



# Lordship Lane Primary Newsletter 7

Friday 7th March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable half-term break. As we step into the second half of the spring term, we are looking forward to an exciting and productive few weeks ahead. There is a real buzz around the school, with so much happening both inside and outside the classroom, and we can't wait to see our children continue to thrive and achieve great things.

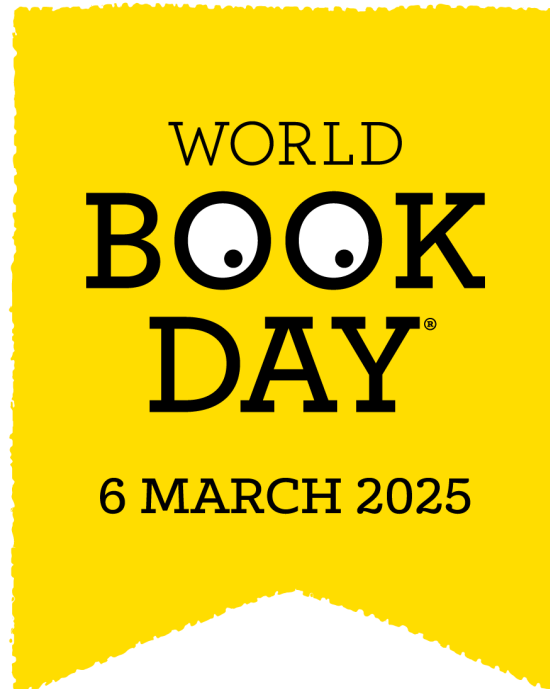
This term, we have a fantastic range of opportunities lined up for our pupils, from enriching learning experiences in the classroom to special events that will inspire and motivate them. Our **'Our World, Our Future'** guest speaker series continues, bringing professionals from different fields to spark curiosity and ambition among our students. We are also looking forward to more live music performances as part of our **'Our World, Our Sound'** series cultural capital focus, ensuring our children experience the joy and inspiration of the arts.

As always, we truly value your support in making Lordship Lane a wonderful place for children to learn and grow. Let's keep working together to ensure the rest of this term is filled with success, creativity, and memorable moments for all our pupils.

Mr Patterson

Headteacher

## World Book Day



We love to read and so there is no better event than World Book Day. Every year, this celebration of books and stories gets larger and larger at Lordship Lane Primary School.

We kicked off the day with the BIG READ. A BIG thank you to everyone who attended our BIG READ and spent time with the children celebrating the wonderful world of stories.

Throughout the day, we had many different events for the children.

We had a *treasure hunt* in which the children had to solve riddles to compete with the other classes.

*Drop Everything and Read* is when the bell rings and children have to stop their school work, grab a book and start reading. You never know when the reading bell might ring!

*Masked Reader* is popular every year and is a video of teachers reading and children have to identify which teacher it is... but the teacher's faces have been disguised!

And of course it wouldn't be World Book Day without the *Teacher Marathon*! Our wonderful teachers run from class to class spending 5 minutes with the children reading them some of their favourite books.





















## Book Fair

Our Book Fair is an annual event. It gives everyone in the school community a chance to buy the latest publications and engage in reading for pleasure. It will be open Tuesday 11th March - Thursday 13th March, 3.20 pm to 4.30 pm each day in the Key Stage 2 Hall.

There are a variety of ways in which you can pay (see the last page of the brochure attached) : -

- You can use a link at the back of the brochure and order beforehand
- Order coupons to be used at the Fair
- Scan the QR code while visiting the Fair.
- Wish List . If you can't attend, your child can visit the Fair and write down what they would like. You pay online and they can collect the books in school when notified.
- Your child will be able to use their World Book Day token to get £1 off any book at the Fair.
- Cash is also accepted

As an added bonus, a percentage of the money made will go towards the school being able to buy more books for the children to read. The more money we make the bigger the percentage given. Please take time to visit the Book Fair and encourage your child to read for pleasure. At the same time, you would be helping to school to raise funds to purchase more books.



## Birthday Book donations

It has been wonderful to see so many children embracing our new birthday book donation tradition! Instead of bringing in sweets or treats, pupils have been donating books to our school library in celebration of their special day. This fantastic initiative not only fosters a love of reading but also leaves a lasting gift for the whole school to enjoy.

To help guide parents in choosing a book, we encourage you to explore the Top 100 Reads for each year group. These lists are full of engaging and exciting books that children will love:

 **Nursery** – [Top 100 Reads](#)

 **Reception** – [Top 100 Reads](#)

 **Year 1** – [Top 100 Reads](#)

 **Year 2** – [Top 100 Reads](#)

 **Year 3** – [Top 100 Reads](#)

 **Year 4** – [Top 100 Reads](#)

 **Year 5** – [Top 100 Reads](#)

 **Year 6** – [Top 100 Reads](#)

Thank you for **supporting** this initiative and helping to make our class libraries even better!



## PSA News



### News from the PSA

With wonderful outfits and fancy dancing, fun times were had at the PSA discos on 7th February! We also found loving homes for a large number of cuddly toys. You helped us raise more than **£625** for the school at this event, so, a big **thank you** to you for your support. We are grateful too for generous donations from our local Polish deli, Ziarenka, and from Lordship Lane Tesco.

The next PSA event is our **Mother's Day Shop**, which will take place during school on **28th March**. Children will be able to bring in their pocket money and buy a special something to show some love for the mother figure/s in their lives.

The PSA held its annual general meeting on February 5th. We re-elected our committee and discussed our plans to invest lots of money this year in improving the school's playground environment and equipment. We are always keen to expand the PSA team, so if you have some great ideas and a little time to spare, please get in touch or find us for a face-to-face chat at the gates.

PSA date for the diary: May 9th - Film Night








## SATs Coffee Morning

 **Thursday 20th March**

 **8:55am**

 **Lordship Lane Primary School**

We would like to invite all **Year 6 parents and carers** to our **SATs Coffee Morning**, where we will be sharing important information about this year's SATs and how you can best support your child in the lead-up to these assessments.

During the session, we will:

Provide a **timetable** of when the SATs will take place

Go through the **structure and focus areas** of each paper

Look at **sample questions** to understand what's expected

Share **tips and ideas** on how to prepare effectively at home

This is a fantastic opportunity to ask any questions and gain insight into how we are supporting your child at school. We hope to see as many of you there as possible—**tea, coffee, and biscuits will be provided!** ☕ 🍪

Let's work together to help our Year 6 pupils feel confident and prepared for their SATs!

## Our World Our Future: Key Stage 1

This week, our EYFS and KS1 children were visited by the incredibly successful Jeanne Willis. Jeanne has been writing children's books for a long, long time and we were very fortunate that she could come into school to talk about two of her books: *Soft and Sticky* and *Tadpole's Promise*. Jeanne has worked with world renowned illustrators and had her books published across the world.

Jeanne told us about her inspirations for writing the stories and used props to help her tell the stories.

Children loved hearing about the crazy characters of *Soft and Sticky* and were shocked by the dramatic ending in *Tadpole's Promise*.

Please click on the link to purchase your very own copy of *Soft and Sticky* and come to the office to collect: [click here](#)



**OUR WORLD OUR FUTURE**  
OUR WORLD TODAY. THEIR WORLD TOMORROW

LEARN FROM INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS WITH REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE



We welcome Jeanne Willis to Lordship Lane, an author

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Time: 14:00

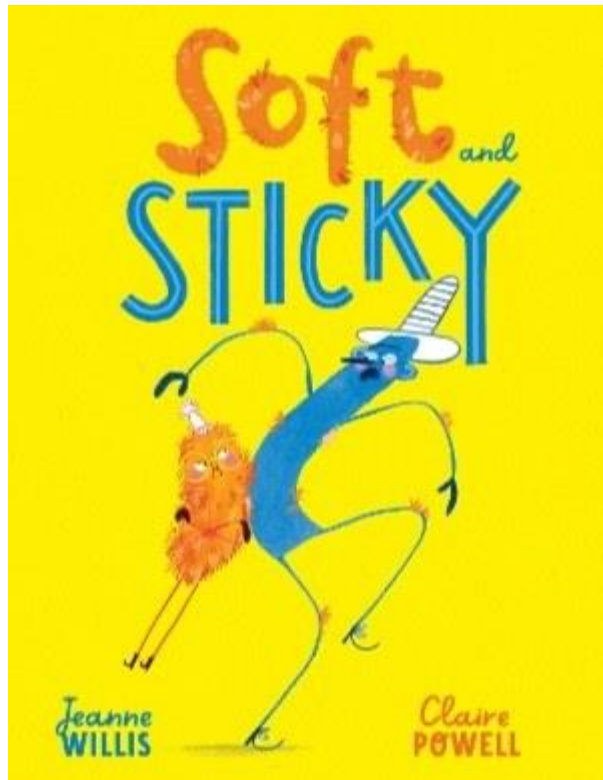
Get your questions at the ready

About Jeanne Willis

She's a keen amateur entomologist - I love mini- beasts and breed moths and butterflies and collect exotic beetles and mantids.

Lots of her stories are inspired by nature.









## Our World Our Future: Key Stage 2

We were incredibly lucky to welcome Alim Kamara to Lordship Lane as part of our *Our World, Our Future* series. Alim is a world-renowned storyteller and rapper who has toured across the globe, captivating audiences with his powerful words and performances.

During his visit, Alim delivered an engaging and inspirational session for our Years 3-6 pupils, focusing on the importance of reading. Through a combination of exciting and interactive storytelling, he had the children completely riveted from start to finish. His dynamic energy, expressive delivery, and compelling stories brought reading to life in a way that left a lasting impact on all who listened.

Alim also showcased his rapping skills, demonstrating the power of words and creativity. He shared his own story of growing up in Tottenham and how reading helped him shape his journey to becoming a global storyteller. His message was clear—reading can open doors to incredible opportunities. We hope his visit has inspired our pupils to embrace reading in new and exciting ways, just as Alim did, to achieve truly great things!





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**ALIM KAMARA**

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TIME: 14:00

We welcome Alim Kamara to Lordship Lane a storyteller!

Get your questions at the ready

### About Alim Kamara

He established Storie Storie to share the traditional African stories of his childhood in the UK. Through the organisation, he performs and runs workshops through schools, businesses and festivals.

Alim Kamara is a multi award-winning African Storyteller and Hip-hop artist based in the UK.







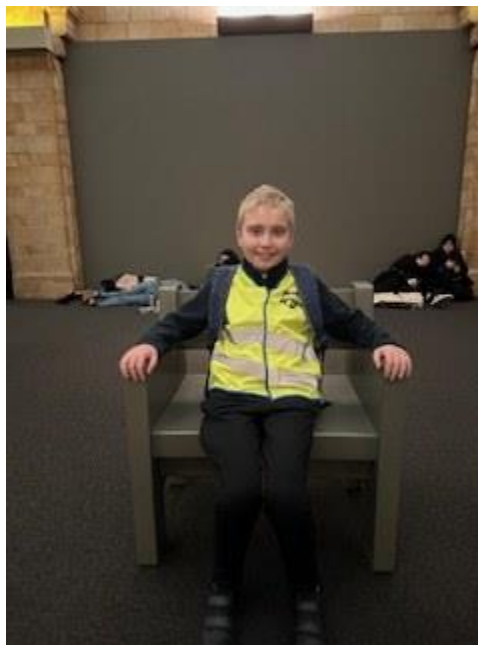
## Year 6 Trip to The Natural History Museum

Our Year 6 pupils had an exciting and enriching visit to the Natural History Museum, where they explored the wonders of the past and deepened their understanding of the natural world.

One of the highlights was the dinosaur section, where pupils were amazed by the towering skeletons and fascinating fossils. They were also captivated by the stunning crystals and gemstones, learning about how these spectacular formations are mined from the earth.

Linking in with our science lessons on classification, the children took part in a biodiversity workshop, where they had the opportunity to classify real mini-beasts. Seeing these creatures up close through a microscope was not for the faint-hearted! This hands-on experience brought learning to life, helping pupils to apply their knowledge in an exciting and interactive way.

The trip not only enriched their understanding of classification but also sparked their curiosity about the many wonders of natural history. We hope it has inspired them to keep exploring and asking big scientific questions!











## Year 6 Trip to Bruce Castle

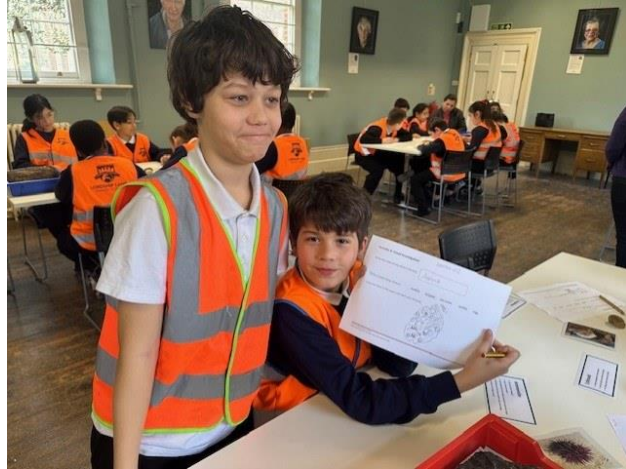
Building on our fascinating visit to the **Natural History Museum** last week, our **Year 6** pupils had another exciting opportunity to extend their learning with a **workshop on fossils** at **Bruce Castle Museum**.

During the session, pupils got hands-on with **real fossils**, some of which were **hundreds of millions of years old**! One of the highlights was handling a **woolly mammoth's tooth**, which was astonishingly **the size of a child's head**. The workshop explored how fossils are formed and the vital role of **palaeontologists and archaeologists** in uncovering Earth's ancient past.

It was an unforgettable experience that deepened our pupils' curiosity and understanding of the natural world—who knows, we may even have some future fossil hunters in our midst!







## Times Tables – Keeping the Momentum Going!

At Lordship Lane Primary School, we remain fully committed to helping our children master their times tables, and we are incredibly proud of the progress they continue to make. Across

Key Stage 2, there's a fantastic energy around times tables, with children building speed, confidence, and accuracy—all of which are setting them up for success in maths and beyond.

Times Tables Rockstars continues to be a fantastic tool in this journey, and we encourage all parents to support their children by ensuring they log in for just 10 minutes a day. This small daily habit can make a huge difference in fluency and recall speed.

In school, we are also making great use of the counting stick to help children chant, recall, and memorise their multiplication facts in an engaging and active way. The enthusiasm from pupils has been brilliant, and we want to keep up this momentum!

Parents, you can help at home too! Try testing your child on their times tables at dinner, on the way to school, or during a spare moment in the day. Every bit of practice builds their confidence, and together, we can ensure that times tables remain a real strength at Lordship Lane!



## Eco-Warriors

Our **Eco-Warriors** have been working incredibly hard to make Lordship Lane a greener, cleaner place! They have been **collecting recyclable paper** from classrooms, ensuring it is properly reused, and taking great pride in keeping our school environmentally friendly.

Every day, they also **patrol the playground**, picking up litter and encouraging others to take responsibility for their surroundings. Their dedication is helping to protect the environment and inspiring the whole school community to think more about sustainability and caring for our planet.

A huge well done to our Eco-Warriors—**keep up the fantastic work!**






## School Council

Our **School Council** has been working hard to make a difference, and this year, they have chosen to raise money for the amazing charity **Save the Rhino**. The council meets every half term to discuss important topics and brainstorm fundraising ideas, and we were incredibly lucky to welcome **Raj from Save the Rhino**, who shared fascinating insights about the charity's work and how our fundraising will help protect these incredible animals.

This half term, some of our School Council members will be leading an **assembly** to tell the school more about the **importance of rhino conservation** and how every penny raised will contribute to the cause. To kick off our fundraising, we are excited to announce our first big event:

 **Thursday 3rd April – Dress Up Rhino Day!**



Pupils can come to school dressed as a rhino, wear rhino-themed accessories, or even just something grey to show their support!

Later in the year, we will also be holding a **Rhino Cake Sale** and the much-anticipated **Rhino Dash**—so watch this space for more details! Thank you in advance for your support in helping us make a real difference.



## Young Academies Entrepreneurs

Our **Year 6 pupils** have done an incredible job exploring the exciting world of business through the **Young Entrepreneurs** unit! They have developed a **solid understanding** of how businesses operate, how to create a **business plan**, and what it takes to turn an idea into a **real venture**.

Through engaging and interactive lessons, they have explored:

- 💡 **What it means to be an entrepreneur**
- 🎯 **How to develop and adapt business ideas**
- 👤 **Understanding customers and their needs**
- 💰 **Pricing strategies and ways to sell products**

It has been **fantastic** to watch their **creativity, problem-solving, and teamwork** flourish. Who knows—this could be the first step in creating future business leaders!



## Art Hub

This term's **Art Hub Competition** is an exciting opportunity for our budding artists to take inspiration from the incredible **Stephen Wiltshire**.

Stephen Wiltshire is a world-famous British artist, best known for his astonishingly detailed drawings of cityscapes. What makes his talent even more remarkable is that he was diagnosed with autism at a young age and developed his artistic skills as a way to communicate. Stephen has an extraordinary photographic memory—he can look at a city skyline just once and then draw it entirely from memory with incredible precision! His work has captured landmarks from around the world, but he is particularly well known for his breathtaking drawings of London's most iconic buildings.

For this term's competition, we invite pupils to create their own artwork of their favourite London landmark or landscape in the style of Stephen Wiltshire. Whether it's **Big Ben, Tower Bridge, St Paul's Cathedral, or even a bustling London street scene**, we can't wait to see your creative interpretations!

 **Submit your entries by Friday 28th March**

 **Prizes will be awarded to the winning entry**

Let your imagination run wild and celebrate the beauty of London through art!

Art  
Fair

# COMPETITION!

Can you create your own artwork in the style of Stephen Wiltshire?



Create an artwork based on your favourite London landmark or landscape!

**Submit your entries to your teacher by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March!**

Prizes to be won!









## Attendance Matters – Let's Aim for 95% and Beyond!

Congratulations to this week's attendance champions:

- **5R** for Years 5 and 6
- **4C** for Years 3 and 4
- **1V** for Years 1 and 2

Well done to these classes for leading the way in attendance this week!

While we're celebrating these fantastic achievements, it's important to recognise that **our overall school attendance needs to improve quickly**. Attendance is a vital part of your child's education, and every day in school matters. Let's see if we can all work together to get above **95% attendance** as a school community.

### Why Does Attendance Matter?

To help illustrate the impact of missed school days, here's a quick guide showing how days missed convert into attendance percentages:

#### Percentage Attendance Days Missed Per Year

100% = 0 days missed

95% = 9.5 days missed

90% = 19 days missed

85% = 28.5 days missed

80% = 38 days missed

As you can see, even a small drop in attendance can quickly add up to significant missed learning time.

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### How You Can Help

- Ensure your child attends school every day unless they're genuinely unwell.
- Schedule appointments outside of school hours whenever possible.

- Support your child with a consistent morning routine to help them arrive on time and ready to learn.

Attendance will continue to be reported in our fortnightly newsletter, so let's see which classes can take the top spots next time! Together, we can make a real difference and ensure our children get the best possible education.

Thank you for your ongoing support in making attendance a priority at Lordship Lane Primary School.



## Uniform Award – Celebrating Smart Dressing!

We are delighted to continue with our **Uniform Award**, celebrating the smartest-dressed class each week! This award recognises the effort and pride our children take in following the school uniform expectations.

Congratulations to , last week's winners of the Uniform Award! Your hard work and attention to uniform standards are fantastic examples to the rest of the school.

Remember, classes that earn **three certificates** will enjoy an additional playtime on Friday afternoon—an extra incentive to keep looking smart every day!

**Important Reminder:** Please ensure children wear **jogging bottoms only on PE days** and follow the uniform guidelines for the rest of the week.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our children look and feel their best!



What's happening over the next two weeks?



**Monday 10th March:** Year 6 children visiting Cambridge University

**Monday 10th March - Friday 14th March:** Science Week



**Tuesday 11th March - Thursday 13th March:** Book Fair 3.20 pm - 4.30 pm

**Tuesday 11th March:** Science Workshop: Science Dome

**Thursday 13th March:** Bird Show

**Thursday 13th March:** Debate Mate Trip

**Friday 14th March:** Speak up Competition

**Tuesday 18th March:** 2C trip to Paddock Nature Reserve

**Tuesday 18th March:** Year 5 Trip to Gurdwara x1 class

**Thursday 20th March:** 2A trip to Paddock Nature Reserve

**Thursday 20th March:** Year 5 Trip to Gurdwara x2 class

## Contact Us

Please see below one of the many ways you can contact us here at Lordship Lane Primary School:

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