



We love learning at Lowther

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Welcome to edition 4 of the school newsletter. We hope you find the newsletters a useful way of staying connected and up to date with all things Lowther. We try to make sure key information is included not only here but on our website, via Parentmail and on our social media platforms too.

We'd like to draw your attention to our school's continued excellent academic results. We're having an online evening for parents to go through our results from last year across the school. This evening is on **Thursday 17th October at 5:30pm** until approximately 6pm. The information sharing session will be online and we'll share the link closer to the time. Of course academic results don't tell you how happy our children are, how well they've done on the sports field or on the stage or what opportunities and challenges they have taken on or the friendships they have built. We strive, every day, to ensure we have the highest standards of academic learning within a broad and balanced curriculum that is designed for high enjoyment levels amongst the children. Do join us on the 17th if you are able to.

Mark and Alastair

Assembly themes this week

Black History Month

Mr Ripley launched our annual recognition of Black History in assembly this week. We considered the importance of inclusion and being authentic and also the fascinating story of Katherine Johnson (an amazing mathematician and NASA scientist)

Fantastic stories

We shared some excellent stories on Wednesday and have more lined up for this week too. We want children to love books and reading and these assemblies are designed to promote an enjoyment and appreciation of great stories.

Photograph of the week

Football Free Friday happens every week and gives the children the opportunity to try out a range of different sports and activities at break time. The school provides these resources for the children. We've just been successful in bidding for a grant for some more resources from the very marvellous local charity SporTedd. Fantastic!



Lowther Family BBQ  This Friday!

Attendance Matters

A key area for our school (and all schools nationally) is to ensure attendance across the school is excellent. The minimum expectation is 96% attendance.

Attendance below this falls in to a category of concern. To put this into context, 5% absence would equate to 58 hours (nearly 2 school weeks) of lost learning in a year and a whopping 348 hours during primary school. This is the equivalent of missing a whole terms worth of learning. The adjacent table shows our attendance for our first half term. We look forward to this being above 96% for the remainder of the school year. We really appreciate your support in communicating to the children that every school day counts.

The class attendance totals are indicated on the table. Please ask your child's teacher or at the office if you would like to know your child's attendance.

Attendance for September 2024	All classes need to be above 96%
Reception class 93.8%	Year 1 = 93.5%
Y2 Maple = 94.7%	Y2 Elm = 97.8%
Year 3 = 96.4%	Year 4 = 95.2%
Year 5N = 96.8%	Year 5T 93.9%
Year 6 = 94.5%	School Total 95.2%