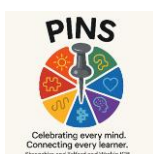


Lilleshall Primary School

Newsletter

September 2026



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Headteachers message and Governors Corner

Headteachers message

It has been lovely to see the children settling back into school life so well. The school is feeling busy and happy, and it's been lovely to see everyone getting back into the routines of the new school year.

We have been very lucky with the weather recently too! The sunshine has made playtimes and lunchtimes even more enjoyable, with the children making the most of being outside, playing with their friends and enjoying some fresh air.

Our school trips have also started, with our Year 5 and Year 6 children enjoying a visit to the Tutankhamun Exhibition. It sounds like they had a fantastic time, and we have plenty more exciting trips and experiences planned over the coming weeks.

Year 5 and Year 6 have also recently completed the Eatwell Project, which they thoroughly enjoyed. The children had the opportunity to prepare and cook their own meals, learning lots along the way. I was very lucky to get to taste some of their creations – and I can honestly say they were delicious! Well done to all the children for their hard work and enthusiasm.

It has been a really positive start, and we are looking forward to everything the coming weeks have in store.

Let's keep our fingers crossed that this lovely weather continues!

Christobel Cousins
Headteacher

Governors Corner – September

Governors have started our new school year with two key meetings. The first at the start of the month was the Heads and Chairs meeting led by the Local (Education) Authority which covered education up dates; both locally and nationally. Secondly all governors met up for our Strategic Governors meeting where we reviewed forthcoming school activities for this autumn term in order to plan our monitoring and evaluation visits, which are in addition to our formal Board and Committee meetings. One of these was a governor visit to a Year 5 Eat Well workshop, which small groups of Years 5 & 6 children have been participating in. Children were observed to be participating enthusiastically in the session which included practical skills of preparing a nutritious meal and the opportunity to sit together and eat the food they had prepared. As well as having cross-curricula content the workshops covered nutritional education and aspects of culture and diversity.

Christine A Raper
Chair of Governors

Reception and KS1 News

Year R - We have had a wonderful start to the year with our new children. They have settled beautifully and we are getting to know each other and learning all about the rules and routines in the classroom. We have started our phonics sessions and have really enjoyed learning our words to help us make our learning fly. We have learned 'Challenge', 'Independence', 'Be Positive' and 'Effort' and this is helping the children develop good attitudes for learning. We are enjoying our harvesting work and the children have been exploring farm machinery and building their own.



Years 1 & 2 What a fabulous few weeks back at school the children have had! We are so impressed with how quickly they have settled into their new classrooms and routines – well done!

The children are enjoying our new topic, Once Upon a Time, where we have been exploring character descriptions and thinking carefully about what characters look like and what they are like.

In History, we have started our topic on The Normans by invading Years 5 and 6! This was a great way for the children to experience what an invasion might have been like and helped to bring our learning to life.

We had a great day visiting Stafford Castle, where we learnt more about Norman castles and discovered what a motte-and-bailey castle was like.

It has been a super start to the year, and we are excited for all the learning still to come!



Years 3 & 4 have had a wonderful start to the new academic year! They should be extremely proud of the way in which they have settled in and thrown themselves into our theme of *What's On Your Plate*. In Art, we have started looking at the artist Arcimbaldo who is famous for using fruits, vegetables and flowers to create portrait art. We have created our own fruit faces using a computer program and are now in the midst of sculpting faces using real-life objects. Thank you for the generous donations of wild and wacky fruits and vegetables that have allowed us to enjoy this art project! We have also started exploring Lilleshall in the past as part of our local history project, taking a walk to the church and up to the Monument. We look forward to seeing where our learning takes us next!



Years 5 & 6 Welcome back to the new term! Both Year 5 and Year 6 are settling in well and are getting used to the routines of their new year group. We had a fabulous time at the Tutankhamun exhibition at the NEC and the different aspects of the experience have really helped to enhance our Ancient Egyptian unit of work. Following the trip, the children have all written a Trip Advisor style review and their feedback will be used when we complete the feedback form for the exhibition. A great start to a new year!



Celebrating Success



Year R – Isabella Rowley and Ronnie Shelley

Year 1 – Cohen Kneale and Freddie Shelley

Year 2 – Rupert Jones, Arabella Beard and Isla Bell

Year 3 – Walter Squires, Isla Hadebe-Chapman and Freddie Shelley

Year 4 – Albie Leach, Lyra Davies and Ziggy Lachowicz.

Year 5 -Merryn Young and William Marinov

Year 6 – Eleanor Pearce

Sports News

Aamaran in Year 6 has been coached by PGA Professional George Boden at Telford Golf Club for the past couple of seasons and has worked hard to develop his golfing skills. This summer, he earned a place on the club's team competing in the Golf Sixes League, a short, fast-paced format of the game that sees junior golfers representing clubs from across Shropshire.

Throughout the season, Aamaran played incredibly well, showing great determination, skill and sportsmanship. He won the majority of his matches and made a fantastic contribution to the team's success. His dedication and positive attitude have been a credit to him.

Well done, Aamaran, on this excellent achievement. We are very proud of you and look forward to hearing about your future golfing successes!



Student Spotlight

Kai in Year 4 has had this article written about him by Telford and Wrekin Music Services.

A Change of Instrument, A World of Difference.

When Kai began learning the guitar last year, nobody could have predicted where his musical journey would lead. However, his tutor, Mr Rainbow noticed something unusual about Kai's playing technique. While his right-hand approach was not ideally suited to guitar, it closely resembled the style of the late Motown bassist James Jamerson whose playing shaped countless classic recordings.

Recognising this natural aptitude Mr Rainbow suggested that Kai try the bass guitar instead. The result has been remarkable. Since making the switch, Kai has made excellent progress and continues to develop as a young musician.

Kai's story is a powerful example of the difference that highly skilled instrumental teachers can make. The depth of knowledge and professional experience needed to identify a student's unique strengths and make connections like these cannot be underestimated. It highlights the value of specialist music educators who are able to nurture talent, inspire confidence and help young people find the instrument that truly suits them.



School Groups News

All School groups have now been chosen and had their first meetings. There have been lots of great ideas discussed about how we can make changes in school, we will bring you more specific information once groups have had time to plan more.

Our JRSO's have been looking at parking around school and have chosen a new banner to remind everyone to park considerately. Please look out for this over the next few days.

Fundraising

Easyfundraising - As you are aware schools are this year more than ever facing significant financial challenges.

We are trying several different ways to raise money to enrich our children's learning and environment. We have registered with Easyfundraising which parents can sign up to and then as long as they have added their card details every time they make a purchase through one of their many partners school gets a small donation. The QR for this is below, please take a look and register if you can.



Utility Warehouse is another partner that parents can use to raise money for school and look to save money on their household bills.

Would you like to donate funds to the School without spending a penny yourself? How about donating to the School without spending a penny AND reducing your own monthly outgoings?

Lilleshall Primary School has partnered with Utility Warehouse to help families reduce their monthly bills while raising vital funds for the School. This has been arranged by one of the YR parents, Sara Giles-Steele (Vincent's Mum), and all you need to do is book a short appointment with Sara here - connectors.uw.co.uk/CN-9OWP - for a no obligation bills review. For every homeowner who becomes a customer, Utility Warehouse will donate up to £150 to the School.

This is a fantastic opportunity for parents to save money while helping the school to plug the £17,000 funding gap we have this academic year, so please show your support where you can. Utility Warehouse also offer up to £400 towards exit fees and up to a £250 welcome bonus for parents, so there's plenty of reasons to get in touch now that we're heading into winter and everyone's bills are going up.

Key Dates

Dates for your diary:

Friday 2nd October—Individual Photographs
Thursday 8th October—Year 3 Nature Day
Chetwynd Deer Park
Wednesday 14th October - Flu Vaccinations
Thursday 22nd October - Parents Consultation Day
Friday 23rd October—PD Day
Monday 26th—Friday 30th October Half Term
Friday 13th November—Children in Need
Monday 16th—Friday 20th Year 6 Arthog
Friday 27th November—Mufti (in exchange for tombola items)
Tuesday 1st December—KS1 Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 2nd—KS2 Christmas Fayre
Monday 7th December—Thursday 10th December—Year 3 and 4 Swimming
Friday 11th December—Mufti (in exchange for chocolate for the bingo)
Tuesday 15th December—KS1 Christmas Performance—AM
Wednesday 16th December—KS1 Christmas Performance—PM
Thursday 17th December—Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 18th December—Last Day Of Term
Tuesday 5th January—School Returns
Friday 12th February—Coffee and Cake Afternoon
Monday 15th February—Friday 19th February—Half Term
Monday 22nd February—School Returns
Thursday 4th March—World Book Day
Wednesday 17th March —Parents Consultations
Tuesday 23rd March—Year 3/4 Performance 10am
Wednesday 24th March—Year 3/4 Performance 10am
Thursday 25th March— Family Easter Egg Hunt—Weather Dependant
Friday 26th March—Friday 9th April—Easter Holidays
Monday 12th April—School Returns
Thursday 15th April—Image Theatre—Robin Hood Production

Monday 10th May—Friday 14th May—Year 6 SAT's

Friday 28th May—Grandparents Afternoon
Monday 21st June—Friday 25th June—Sports Week
Wednesday 23rd June—Sports Day
Wednesday 21st July—Last Day of Term

Please note, dates and times can be changed and added to throughout the year. Updated versions of this section will be on each months Newsletter.



Ages
6-16

October Half Term Holiday Club

Tuesday 27th to Thursday 29th October 2026



Sessions 10:30am - 3:30pm, £39

Early Drop Off 9:00am, £45.50

Bookings NOW Open

If you're new to EKO we are all about having fun outdoors whatever the weather. We might be bug hunting or plant spotting or den building or creating natural art, the list is endless and there will always be something new to try.

We are based at Weston Park and have our own dedicated EKO Outdoor Learning Site and Orchard Hive Classroom as well as use of the extensive grounds.

NEW for
Half Term



This half term we are able to offer funded places through the HHAH scheme to children who attend a school in Telford & Wrekin.

To qualify for a place your child must receive benefits related free school meals. To check you eligibility please register on the HHAH website.

Please make your HHAH booking through hhah.telford.gov.uk



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