Lowercroft Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Week Beginning Monday 19th October 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have certainly made the most of our final week before half term, with plenty of special events and memorable moments across school. Our Pupil Leadership Team began the week by leading an assembly, some children enjoyed a bowling event, while our Reception children took part in their Hedgehog Shuffle. We also celebrated the official coming together of our Reception and Year 6 buddies and enjoyed an exciting visit from Wild Workshops. Thursday evening brought plenty of Halloween fun at the PTA's Monster Ball, before we ended the half term with our Harvest Assembly. It has been a lovely way to finish a very full and enjoyable first half-term.

Key Dates & Information - Week Beginning Tuesday 3rd November 2026

Date	Event	Information
Monday 2nd November	INSET	School closed to pupils
Tuesday 3rd November	Autumn term 2	Autumn term 2 begins
Tuesday 3rd November 1:15pm	KS2 Cross Country	Information sent to pupils involved
Tuesday 3rd November	Parent Tours	Reception 2027 admissions
Wednesday 4th November	KS2 Diwali Dance	Each KS2 class will take part in the workshop
Thursday 5th November	Curiosity Board Exhibition	Due to the cross country event, the exhibition will take place on Thursday afternoon. All projects should be returned to school by Wednesday 4th November
Friday 6th November	Christmas Fair donations	Please send in donations for the tombola
Friday 6th November	Celebration Assembly	By invite only



Come and join the club:

Our new after-school club programme will be shared after the half-term break, with all clubs beginning during the second week back. This will allow time for information and permission slips to be sent home, completed and returned. Please look out for the permission slips so that children can sign up for the clubs they would like to join.

A Box of Kindness

We all know how a traditional Advent calendar works: each day in December, we open a door and receive a small treat. A Reverse Advent Calendar turns this idea around–instead of receiving something, we give something to help others. Throughout November, each class will collect donations of food and toiletries to create its own **Box of Kindness**. At the end of the month, the completed boxes will be donated to **St Stephen's Christmas Porch Box Appeal**, supporting people and families who may need some extra help over Christmas.

Each child is asked to contribute just **one item** during November. If everyone takes part, these small individual donations will come together to make a real difference within our local community.



Let's Celebrate!

A Wonderful Harvest Assembly

Year 2 and Year 3 did an amazing job leading our Harvest Assembly, helping us to celebrate kindness, generosity and gratitude for the food we have. The children performed and presented with great confidence, and we were very proud of them all. Mr Moss also created an amazing video showing Year 3's visit to The Porch Project and explaining its important work supporting people experiencing hardship and homelessness in our local community. The video helped everyone understand why we collect Harvest donations and the difference our generosity can make. The video can be viewed on the Year 3 Seesaw page. Thank you to everyone who donated and to the parent helpers who kindly delivered our Harvest donations to The Porch Project. Your support and generosity are greatly appreciated.





Pupil Leadership Team Leads Black History Month Assembly

Our Pupil Leadership Team delivered their first whole-school assembly this week as part of Black History Month. They spoke with confidence and demonstrated excellent knowledge, reminding the children that Black History Month is an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the achievements, experiences and contributions of Black people throughout history and today. It also helps us learn from the past, challenge prejudice and understand why equality and inclusion are so important.

The team also shared some of their class learning about the Windrush generation, including the important contribution made by people who travelled from the Caribbean to help rebuild Britain after the Second World War. We were extremely proud of how well our pupil leaders presented such an important subject to the whole school.

Our Annual Buddy Assembly

It was wonderful to see our Reception and Year 6 children and their families coming together for our annual Buddy Assembly. This special event celebrates the friendships developing between our youngest and oldest pupils and marks the official beginning of their buddy journey. It was also lovely for families to put names to faces, as we are sure children in both Reception and Year 6 already speak very fondly about their buddies at home. We look forward to seeing these special friendships continue to grow throughout the year.

Science Comes to Life with Wild Workshops

The children enjoyed a very special visit from Wild Workshops this week. The hands-on experience brought their science learning to life, giving them the opportunity to observe animals closely and learn more about the natural world. The children asked thoughtful questions and thoroughly enjoyed meeting our unusual visitors.



Reception's Hedgehog Shuffle

Our Reception children completed an amazing Hedgehog Shuffle, walking around the playground 20 times and raising an incredible £118 for Ramsbottom Hedgehog Care and Rehabilitation. It was hard work and the children were tired, but they dug deep and kept going! Thank you to everyone who donated so generously. Steph will be delighted with the children's achievement, and the money raised will help to provide vital resources for sick and injured hedgehogs in her care. We are incredibly proud of our Reception children for showing such determination and kindness.

A Special Treat for Our Girls' Football Team

Our girls' football team received a well-deserved treat this afternoon with a special training session at the Build-a-Baller Factory. The girls have shown fantastic enthusiasm and commitment during their first half term together, and the session was a wonderful opportunity to develop their skills and enjoy training as a team.



As we reach the end of a very full and enjoyable first half term, thank you to our children, staff and families for all your hard work and continued support. We hope everyone has a safe, restful and enjoyable half-term break, and we look forward to welcoming the children back on **Tuesday 3rd November,** refreshed and ready for another exciting term.

Mrs. McGadie
& The Lowercroft Team