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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Developing Our Communications

Following our recent Ofsted inspection, we have been reflecting carefully on the feedback received from parents and carers. While we were pleased that many families expressed positive views about the school, we also noted that some parents felt that communication could be improved.

As a school, we are committed to listening, reflecting and continually improving. Since our Ofsted inspection in 2019, we have invested considerable time in reviewing and developing our communication systems, so that information is shared in a variety of ways and families can access it easily. However, we appreciate that if some parents are finding aspects of our communication difficult, we need to understand why.

Rather than making assumptions about what may or may not be working well, we would like to hear directly from you. We have therefore created a questionnaire asking for your views on the different ways we communicate with families. Your feedback will help us identify any barriers, understand where improvements can be made and ensure that our communication is as effective as possible for everyone.

Below is a summary of the communication methods currently available.

Communication Method	Purpose
Weekly School Newsletter	Sent to all families each week, sharing recent achievements and celebrations, forthcoming events and important dates. It also includes links to key areas of the school website, including the <i>Information for Families</i> page and Year Group Padlet pages.
School Website	Our website acts as the school's main source of information and has replaced the need for a printed prospectus. It contains policies, admissions information, information for new starters, SEND information, governor information, copies of newsletters and letters sent to families, the school calendar and other key information. It is updated regularly throughout the year.
Year Group Padlet Pages	Each year group maintains an online Padlet page where families can find information about the curriculum, learning, trips, visits, events, photographs and home supported learning.
Direct Email Contact	Parents and carers are able to email teachers and school leaders directly with questions, concerns or requests for information. We recognise that not all schools offer this level of direct access and hope families find it helpful.



GroupCall Messages	Used for timely reminders, urgent updates and information relating to whole-school or year-group events.
ParentPay	Used for school meal payments, educational visit permissions and payments, and other online payments.
End-of-Day Conversations	Teachers bring children out to parents and carers at the end of each school day, providing an opportunity for brief conversations or to arrange a longer meeting if needed.
School Office and Meetings	Our friendly office team is available throughout the school day to answer telephone calls and welcome visitors to reception. Staff are happy to pass on messages, arrange appointments and ensure that queries reach the appropriate member of staff. Teachers, the SENDCO and the head teacher are always happy to meet with parents/carers to discuss any concerns or questions and will arrange appointments as promptly as possible.
Around Learning	We hold learning reviews in the Autumn and Spring terms and provide a written report in the Summer Term. Teachers are available throughout the year to discuss progress with learning, as the need arises. In addition, in September year groups hold information sharing evenings, to which parents/carers are invited.

The questionnaire asks you to consider each of these communication methods individually and tell us:

- whether you use it;
- whether you find it helpful;
- and any suggestions you have for improvement.

We would be very grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire by 30th September 2026.

Your responses will help us gain a much clearer understanding of where communication is working well and where we can make meaningful improvements. We genuinely value your feedback and thank you in advance for taking the time to share your views.

Please follow the link to complete the questionnaire: [School Communication Questionnaire](#)

Year Group Padlets

Please follow the links below to your child's Year Group Padlet, for information about their year group and home supported learning activities:

[Year 3 Home School Partnership Padlet](#)

[Year 4 Home School Partnership Padlet](#)

[Year 5 Home School Partnership Padlet](#)

[Year 6 Home School Partnership Padlet](#)

Autumn Term Dates

Friday 25 th September	'European Day of Languages' celebrated in school.
Tuesday 29 th September	3.45 – 4.15 pm Y4 and Y6 introduction to year group meetings. 4.30 – 5.00 pm Y3 and Y5 introduction to year group meetings.
Thursday 8 th October <i>(Date has been changed due to the availability of the NLS theatre)</i>	Cabaret Evening held in North Leamington School's Theatre (6.30pm start, with performers arriving at 6.00pm).
Thursday 15 th October	Open Afternoon (4.00 – 5.00 pm) for Y2 parents/carers.
Thursday 22 nd October Friday 23 rd October	Year 3 visit to Compton Verney for Stone Age experience
26 th – 30 th October	Half-Term Holiday
Tuesday 17 th November	Year 5 Planetarium visit (in school)
Wednesday 11 th November Thursday 12 th November	Learning Reviews (4.00 – 6.30 pm)
Wednesday 9 th December Thursday 10 th December	Y5 Christmas Production (6.30 – 7.30 pm)
Friday 11 th December	9.30 am Y3 Christmas Songs & Music 10.30 am Y4 Christmas Songs & Music 11.30 am Y5 Christmas Songs & Music
Thursday 17 th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 18 th December	End of Term (3.20 pm)

Term Dates for 2026/27

The term dates for the current school year can be found on the school website calendar and are also now listed on the website under [Term Dates](#)

Accelerated Reader



Last year, we introduced a new online way of recording and assessing children's reading both at home and at school. Accelerated Reader enables your child to take a short quiz whenever they finish reading a book. You and your child's teacher will then be able to track what your child is reading at home and at school and how well they are understanding what they have read. This data can be used to make sure that the books we are asking children to read are the appropriate level for them and to make sure that they are reading a wide range of texts and authors to enable them to make as much progress as possible. The quizzes are multiple choice and don't take long to complete. Your child will be awarded points and set targets to help motivate them to keep reading.

The home learning expectation for children remains unchanged in that we would like them to **read at least one book from the school reading scheme each week**. The difference now is that we would like the children to **complete an Accelerated Reader quiz each time they finish a book**. Children are obviously welcome to read more books than this and can also take quizzes on other books which they may be reading for pleasure. Some books do not have quizzes associated with them and NQ will be written on the book sticker in these cases.

Over the next week or two, pupils in Year 3 will bring home a login card for Accelerated Reader with their username and password on. The website address for Accelerated Reader is also on the card but, to make it easier to access, we have included the link below and will also put it on year group Home Partnership Padlet pages. For Year 4, 5 and 6, the login and passwords remain the same as last year. Click here to access Accelerated Reader: [Welcome](#)

Changes for this year:

As we are now more familiar with Accelerated Reader, we have decided to move away from the Big Cat Collins reading scheme levels and to allow pupils to choose books from their ZPD range (identified by online reading assessments at school). When the children bring home their first book, they will also bring home a bookmark showing the most suitable reading range for them (identified by colours). As there are many more books within each colour band than previously, teaching staff will help guide pupils to read books which are suitable for their age and reading confidence. Further information about Accelerated Reader and what a ZPD range is can be found on the attached information sheet.

[Parents-Guide-to-Accelerated-Reader RGP R67351](#)

Introduction to Year Group Meetings

Class teachers will be holding 'Introduction to Year Group' meetings on the afternoon of 29th September 2026:

Y4 and Y6 class meetings will take place between 3.45 – 4.15 pm

Y3 and Y5 class meetings will take place between 4.30 – 5.00 pm

This is an opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher and hear about the topics and learning that will be covered this year.

North Leamington School Open Evening



North Leamington School welcome prospective Year 7 students and their families to their 2026 Open Evening on **Wednesday 23 September from 5.30 to 8.00pm**. The head teacher presentations will take place at 5.45pm & 6.30pm.

During the evening, you will have the opportunity to meet teachers, take part in activities and experiences, explore NLS' fantastic facilities, hear about life at NLS, as well as meeting students and learning about their experiences. NLS students will be offering tours throughout the evening.

With very best wishes for the weekend,

Richard Siviter