



Laughton All Saints' CofE Primary School Newsletter

Let your light shine (Matthew 5 v 16)

Have love, Have courage, Have respect

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Families,

Welcome back to a new term at Laughton All Saints. I hope you and your families enjoyed a restful Christmas break and found time for the small moments that matter — play, laughter, and simply being together.

As we begin the new year, our focus remains on helping every child **let their light shine** through *Love, Courage and Respect*. These values guide our decisions, our relationships, and the way we support your children each day. This term brings fresh opportunities for learning, curiosity and growth and we are excited to see how the children will continue to flourish.

We know that returning after a break can bring a mix of emotions for children — from enthusiasm to a few wobbles — but our staff have been ready to welcome them with warmth, reassurance and a steady routine. If your child needs a little more support with this, please do reach out.

Please check out our class pages on the school website for the most up to date information about your child's learning, this term. Our staff have planned a range of engaging lessons and opportunities and will be sharing some of these in the coming weeks, on Class Dojo.

Thank you for your continued trust, kindness and involvement in school life. It makes such a difference to our community. We are looking forward to a positive and purposeful term together. If you have questions about any aspect of your child's welfare and learning, please get in touch.

As you can see, our newsletter has had a little make-over and contains information to guide you through the coming term and to update you with our plans. If there is anything else you feel you would like to see included, please get in touch.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Armitage

Office Updates

Wrap around clubs - Please make sure that your children are booked into clubs in advance. We are unable to guarantee a space will be available for non booked places and we may therefore have to turn you away or call you to collect your child/children. As per DFE guidelines, we are bound by strict ratios and can therefore not go over these limits.

Tax free childcare

We offer Tax free childcare, which means that you pay 80% of the wrap around fees and the government pays the additional 20%. Tax free childcare can only be used for childcare - Wrap around, Nursery Hours and Clubs.

Tax free childcare cannot be used for Meals or Visits.

If you do not have a tax free childcare account you can check your eligibility here; [Tax-Free Childcare: What Tax-Free Childcare is - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare/what-tax-free-childcare-is)

Bookings for Tax free childcare must be done via the school office

Lost Property - We have had lots of lost property which we have been unable to return due to names not being inside. Please ensure that names are in all items as this helps us reunite students with their missing items much quicker.

Dressing for the weather: With the current cold snap, please ensure children have a hat, gloves and a coat every day. Please also ensure sensible, black footwear with a good grip to reduce the risk of slips.

Snacks: Please help us to encourage healthy snacks at break times. Fruit is available every day - free of charge.

Meals: Thank you for getting on board with our new catering system. We have received some wonderful feedback from our pupils. Staff have also been ordering meals and have said how much nicer they are.

Meal reminder: Meals must be ordered before 09:30am each day. They can be booked well in advance for convenience. Meals are booked via [The Pantry](https://www.thepantrycatering.co.uk/) (direct link) using the sign in information sent from The Pantry.

(School are unable to order or amend meals on your behalf as we have no access to the system at all).

For all meal / ordering enquiries, please contact: office@thepantrycatering.co.uk

Please remember to cancel meals by 09:30am, if your child is off school / on a school trip - this ensures that you are not charged for the meal.

Universal Free School Meals: All children in FS1, Y1 & Y2 automatically receive universal free school meals. If your child usually has packed lunch but wants to try a school meal, please feel free to order a hot dinner and send a packed lunch in as an alternate option. We will always support students in trying new foods if they wish to do so. Equally, we understand that some students prefer their own, predictable lunches and that is fine too!

Free School Meals: check if you are eligible for FSM at [Free school meals – Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council](https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/children-and-families/free-school-meals/)

Parent code of conduct reminder: As per the email sent out on 18.12.2025, In line with safeguarding procedures, please can we politely remind parents / guardians to leave site promptly once children have been dropped off or picked up from school.

Attendance and Punctuality



Punctuality

School start time is 8.40am. Could you please ensure your child arrives on time every day. Good attendance and punctuality are vital to every child's learning. Arriving on time ensures pupils can settle into the day calmly, take part in morning routines and minimises disruption in the classroom. Even a few minutes late each day soon adds up and can impact on learning and feeling fully involved in classroom activities. We kindly ask all families to support their child by making sure they arrive promptly. By working together we can help every child make the most of their time at school.

Attendance

We will now be sharing attendance data reports for all pupils at the end of each half term.

In line with Department for Education (DfE) guidelines, when attendance falls below 96%, we are required to provide attendance monitoring information to parents/carers and where attendance falls below 90% they do fall in to the persistent absence category. This information is being provided to keep you informed of your child's current attendance percentage and is part of our commitment to supporting good attendance, to ensure every child has the best opportunity to succeed.

Please be assured that we do understand that children may be absent due to illness from time to time, and in those cases their health and wellbeing come first. We ask that you continue to follow school guidance on reporting absences when your child is ill, as we do not expect parents to send children to school when they are ill.

Regular attendance is essential for learning and progress. Missing school can lead to gaps in understanding, lower achievement and reduced confidence. Good attendance helps children build strong routines, maintain friendships and make the most of every learning opportunities.

If you would like any advice on attendance, please contact us.

Term time Leave of absence

Leave of absence during term time is only authorised in extenuating circumstances. We legally must make you aware that under the new guidelines, brought into effect in August 2024. A Fixed penalty notice (FPN) will be issued by the Local Authority where a child has missed 10 sessions *Unauthorised* (equivalent to 5 days) of education within a 10 week period.

The FPN is as follows;

First FPN in a 3-year period: £160 per parent, per child to be paid within 28 days of receiving the fine. Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Second FPN in a 3-year period: £160 per parent, per child to be paid within 28 days. There will be no discount for earlier payment on a second offence.

Third FPN in a 3-year period: A FPN will not be issued, and the Local Authority will consider alternative enforcement. Your case may be taken to court where a magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child.

1 Parent & 2 Children = **£5,000**

2 parents & 2 Children = **£10,000**

Attendance Statistics (YTD)

Our School: 97.1%

National: 94.5%

Weekly attendance winners (Autumn Term 2)

W/C: 3rd November 2025 - **CLASS 1 - 100%**

W/C: 10th November 2025 - **Class 2 & Class 3 - 97.9%**

W/C: 17th November 2025 - **Class 4 - 99.6%**

W/C: 24th November 2025 - **Class 2 - 97.6%**

W/C: 1st December 2025 - **Class 1 - 98.7%**

W/C: 8th December 2025 - **Class 4 - 97.4%**

W/C: 15th December 2025 - **Class 2 - 99%**

Half Termly Class attendance overall winners.....

 Drumroll please.....

CLASS 1 - 97.2%

SEND Information & Upcoming SEND Events

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to the new half term! We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Christmas break. It's wonderful to see everyone returning refreshed and ready for the exciting learning opportunities ahead. As we begin this term together, we look forward to continuing to support every child in our school community to thrive and succeed.

SEND Parent/Carer Support Group – 14th January

A friendly reminder that our next **SEND Parent/Carer Support Group** will take place on **Wednesday 14th January at 2:45pm**. This relaxed session is a great opportunity to meet other parents and carers and share experiences. This will be an informal get together but Miss Sabin will also be there if you have any questions or queries. Your voices and contributions make our school community even stronger!

Understanding the Rotherham SEND Local Offer

The Rotherham SEND Local Offer is a valuable resource for families and carers. It brings together clear and accessible information about the support, services, and provision available in Rotherham for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). From education and health services to support groups and leisure activities, the Local Offer aims to help you understand what support is available, how to access it, and who to contact. You can explore the Local Offer on the Rotherham Council website for up-to-date

information and helpful guidance. Find out more here: <https://www.rotherhamsendlocaloffer.org.uk/>

The Importance of Speech and Language Skills

Speech and language skills are fundamental to children's learning, social development, and wellbeing. These skills help children communicate their thoughts, make friends, understand instructions, and access the curriculum with confidence. Every child develops at their own pace, but early support with speech, language, and communication can make a real difference to a child's progress and self-esteem. We encourage families to explore and enjoy language together through everyday conversations, stories, and play. To hear more language development tips, please watch these videos from Speech and Language therapists:

- 👉 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2qxkjwHgHKA>
- 👉 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-OG0Ei5ELiI>
- 👉 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y88sRwXUGsw>

🌟 Understanding the Role of the SENDCo 🌟

We know how important it is for you to feel confident about the support your child receives in school. One key role in this process is the SENDCo (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator).

To help clarify, here's what the SENDCo is and isn't:

- What the SENDCo is;

The SENDCo coordinates provision for children with special educational needs and disabilities.

They work closely with teachers, support staff, and external professionals to make sure children's needs are identified and met.

They oversee support plans and ensure strategies are in place to help children thrive.

They act as a point of contact for families when more specialist input is needed.

- What the SENDCo isn't;

The SENDCo is not the first person to raise everyday concerns about your child's learning or social interactions.

They do not replace the class teacher's role in supporting your child day-to-day.

They are not solely responsible for homework help or classroom progress — this is led by the teacher.



Why Class Teachers Are Your First Contact, If you have concerns about:

Your child's social interactions with peers

What they are finding difficult in their learning

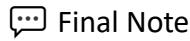
Struggles with homework or classroom tasks



Please speak to your child's class teacher first.

They know your child best in the classroom and can share observations, strategies, and next steps.

If further support is needed, the teacher will then liaise with the SENDCo.



The SENDCo plays a vital role in ensuring children with additional needs receive the right support, but the class teacher is always your first port of call. Together, teachers, the SENDCo, and families form a team around your child to help them succeed.

Our dedicated SENDCo email is: send@las.dsat.education

OPAL



We have started to receive items for our OPAL programme, which is absolutely brilliant.

We need lots of things so, please, if you have anything that you would otherwise be sending to the TIP, please consider asking if we can make use of it first. You'd be surprised at what children can use in imaginative play - We even had a bath donated from Van Dykes hotel last month!!

If you are a business, or know of a business who can help us with items that they may be disposing of, please get in touch!

If you have any spare wellies that your child has grown out of, or puddle suits, old coats etc. - please consider donating them to school.

Please continue with OPAL BINGO, we are really excited to see which class can source the most donations.

[Watch the OPAL video to understand more](#)

Diary Dates (This Term)

Wednesday 14th January 2026

14:45PM - Parent SEND group - Everyone welcome

Friday 16th January 2026

14:45pm - Class 3 Multiplication Check Parent Workshop

Thursday 5th February 2026

Travelling book fair arrives in school

Thursday 12th February 2026

Travelling book fair leaves

Friday 13th February 2026

Last day of term - School closes at the usual time of 15:20PM/15:25PM

Monday 2nd March 2026

Toast week - 20p per slice available at morning break every day this week

Bike-ability week for Year 5 Students (Miss Williams will communicate more information closer to the time)

Friday 6th March 2026

WORLD BOOK DAY - dress as your favoutire character from a book and enjoy a day about reading and books

Tuesday 17th March 2026

8am - 8:40am - Mothers day breakfast - Come along with your child to enjoy a mother and child breakfast in the hall

Wednesday 25th March 2026

9am - Easter church service - all welcome

Thursday 26th March 2026

14:30pm - Class 3 Space Exhibition (Class 3 families welcome)

Friday 27th March 2026

Last day of term (Easter break) - School closes at the usual time of 15:20PM / 15:25PM

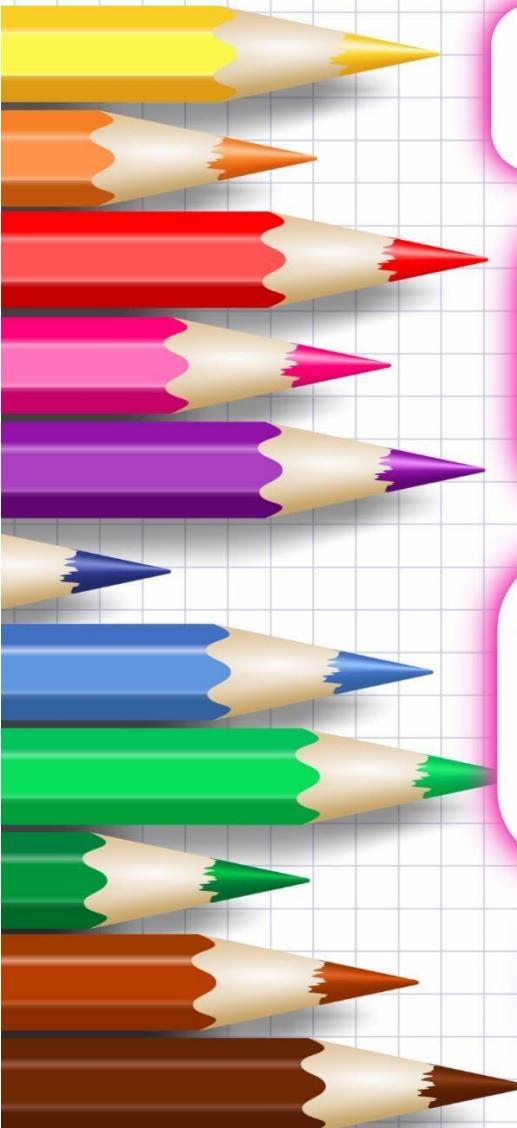
Friends of Laughton All Saints' C Of E Primary School (PTA)



PTA

Can you make a difference?

We need your helping hands!



OUR PRIORITIES THIS TERM:

OPAL

Outdoor play and learning
Help us to build a more
interactive, outdoor play area,
with fundraising and resources!

Recruit members to help!

**No matter what you can
give, every little helps!
Time, ideas, resources etc.**

Wednesday 21st January - 1pm

Contact Lucy to help:

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