mashed potato

Or

Fresh bread roll with hot roast gammon, cheese, ham or tuna mayo with roast potatoes and carrot sticks.

Butterscotch tart for dessert

Please remember that **all** pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school dinner each day regardless of your family's financial circumstances.

If you would like to book a dinner for this day please book via parent pay or let the school office know.



## Absences



All absences from school must be reported to the school office. Messages via dojo are not always picked up by teachers in the morning due to the busy nature of the school day. If the main phone line is not answered there is the option to leave an answer phone message.

I would also like to state that teachers do not have the authority to authorise any absences, there are guidelines as to what can and cannot be classed as an authorised absence (there are very few) and it is myself who has the final say. All requests for a leave of absence must be received by the office. Teachers should not be asked if an absence can be authorised as this puts them in a very difficult position.

## Changes to the attendance Policy



You would have received an email on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January outlining the changes to the attendance policy that will come into effect in September 2024. A copy of the letter can be found here on the website <https://www.leenmillsprimary.co.uk/key-information/attendance/>.

If you have any questions please contact Mrs Campsall (Attendance Officer) on a Thursday via the school office.

Term time holidays are responsible for a large percentage of our absences – whilst we understand that the price of holidays are high during the school holidays, it is not a valid reason to be absent from school.

## Year 6 SATs

SATs week for Year 6 is the week starting Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024, the children in Year 6 will need to be in school each day.

The Year 6 team will send out more information in the next few weeks.



# Diary Dates

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
<b>Monday</b> <b>3.15 – 4.15pm</b>	<b>Football Club – Year 3 &amp; 4</b> Limited places – booking via Mr Charlesworth (Starts 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan)
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>3.15 – 4.15pm</b>	<b>Jelly Fitness After School Club for KS1 (Year 1 &amp; 2)</b> Weekly for the whole half term – booking though the school office
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>3.15 – 4.00pm</b>	<b>Crafty Club for Year 6 – weekly</b> Limited places available – booking through the school office
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>3.15 – 4.00pm</b>	<b>Crafty Club for Year 1 – weekly</b> Limited places available – booking through the school office
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>3.15 – 4.15pm</b>	<b>Tag Rugby – Year 5 &amp; 6</b> Limited Places – booking via Mr Charlesworth (Starts 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Swimming for Year 4's – every Friday</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b> <b>8.40am</b>	<b>School Opens for all children</b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>	<b>Young Voices Choir - Sheffield</b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b> <b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Open Event for September 2024 New Starters</b>
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>	<b>Year 6 Residential to Willersley Castle</b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> February 2024</b>	<b>Year 3 &amp; 4 Visit to Southwell Minster</b>
<b>12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024</b>	<b>Half Term</b> <b>Jelly Fitness Sports Camp Available 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> Feb</b> <b>– Booking Via Jelly Fitness</b>
<b>19<sup>th</sup> February 2024</b>	<b>Grandpa Wheels – Author Visit to School</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b>	<b>Class Visits to Hucknall Library</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b>	<b>Book Fayre in the Conservatory</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b>	<b>World Book Day</b>
<b>25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b>	<b>Year 5 PGL Residential</b>

<b>Inset Days 2023-2024</b>	<b>School Holidays 2023 – 2024</b>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	October Half Term: 23 <sup>rd</sup> October – 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2023
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Christmas Holiday : 25 <sup>th</sup> December 2022 – 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2024
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	<b>February Half Term: 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024</b>
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Easter Holidays: 29 <sup>th</sup> March – 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Whitsun Half Term: 27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2024
	Summer Holiday: 29 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 -