



We love learning at Lowther

Assembly themes this week

Resilience

Mr Ripley looked at the question "Why should I be good?" during Monday's assembly and also explored making good decisions. The children engaged with the topic really well.

Not being boring

On Wednesday we had fun exploring how we can enjoy trying new things, being creative and having fun. The children also watched some creative videos showcasing amazing tricks in Science and Maths.

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

We had a cracking first week of 2025, the children were on great form. This week we have a slippers and story writing focus as well as the usual awesome learning happening across the school. Governors have been busy working with the school's leadership team on a number of different key areas of school life over recent months. One of these areas is our Top 5 school improvement plan priorities for the year. We thought parents would appreciate us sharing these targets too, so here they are!

- **Maths recall** – to build quicker and more secure recall of core maths skills across the school.
- Further enhance our wider **curriculum's** consistency and progression
- Ensure we have awesome **attendance** at Lowther
- Continue the smooth transition to a new **governing body** of the school
- Lowther Leadership – create clear and well defined **subject leadership**

If you would like to know more about any of the plans we have this year for further school improvement then please do let us know.

Have a fantastic week, we're looking forward to seeing the slippers out in full force and lots of you in school on Wednesday for Screen your Story. Best wishes

Mark and Alastair

Photograph of the week



The cold weather brought some excitement to the outside area in Early Years last week!

Lowther's Got Talent 2025

The children have started to sign up for Lowther's Got Talent and we're looking forward to seeing the auditions in a few weeks time. Children can enter to perform any talent they would like—this can literally be anything. (Sign up sheets are on the Headship office door). Performances should not be longer than 3 minutes and ideally around the 1–2 minute mark — it's much better for the performance to be short and effective than long and drawn out. Judges will be looking for originality, effort and preparation as well as talent.

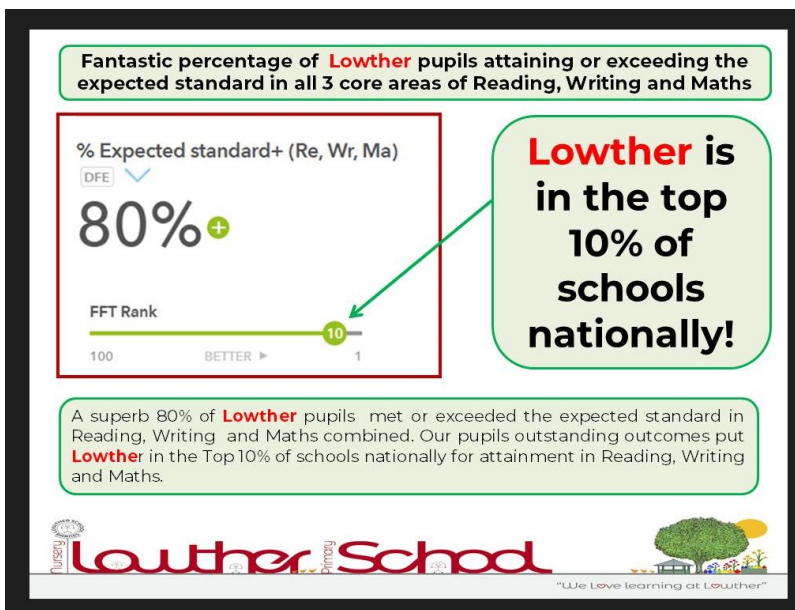
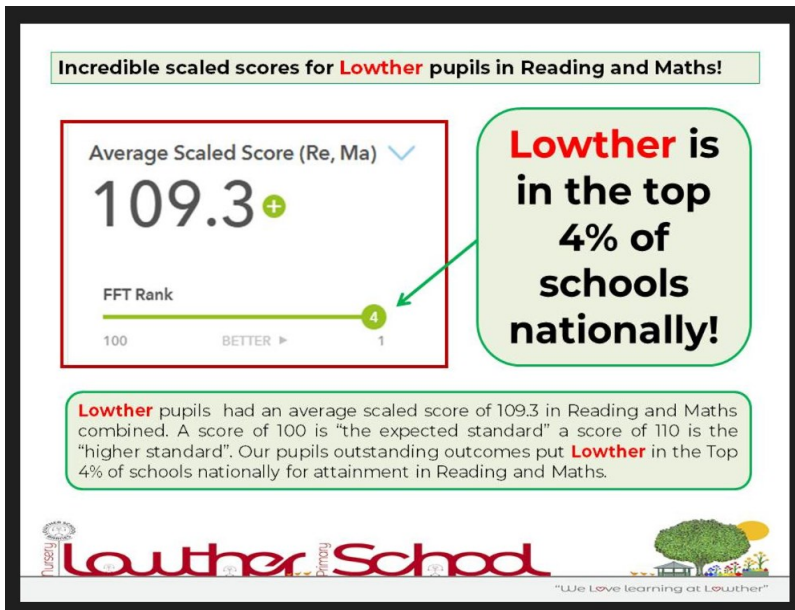
Auditions are **Thursday 30th January and Friday 31st January 2025**. The grand final, which of course we'd love you to come and watch, is on **Friday 7th February 2025** between 1:45pm and 3:15pm.

Good luck to every one entering!



Screen your Story

Our favourite annual writing competition "Screen your Story" will be in full swing this week. The day for parents to come in and work with their child is Wednesday morning. Please do come and join us.



More fantastic academic results

You may have seen our recent post to Instagram which showed just how well our children do academically.

We've included the information here too as they graphs provide a fantastic snapshot of our overall academic results.

The first graph shows the average scaled score gained by the children in Year 6 last year in Reading and Maths. The children did so well their results put us in the Top 4% of schools nationally.

The second table shows the percentage of children in the year group that gained the expected standard in all 3 core areas. This excellent set of results put us in the Top 10% of schools nationally.

We have some further graphs of our results which we will share in the future.

Do ask Mr Ripley or I if you would like further explanation of just how good these results are! Amazing work by our children and teachers. Thank you too, for your fabulous support of the children and the school.

Safeguarding: If you have any safeguarding concerns about a child, please contact the school's DSL and refer to the school's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy (on the school website). Please ensure you phone the office so this is addressed quickly. Our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) are Mr Ripley and Mrs Sandeman

If you feel a child may be in danger, you may contact the SPA directly on the number below or the police directly.
Single Point of Access (SPA): 020 8547 5008 Out of Hours: 020 8770 5000
Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO): 020 8891 7470 / 07774 442675

Please use the playground in the mornings or after school to pass on quick messages to class teachers. Wherever possible, the teacher should always be the first port of call if you have any concerns or questions.

General enquiries, : Please speak to the class teacher in the first instance. If not, you can call the school office on 0208 748 3984 and we can then arrange for the relevant person to call you back. Our office email address is info@lowther.richmond.sch.uk

Absences: Please email info@lowther.richmond.sch.uk or call our school office on 0208 748 3984 to report an absence.

Special Educational Needs: Please contact our SENDCO (Mrs Hammant) on the school number (0208 748 3984) or email chammant@lowther.richmond.sch.uk

Wraparound Enquiries: Our provider for after school care are JAGS. You can contact them via their website. The school runs Breakfast Club so please enquire with our office team if you'd like to book a place.

PTA enquiries: Please contact the PTA team on lowtherschoolpta@gmail.com

Headship Team: You are always welcome to talk to any one of us by phone or in person. You can also email us at headteacher@lowther.richmond.sch.uk