



A MESSAGE FROM MRS HAYES-SMITH



WELL DONE EVERYONE



As another vibrant year draws to a close, we can look back on a truly packed and successful term! From educational trips to uplifting concerts and spirited sporting events, including our much-anticipated KS2 Sports Day, it's been a period of immense activity and achievement. A huge thank you to all our parent and carer volunteers – your time and effort are indispensable, and we simply couldn't have done it without you.

Reflecting on the year as a whole, I'm consistently inspired by how everyone has embraced challenges with a positive attitude and given their absolute best. We understand that learning often involves stepping outside our comfort zones, and that mistakes are valuable opportunities for growth and adaptation. It's this courage to try, to learn, and to persevere that defines our progress.

With September on the horizon, I'm genuinely excited for us to continue our journey, building on our strengths to ensure Lakeside remains an outstanding place for everyone to learn and thrive. Thank you for your unwavering support; knowing we have such a strong and collaborative community truly makes a significant impact.



As we end the year we have some goodbyes to say. Firstly to our amazing year 6 children who are ready to leave us and head off to their secondary schools. Come back and see us from time to time as we love to hear how you are getting on. Good luck and show them how amazing you are.

We are also saying goodbye to Miss Kirby who will be moving over to Hob Moor to support their SEND team. I know she will be popping back from time to time and we look forward to hearing how you get on and wish you good luck.

Mr Walsh is joining Fulford Secondary School in September as a Teaching Assistant and we know his skills and expertise will be an asset to the new year 7's. We wish him well and thank him for his long service at Lakeside.

And then to Mrs Marshall who is taking a career break and going back to University to complete her PGCE. I know she will keep in touch with us over the year and we look to welcoming her back in September 2026

Enjoy a rest and the summer sunshine and we will see you in September.

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TERM DATES 2025-26

Autumn Term 2025

Monday 1 September	Training Day – School Closed
Tuesday 2 September	School Opens
Thursday 23 October	School Closes
Friday 24 October	Training Day – School Closed
Monday 3 November	School Opens
Friday 14 November	Training Day – School Closed
Friday 19 December	School Closes

Spring Term 2026

Monday 5 January	School Opens
Friday 13 February	School Closes
Monday 23 February	School Opens
Thursday 26 March	School Closes
Friday 27 March	Training Day – School Closed

Summer Term 2026

Monday 13 April	School Opens
Monday 4 May	School Closed – Bank Holiday
Friday 22 May	School Closes
Monday 1 June	School Opens
Friday 17 July	School Closes
Monday 20 July	Training Day – School Closed

IMPORTANT DATES 2025-26

Monday 11.5.26 – Thursday 14.5.26

Key Stage 2 National Curriculum Assessments – Year 6 SAT's

Monday 1.6.26 – Friday 12.6.26

Multiplication Tables Check – Year 4

Monday 8.6.26 – Friday 12.6.26

Phonics Screening Check – Year 1 & additional Year 2 children



LAKEside's NURSERY CLASS SEPTEMBER 2025

I am delighted to tell you that the Department of Education has approved our application to change our age range from 4-11 years old to 2-11 years old. This means that that a pre-school provision will continue to run on the Lakeside site and from September 2025 will be part of the school.

From September 2025 we are accepting 3 year olds for full day or morning sessions and have space available.

Please check the website for further information <https://lakeside.ebor.academy/early-years/>

Over the coming months we will have lots more information to share and we are really looking forward to this new chapter of our journey.

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SAFEGUARDING THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

21.07.25

What We Need to Know about AI Chatbots

Is your child chatting to a real friend – or an AI chatbot?

AI Chatbots are built into platforms children are using every day on their phones and other devices. Research from [Internet Matters](#), shows that two-thirds of children are using AI chatbots like ChatGPT, Snapchat's My AI, character ai and others, and they're being used for schoolwork, to seek advice and even for companionship*.

Chatbots interact in a human-like way, they are always available, are friendly and non-judgemental, and use empathetic language – which can make children feel acknowledged and understood. However, this makes it harder for children to recognise that they're interacting with a tool rather than a real person. Chatbots are not real and their responses cannot always be trusted.

Also, they're often not designed with children in mind – most lack safety settings or parental controls. So if children ask for advice on sensitive topics, the lack of age checks plus inconsistent filtering mean they may be presented with responses that are inappropriate for their age.

To help you get to grips with what AI chatbots are, and for advice and tips on how you can help your children use them safely, [check out Internet Matters new AI information hub](#).

Balance screen time tips

Heading into the summer holidays there is far more opportunities for screen time and it is important to have a balance.

Find simple tips to balance screen time and help children develop healthy online habits to help them thrive online and offline.

Balancing screen time
5 top tips to support children and young people

- Lead by example**
Just like anything, children copy their parents' actions and behaviour. If you set boundaries for your own screen, it will be easier for your kids to do the same.
- Set boundaries WITH your kids**
Get them involved in the process of setting age appropriate limits on how long they can spend online, at what times and on which platforms. Set up screen-free times or rooms where screens are out of sight and therefore more likely to be out of mind. Review these as they get older and give them the space to take greater responsibility for their screen use.
- Ensure a healthy mix of screen activity**
Make sure they have a good balance of screen activities that encourage creativity, learning & education, connecting with family & friends, as well as using devices for passively engaging with content.
- Avoid using screen time as a reward**
This will elevate the status of screen time above other activities and like using food as a reward may encourage children to simply want more.
- Physical activity & sleep are really important**
Make sure screens are not displacing these things by keeping screens out of bedrooms at bed time and that you are creating opportunities for your children to be active each day.

Creating a balanced digital diet
Like a healthy meal, a healthy digital diet can help children to develop good online habits. Use our digital diet tips to help children prioritise screen time activities in a balanced way.

Learn & Create
• Homework online
• Educational games
• Research
• Reading eBooks
• Coordinating school projects
• Creating content
• Homework

Connect
• Family & friends
• Share achievements
• Play with others

Downtime
• Watch video or TV
• Play video & mobile games
• Scroll through social media

Digital diet tips
• Boosts education, personal interests and life skills
• Helps develop communication & social skills
• Connect with family and friends on social media
• Play multiplayer age appropriate online games
• Using screens to enhance family time, e.g. movie night or games night
• Connecting over hobbies & interests

Scan below or visit [InternetMatters.org](#) for more advice

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Reminders for September 2025

New Date for KS1 Sports Day

Thank you so much for your understanding regarding the postponement of our KS1 Sports Day. The health and wellbeing of the children was obviously our priority and it would have just been too hot to have them all outside and running around today.

We are setting the date for the **morning of Friday 5th September 2025** – the first Friday back of the new academic year – for our rescheduled KS1 Sports Day. This will include all children in our CURRENT Years EYFS, 1 and 2 (next year's Year 1, 2 and 3).

Bug Busting Week

From Saturday 6th September it will be our half termly 'Bug Busting' week.

Please remember that we need every family to participate in order for our efforts to be effective.

More information will be shared when we come back to school.

Here is the link to the NHS website
nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits

Welcome Team Meetings

To prepare for the upcoming academic year, the new class teachers would like to invite parents to a 'Team Welcome Meeting'. This meeting will give parents the opportunity to meet the class teacher and discuss the expectations for the new class.

Parents should arrive through the school reception five minutes before the session begins.

Please fill out the google form on Parenthuh to RSVP for the meeting.

Team Welcome Meetings will be held...

Monday 15th September

5-6pm Year 5 (Team Lemurs)

6-7pm Year 6 (Team Orangutans)

Tuesday 16th September

5-6pm Year 1 (Team Giraffes)

6-7pm Year 2 (Team Gorillas)

Wednesday 17th September

5-6pm Year 3 (Team Elephants)

6-7pm Year 4 (Team Turtles)

New Year, New Start!

As a whole school community we have worked really hard with our attendance over the last year and ended the year on 95% for year 1-6, which is higher than the National level of 94.5%. Let's keep going and head towards our target of 97%.

**Every school day counts but
every minute is equally important!**

Being in school On Time is really important and will be a key focus next year. The school gates will open at 8:40 along with the classroom doors. The school gates will start to close at 8:50 am.

**REMEMBER SCHOOL AND LEARNING STARTS AT
8:45AM**



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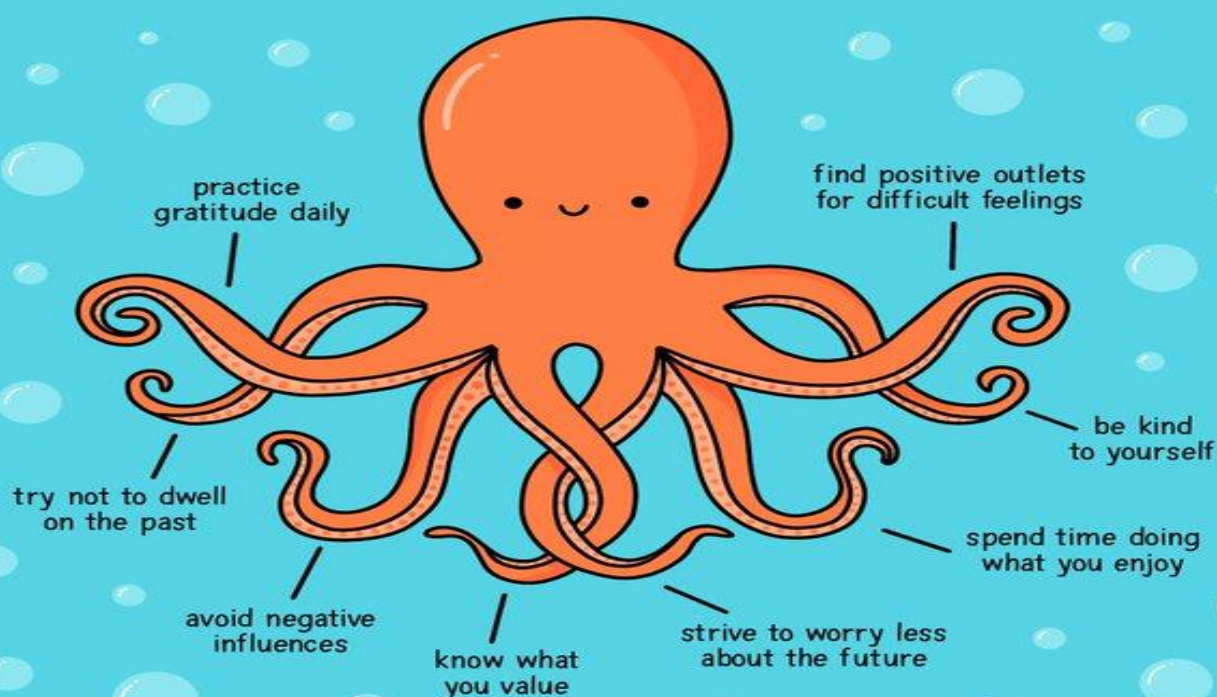


Mental Health



THE OPTIMISTIC OCTOPUS

8 PRINCIPLES FOR STAYING POSITIVELY PRESENT BY @POSITIVELYPRESENT



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY –

Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Friday 5th September

6th September – 13th September

Monday 15th September 5–6pm

Monday 15th September 6–7pm

Tuesday 16th September 5–6pm

Tuesday 16th September 6–7pm

Wednesday 17th September 5–6pm

Wednesday 17th September 6–7pm

Monday 29th September

Friday 3rd October

School closes for summer at our normal time of 3:15pm

Sports Day **EYFS & KSI – AM**

Bug Busting Week

Welcome Meeting Year 5 (Team Lemurs)

Welcome Meeting Year 6 (Team Orangutans)

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FLU Vaccination Programme – more information to follow

Year 3 Stone Age Workshop in school

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