



# LADYWOOD SCHOOL

## JUNE 2024 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Ladywood has had an excellent start to its final half term.

We have had so many exciting events taking place this half term... including a beach day that was voted for by our wonderful School Council and an amazing performance at the Music Festival at the Albert Hall in Bolton – congratulations to everyone involved.



Our wonderful gardening gang, awarded the Level 5 Award from the RHS, Gardening for Schools. We achieved this by working with the community, gardening in all seasons and gardening for the future – congratulations to our Gardening Gang.



Our older children have also been helping some of our younger members by teaching them all about skillastics. It is wonderful seeing all members of the Ladywood family working together.

Wishing you a lovely weekend

Susan and everyone at Ladywood

## Upcoming Events

- ★ Sports Day - Wednesday 26th June - please see Class Dojo for times.
- ★ Friday 28th June - Summer Fayre 5.30 - 7.00 - Main Site
- ★ **Change of Date** - Wednesday 10th July at 1.00 pm - Year 6 Leavers Assembly - further information to follow
- ★ Wednesday 10th July - Parents Evening - further information to follow

## Reminder

*Please note, school finishes on Friday 19th July and re-opens on Wednesday 4th September*



## Important Information - Online Payments

We recently moved over to the School Gateway system with regards to the payment of school meals, snack and a way in which we can communicate with parents.

Unfortunately, there are still quite a lot of parents who haven't yet registered, meaning they will not be receiving important messages. It is essential that parents download AND register on the School Gateway App.

We are no longer using Teachers2Parents as a form of communicating.

If you are struggling to sign up please feel free to telephone the school office for guidance over the phone.

## Change of Date - Year 6 Leavers Assembly



# Right of the half term



We are introducing our 'Right of the half term' to support our children to understand their rights.

Our Right of the half term for Summer 2 is '**Leisure, Play and Culture**'.

At Ladywood, we are dedicated to developing our children's communication and giving them a voice so this is a right that we feel extremely strongly about!

At home, you can support your children to understand this right by giving as many opportunities to make their own choices as possible. This could be by deciding what they want to eat, where they want to go or what they want to play with!

Please let us know if school can support with this by letting your class team know if there are any communication boards that would be helpful to support your child to make decisions at home.

Thank you for your continued support.



# Moments Matter Summer Event

**Imagination Bay Adventure Play**  
Saturday 3rd August 11:15am - 1:15pm

Please join us for our next Moments Matter family event! This is an opportunity for all of our Ladywood children to attend an event outside of school in a safe, judgement free environment.

**Siblings welcome!**

**Please contact the office to  
reserve your ticket - these will  
be payable on the day**

1st Floor, Woodstreet  
Mill, James St,  
Bury BL9 7EG  
£6 for first child,  
siblings £4

Tickets to be paid for  
on arrival

The Moments Matter group aims to provide Ladywood children with opportunities outside of school.

**Parents/carers are responsible for their own  
child/children at all times**





## Personal Development

Some of the opportunities we have been enjoying to enhance our personal development offer for pupils within school and our local community this month.

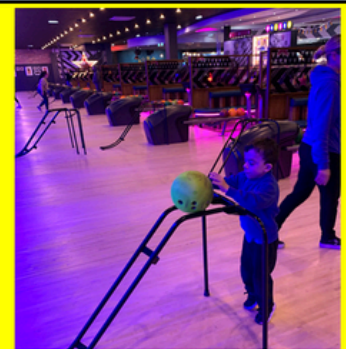


SALT

Horse Riding



Rebound Therapy



Tenpin Bowling

## Music Festival

A group of our children performed at the Bolton Music Festival last night. The children sang their hearts out and were amazing.



What's on for **SEND Families**

### MONDAYS

[SEND Stay and Play - Toy Library- Harvey Start Well Center.](#)  
1.00pm- 2.00pm

Drop-in session for families of children with special educational needs and disabilities. Toy Loans. 0-5 years. Access to a multi-sensory room  
Shaw Street, BL3 6HU

[Bright start playgroup- Bolton Deaf Society](#)

10:30-12:00 Term Time

Deaf, Deafened, hard of hearing and hearing parents and children welcome.

Age 0-5- Bolton Deaf Society, Bark Street, Bolton, BL12AX

### SATURDAY

[Sugar Lumps SENDO- Creative Play Sessions](#)

Families with young children, join us for creative messy play. Booking is essential. Tickets go live on. Eventbrite a week before each session:

11.05.24- 15.06.24- 06.06.24



### SEND Events

[Wacky Warehouse- Stay and play- Wed, 19 June, 17:00 - 18:30](#)

Our monthly exclusive here at the Wacky Warehouse suitable for children aged 3 to 11 years of age (must be under 4ft 11). Siblings very welcome and payment is made directly to the Wacky on arrival. To book please email [breakbarriers3@gmail.com](mailto:breakbarriers3@gmail.com)

[Open Air Bounce- SEN Sessions](#)

Open Air Bounce to create an environment that was as accessible for all, where ALL children were made to feel INCLUDED

01942 835894 | [info@openairbounce.co.uk](mailto:info@openairbounce.co.uk)

Sunday 30th June - 11am

Saturday 27th July - 11am

Sunday 25th August - 2.30pm

[Marketplace Sensory Room- Thursday 16:30-18:00](#)

An opportunity for 8 children (aged under 10) and their carers to enjoy a session in the sensory room (ground floor in the Market Place). Booking is essential by emailing [breakbarriers3@gmail.com](mailto:breakbarriers3@gmail.com) from the Monday of each week in which the group falls. We can only include siblings if places allow. £3.50 per child payable on arrival.

[Bolton Smiley Faces- Second Sunday of every month- 1-3pm](#)

The aim of this support group is to support Children with Down's Syndrome, and their families, living in the Bolton area.

Ladywood School, BL3 1NG

Free to attend or contact via Facebook for more information.



# SAVE THE DATE



**Ladywood Summer Fayre  
Friday 28th June**



**More information to follow**





## Beach Day

Ladywood School Council organised a Beach Day for all the children in school to enjoy.

The children took part in lots of fun activities such as playing in the sandpit, paddling pool, ice cream stall and beach ball games.

The children had a lovely day!



## Parent Partner

Sarah Travis is the School's Parent Partner and will be able to provide guidance, advice and support for parents/carers.

She will be available Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoon.

Should you require any help then please contact Sarah either on the school office number:

01204 333400

or via email [parentpartner@ladywood.bolton.sch.uk](mailto:parentpartner@ladywood.bolton.sch.uk)



## Summer School Trips

It's Summer trip time! Some of our classes have already been out on their trips.

Class 1W went to Apple Cast Farm, where the children enjoyed seeing, naming and feeding a range of animals and had a lovely day.



Class 3R had a great time at the Hideaway Play Centre. They had lots of fun jumping on the bouncy castle and climbing in the soft play area. They enjoyed a McFlurry ice cream treat on their way back to school!





## Ladywood Social Media

To keep up to date with all our latest news, please follow us on our various social media platforms.



Instagram: @ladywoodschool



Twitter: @ladywoodschool



Facebook: Ladywood School



Youtube: Ladywood School

## Ladywood Blog

Please don't forget to check the blog for daily/weekly updates on the children's learning and all the exciting activities that have been happening around school. The blog is a great way for everyone to communicate and to keep up to date.

<http://blog.ladywood.bolton.sch.uk/>

## Snack Money

May we remind parents of non-pupil premium children, of the voluntary contribution of £1.00 a week towards your child's snack. This can be paid in cash or via your School Gateway account. If paying by cash, please send into school in an envelope with your child's name on. Thank you.



# Friends of Ladywood



### What is FOL?

Friends of Ladywood are a group of parents/carers (who wish to have a more involved role in school) and staff, that get together regularly to discuss and plan upcoming fundraising events.

### When do we meet?

We meet once every half term.

### What if I cannot commit to attend every meeting?

Do not worry if you cannot attend every meeting, we understand that parents and carers will have a busy home life also. We will keep in regular contact with you over email to inform you of any outcomes and future meetings you may be able to attend.

### What does it involve?

Being a friend of Ladywood involves a wide range of things. Here are a few:

- Attending meetings to discuss upcoming events (Easter Raffle/Christmas Fair) & bringing new ideas to the table.
- Sourcing raffle prizes from local businesses.
- Helping to put on large events at the school to fundraise for Ladywood.



If you are interested in becoming a member of 'Friends of Ladywood' but cannot attend please email:

[friendsofladywood@ladywood.bolton.sch.uk](mailto:friendsofladywood@ladywood.bolton.sch.uk)

one of our team members will be in touch.



## PARENT EVENTS

Free training events and coffee and chat sessions each half term.

- ✓ Meet other parents
- ✓ Get your questions answered
- ✓ Learn new skills

# DATE / TIME CHANGES

### PARENT COFFEE AND CHAT SESSION

FRI 26TH APRIL 10:00AM-11:00AM

### SCIENCE - ENGAGING AND FUN IDEAS TO SUPPORT SCIENCE AT HOME

THURS 16TH MAY 1:30-2:30PM

### PARENT COFFEE AND CHAT SESSION

FRI 14TH JUNE 10:00AM-11:00AM

### HOW TO SUPPORT COMMUNICATION AND BEHAVIOUR AT HOME

THURS 20TH JUNE 1:30-2:30PM





In the UK, an estimated 350,000 tones of clothes end up in landfill every year! Join us and our ECO council in working towards reducing carbon emissions.

We would love any donations of nearly new or good quality Ladywood uniform for our uniform bank

*Items can be donated via the school office*



## Attendance/Leave of Absence

As part of new guidance and monitoring of pupil attendance from the Department of Education, a Leave of Absence form needs to be completed 4 weeks prior to an event, due to authorisation from the Head Teacher.

Parents will need to provide as much information as possible before sending in the form. As a parent, you may wish to take your child, out of school, on holiday in less busier times, to benefit from quieter facilities. Please can you put this level of detail in the Leave of Absence form.

If you are taking your child out of the country for longer than 10 days, school will also require copies of flight tickets, both leaving England and arriving back into England, and an address where your child will be staying.

We realise that sometimes families may need to visit family overseas at short notice. We will still require a Leave of Absence form to be completed, flight tickets and address where the child will be staying.

In addition, we understand that children with Special Educational Needs may need to attend medical appointments more frequently and these will be authorised, however we would still ask that school are informed of these prior to attending.

It is the right of a child to receive an education and school attendance is crucial for children's progress of learning. Attendance is closely monitored at school and if there is an issue Ladywood's Attendance lead may be in touch to offer support or strategies.

If your child is off school for any reason please get in touch with the office to let them know the reasons. It is important we have a full picture of children's attendance throughout the year.

Click on link below for the Holiday Request Form:

<file:///F:/Holiday%20application%20forms%20-%20pupils.pdf>

# Internet Safety

At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and educators with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. Please visit [nationalonlinesafety.com](http://nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

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## What you need to know about... **GAMING STREAMERS & INFLUENCERS**



### What are they?

#### 'Gaming Streamers & Influencers'

Streamers are people who stream themselves gaming, drawing, making things etc. for people to watch on the internet. Usually this will be done live, and others are able to chat with them in real time while they do so. Influencers are social media stars who hold influence over the people that follow them, like a kind of trend-setter or taste-maker, who companies often pay to promote their products. A streamer could also be considered an influencer in their chosen area.

#### JADAGAMING

LIVE



### Know the Risks

#### Adult Content

Many streamers use platforms such as Twitch or YouTube to broadcast themselves. YouTube for example, is only for ages 13+ (YouTube Kids is for under 13s) and may contain a lot of other adult content. Streamers themselves, may be unsuitable for younger audiences with the kind of content they make, and with many opting to stream live, anything can – and does – happen.

#### Authenticity Risk

A lot of streamers will have some kind of sponsorship deal in place with a company trying to sell their products to an audience. When the audience is mostly younger viewers, they may not realise that streamers are getting paid to promote a product and may not necessarily have their best interests in mind.

#### Bullying and hate

While some streamers do employ moderators to try and combat hateful comments or bullying in their comments sections, they can still be very hectic. Hateful language is quite common, and people looking to groom children or engage in online bullying behaviour, could frequent the live chats.

#### Subscriptions

Streamers also make money through subscriptions on websites like Twitch, where fans will donate them a small amount as little or as often as they like. Called 'bits', they can be bought in bundles of varying prices which can be gifted to streamers via 'cheers'. Children could buy these 'bits' in large amounts without realising what they're doing, leaving a big bill behind.

### Safety Tips

#### Discuss what's real online

Be sure to teach kids the difference between what's real and honest, or fake and untrustworthy online. Photoshopping fake images and videos and bragging about themselves online is unfortunately quite common place so it is difficult to tell what is real or fake. People with large followings can be promoting unhealthy or unattainable lifestyles to children to boost their own online influence.

#### Use Filters

There are filters that can be put in place to block out a lot of adult content on streaming sites. Just make sure you have access to children's accounts so you can set the parameters and keep track of what they're seeing yourself. Usually, parental controls will be located in the settings portion of an account's menu.

#### Check age settings

Both YouTube and Twitch state that they are not suitable for children under 13 years old, but other sites might be different. YouTube Kids, for example, is for ages 13 and under, and offers much of the same kid-friendly content that YouTube does without the risk of running into something improper.

#### Affiliate links

Keep an eye out for affiliate links in social media posts and tags like #ad. UK influencers have to follow the CAP Code for advertising standards, but many don't. It can be hard to tell who is working through legitimate channels because it's almost impossible to regulate. Many streamers encourage fans to buy merchandise through online shops and stores.

### Action & Support

#### Name check streamers

If your child has begun showing an interest in a streamer or influencer, check their names on Google. Some popular streamers have been discovered flouting industry regulations and using their young audiences to enhance their personal wealth through scams whilst others may swear on streams or promote drinking, substance abuse or links to gambling sites they operate to their young audiences.

#### Talk to your child

Initiate an open dialogue with your child about the kind of content they're consuming online. Ask about their favourite streamers and whether they like their personalities or the games they play and the community they have. Also remind them about what they should and shouldn't be sharing about themselves online and that just because social media stars do it, it can also be damaging.

#### Block and report

If you suspect a streamer might be taking advantage of their audience, or worse grooming children in any way, and have irrefutable evidence, do not hesitate to block and report them. First, block your child from being able to view their content and alert other parents to your concerns. Go immediately to the police or local authorities with the evidence of what you've seen.

#### Our Expert Mark Foster



Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for 5 years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the current gaming editor of two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world, UNILAD Gaming and GAMINGbible. Starting gaming from a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work, but more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.

### **Sickness**

Please be aware that if your child has an episode of sickness and/or diarrhoea they need to be kept off school for 48 hours from the last bout of sickness.

All schools are expected to adhere to this guidance from The Community Infection Prevention and Control Team.

Many thanks in anticipation of your support

### **Parking**

Could we please request that parents who drop/collect their child by car, ensure when parking that you do not block other cars in, and also that you do not park in a Masefield School parking place.

Thank you for your co-operation.

### **Communication with Home**

We are continuing to use Class Dojo as the main form of communication with parents/carers.

However, we appreciate that there may be times that you feel you need to speak to someone in person or urgently and the office team are always available and welcome calls from parents/carers.



### **Appointments**

If your child has an upcoming appointment, could we please ask that you notify school in advance of when the appointment is taking place. Could a copy of the appointment letter also be sent to school prior to the appointment.

Thank you for your co-operation.

### **Contact Information**

Please ensure that contact details and medical information for your child are up-to-date. If you are unsure please contact the main office on 01204 333400.

Could we please ask that parents keep their phone switched on throughout the day so that we are able to make contact with you if needed. Thank you.



## Good Attendance Matters

At Ladywood we provide a safe learning environment which encourages all pupils to attend and be punctual whatever their level of ability or specific needs. We pride ourselves on high standards of pupil attendance and we expect that all children will attend school as long as they are fit and well enough to do so in line with the expectations of 380 half days (190 full days) for an academic year.

A child's attendance at school is the responsibility of parents/carers. Ladywood School will continue to actively work with parents/carers to encourage a regular pattern of attendance is maintained to ensure our children:

- Benefit from the educational opportunities provided at Ladywood
- Experience a broad and balanced creative curriculum
- Build on their learning experiences to achieve their full potential
- Develop their social and personal skills
- Promote children's welfare and safeguarding, failing to attend school on a regular basis will be considered as a safeguarding matter
- Have their legal entitlement to education; ensuring regular attendance at school is a legal responsibility and permitting
- Absence from school without a good reason creates an offence in law

The Government have brought out new guidelines that requires schools to ensure all children attend well. This includes:

- Attendance meetings if attendance falls below acceptable levels
- Daily contact when your child is absent
- A requirement to show proof of medical appointment
- Door stop visits

### TERM TIME HOLIDAYS

As a school we understand that our children sometimes need to go on holiday when it is quieter rather than during the main holidays when it is very busy. We ask that you put in a holiday request form and seek permission in order for this to be authorised.

## LADYWOOD HOLIDAY LIST 2023-2024 - PUPILS

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SCHOOL IS CLOSED TO PUPILS ON ALL SHADED DAYS



## Woodbridge Trust Holiday List 2024-2025 – Parents

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The dates that are shaded in Gold are the days children and young people are not in school.

The dates that are Red are Bank Holidays.