



LADY BANKES PRIMARY SCHOOL

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ambition, togetherness, opportunity, respect, curiosity, happiness



Dear Lady Bankes families,

Can you believe that we are just a week and two days away from the end of the school year?! When I met with the new families on transition day, whose children will be joining us in September, I was saying to them that I had just been visiting all the children in their new classes. It was hard to believe that new Year 1 children's parents were sitting in the hall like they were this time last year- the children in Reception have made such excellent progress and are so confident.

We have had some wonderful trips this half term including Reception to Hounslow Urban Farm and Year 1 to Windsor Castle. The children had such great times and learnt a lot about the different places they visited. Nursery, rather than going on a trip, have been having a wonderful time learning about different countries and completing activities about them. The last of our Year 4 classes had a great time at Pizza Express making their own pizzas that they then brought back to school for lunch.

Today Year 6 have gone on their school journey to PGL at Marchants Hill in Hindhead. They are going to have a fantastic, if hot, time! Thank you to all the staff who have given up their weekend to take the children. Year 6 also performed a fantastic show to their families last week. They performed 'Robin Hood and the Sherwood Hoodies'. There is a lovely article about it on the Ruislip Residents Association website. <https://www.ruislipresidents.org.uk/lady-bankes-primary-schools-year-6-show/>

The children's stalls for Enterprise were fabulous and they thoroughly enjoyed selling their wares to the rest of the school. A huge thank you to our Year 6 families too as I know you all really helped the children to make the things for their stalls.

The school has had an excellent year academically. All our data points- Reception GLD, Year 1 phonics, Year 4 multiplication check and Year 6 SATs- have results that are far above the national averages. This is a result of the children's hard work, the consistent excellent teaching and learning that takes place every day, and the support the children receive from our families. Thank you.

As I mentioned in the letter about teaching arrangements for next year we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Barcessat, Miss Day, Mrs Cronin, Mrs Ahti and Mrs Thom at the end of term. We wish them all the very best for their new adventures and the future.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing the children safely back to school on Monday.

Mrs K Needs

LOST PROPERTY

Once again, we have accumulated a large amount of lost property in school. If you have lost any items of clothing, uniform and non-uniform please come into school and have a look. All items left at the end of term will either be donated to FOLBA or put into the charity box in the EYE Nursery driveway.

MEDICATION

If your child is in Year 6 any prescribed medication we have in school for them will be sent home on the last day of term.

Prescribed medication for children in Nursery through to Year 5 will be kept in school over the summer and will NOT be sent home unless it has expired or is due to expire. School keep a note of expiry dates and will notify parents by text if any medication needs replacing.

If your child is leaving Lady Bankes at the end of this term and you want their medication sent home please notify Mrs Sheehan, Welfare in the school office to arrange this.



Diary Dates

Friday 11th – Sunday 13th July

Year 6 School Journey to PGL, Marchant's Hill

Thursday 17th July

Year 5 Art Workshop

Monday 21st July

Year 6 Leavers Party

Tuesday 2nd September

Staff Training Day (School Closed)

Wednesday 3rd September

Staff Training Day (School Closed)

Thursday 4th September

Autumn Term Begins at 8.30am

Stay & Play for Reception 9.00am & 1.30pm

Friday 5th September

Stay & Play for Reception 9.00am & 1.30pm

Monday 8th September

8.45am Welcome to Year 6 Meeting for Families

Tuesday 9th September

8.45am Welcome to Year 5 Meeting for Families

Wednesday 10th September

8.45am Welcome to Year 4 Meeting for Families

Thursday 11th September

8.45am Welcome to Year 3 Meeting for Families

Friday 12th September

8.45am Welcome to Year 2 Meeting for Families

Tuesday 16th September

8.45am Welcome to Year 1 Meeting for Families

Wednesday 17th September

8.45am Welcome to Reception/Phonics Meeting for Families

Autumn Term Clubs

Details of our regular clubs have now been sent home. The booking system will open on Wed 16th July at 3.30pm. We are aware that there is a need to broaden what is on offer for afterschool clubs. This can be challenging as we need to accommodate the clubs around the site and consider the cost to our families. However, we are trying to address- it is even part of our school development plan next year. Please bear with us as we are actively looking for how to extend our current offer particularly for KS1. We will share any additional clubs with our families as soon as we can. The priority will be for KS1 pupils. We are actively enquiring about an art club at the moment but have to wait for the provider to give us more details before we can commit.

Lady Bankes has proudly achieved the International School Award for Introducing Internationalism. This was awarded by the British Council for a range of diverse activities we have undertaken through the year. Some of these included country databases learning in Computing, cultural diversity days in PSHE, European languages day for and so on.

These have helped students understand different cultures, develop communication skills and broaden their horizons-all while supporting the curriculum and global learning goals.



Free Trial Session and £40 discount at Perform

Popular children's drama and dance school Perform is offering a Free Trial Session and a **special introductory discount of £40 for members of Lady Bankes Infant School** if they sign up by Monday 22nd September 2025. Parents should quote LBIP220925 when they book their free session by going to perform.org.uk/try or calling 020 7255 9120.

You can find out more about the classes at perform.org.uk/try. Alternatively, pdf flyers can be downloaded from [here](#).

Click to find [your nearest classes](#) or view a list of [all areas](#).


Free from falls

*“A preventable accident ends up with a shattered family.
And that’s just very tragic.”*

Paediatric Neurologist (a doctor who specialises in child brain injury)

Scrapes and bruises are a part of growing up. But even a fall from a highchair can cause a bad head injury. That’s because babies’ heads are much heavier than their bodies, which makes them top-heavy. And when they land, their head takes much of the impact.

It doesn’t make sense trying to stop all falls. But there are some serious ones you can easily stop once you know how and why.

 **Cots, beds and changing tables** – now I can wriggle and roll!

- Even small babies can wriggle off a bed or changing table – change their nappies on the floor if you can and keep them in arms reach on a raised surface
- As soon as your baby can stand, remove any large toys they might climb on to get out of their cot, preventing serious falls.

 **Stairs** – I can shuffle and I’m off!

- Even before they’re mobile, babies are injured when the person carrying them falls. So keep a hand on the rail going up and down stairs
- As soon as your baby starts moving around, fit safety gates to stop them climbing or falling down the stairs.

 **Highchairs** – is that my drink?

- Children may try to get things that are out of their reach
- They may lean over the side and topple out or push themselves up and try to climb out
- Get into the habit of using the straps on the highchair every time you use it.

 **Windows** – what’s that I can see?

- Small children are curious and want to see what’s happening outside but have no real understanding of danger
- Take care not to put furniture in front of windows, especially in children’s bedrooms
- If you can, get safety catches or locks fitted on your windows
- If you opt for a lock, keep the keys somewhere you can find them, in case there’s a fire and you need to get out.

 **Trampolines** – how high can I bounce?

- The biggest risk from trampolines is having two people with very different weights
- Let children take it in turns and avoid adults and children jumping together
- Use a safety net or cage so children can’t be thrown onto the ground.



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Sporting News

It has been a busy half term with lots of sports fixtures for our cricket, football and athletics teams.

Our boys football B team won silver medals in the final of their competition, playing amazingly throughout. We also had B and C team fixtures throughout June with three different teams playing matches.

In cricket, the girls and boys have been playing tournaments and fixtures. The girls qualified for the West London finals, finishing in 4th place. Both the boys and girls teams beat Harlyn in matches.

In athletics, the team were crowned district and West London champions completing a fantastic year. Beating teams across West London, the Quadkids team were crowned champions for the third consecutive year. The district sports team won the overall Ruislip and Northwood competition by over 100 points as well as earning lots of individual medals. All of the relay squads won gold medals as well as gold medals in boys and girls vortex, girls long jump, Y5 girls sprint and Y6 girls sprint.

Well done to everyone who has competed for Lady Bankes this year - we are so proud of you all. Thank you to all of the staff who have supported with training and competitions and to the many parents who have helped out with transport and supporting the teams this year.





Outside School Sporting Achievement

This year, Aidan D in 5CS has been taking part in a range of BMXing sessions and competitions. Recently, he took part in the London Youth Games at Merton Saints BMX club to represent Hillingdon where 193 riders took part in total. Despite being in a merged age group where he was competing against 12 year olds, Aidan did fantastically and finished 4th out of 13 riders!

Well done, Aidan – keep up the hard work!



Attendance July 2025

A big thank you to all our families working together with us this year. Every child is entitled to access full time education every day, attendance matters, let's help our children reach their full potential!

You will receive an email when your child returns in September 2025 which will include any updated attendance information and policies for the academic year 2025/2026.

In yr3 to yr6 all children with 95% or above attendance were entered into a draw. One child selected from each year group received a £20 Cineworld gift voucher.

The winners were:

Logan - yr3

Sebastian - yr4

Jessica - Yr5

Nancy - yr6

Year group		% to end of year
Reception	EYFS	88.2%
Year 1	KS1	92.2%
Year 2	KS1	93.7%
Year 3	KS2	94.6%
Year 4	KS2	95%
Year 5	KS2	94.8%
Year 6	KS2	94.8%
		94.9%

Our whole school attendance for
2024-25 is 94.4%
Mrs Sue Smith, Attendance
Officer

Attend Today



Achieve Tomorrow



Nursery

The nursery children are in their final half-term of Nursery. They have become very independent in their learning accessing all areas with confidence. Our topic is 'Summer Fun!' Each week, there has been a summer theme, which included bugs, picnics and day trips. Here are some great photographs of the nursery children in action!



Reception

And just like that, our Reception year has come to an end! It has been a joy and a privilege to guide the children through their very first year of school. We are so proud of how much they've grown, learned, and achieved. From exciting events and memorable trips to special visitors and classroom adventures, it's been a year full of discovery and fun.

While we're sad to see them move on, we know they're ready for the next step in their learning journey and will continue to flourish.

Take a look below at some wonderful snapshots from our recent school trip!



Year 1

As we approach the end of the academic year, we have been very busy. We have had a fantastic school trip to Windsor Castle. We really enjoyed seeing the royal standard flag flying which meant that the King was staying at Windsor Castle. Although the trip was hot, we had a great time exploring the castle. We also put on a spectacular Medieval show for our families and it was amazing to be able to show you all the interesting things we have learnt about this topic. We also had our sports morning during which we competed over nine different events to find out which house would win. Well done to Green house! We had a great time meeting our new Year Two teacher and cannot wait to start our next chapter at Lady Bankes Primary School. We hope you all have a lovely and relaxing summer break and we look forward to seeing you back in September.



Year 2

We made it! We can't believe it is that time already to say goodbye to our wonderful Year 2's and wish them all the very best in Year 3! The children have had a fantastic last term with lots of memorable events, including Whipsnade Zoo and Sports Day which they thoroughly enjoyed! We have finished off this term with an incredible DT week and the children have made fantastic dioramas - have a look below! We are so incredibly proud of our Year 2s and to say they have worked their socks off would be an understatement. We know they are more than ready for Year 3 and we cannot wait to see them continue to grow and flourish! We hope you have a relaxed and well deserved summer break. The Year 2 Team ☺



Year 3

We've had a fantastic and action-packed term so far in Year 3! From exciting adventures to meaningful learning experiences, the children have truly embraced every opportunity. Here's a look at what we've been up to:

Our recent trip to **Hobbledown Heath** was an absolute highlight! We were blessed with **beautiful weather**, and the children had a wonderful time exploring the outdoor play areas, animal zones, and imaginative spaces. It was a day full of laughter, teamwork, and adventure. Thank you to all the parent helpers who made the day possible!



Sports Day was a huge success! The children showed fantastic **sportsmanship**, **team spirit**, and **enthusiasm** across all the events. It was great to see so many families cheering from the sidelines. A big well done to everyone who took part—you made us all proud!



Year 3 has been digging into the history of our school, and it's been fascinating! We looked at old photos, discovered how the buildings and uniforms have changed over time, and compared life at Lady Bankes now and in the past. The students loved seeing what the school looked like decades ago!

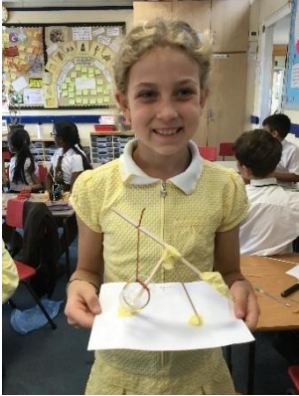


We were pleased to welcome the Hillingdon Council Road Safety Team for some very important workshops. The children learned about how to stay safe when crossing roads, the importance of being alert near traffic, and how they can be responsible pedestrians. These sessions were fun, interactive, and packed with practical tips.

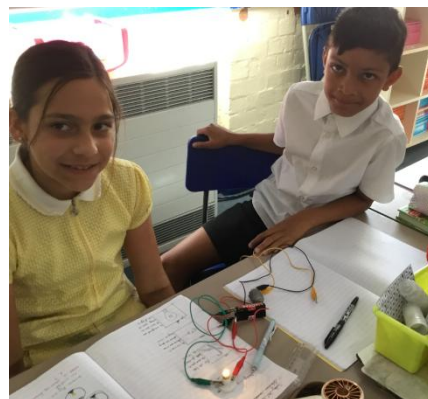


Year 4

This week in Year 4, the children have been immersed in a hands-on, creative DT (Design and Technology) project – designing, making, testing and evaluating their very own **shadufs**! Inspired by ancient Egyptian technology, the pupils worked in groups to construct working models of these traditional water-lifting devices, applying problem-solving and teamwork skills throughout the process. It's been fantastic to see their ideas come to life!



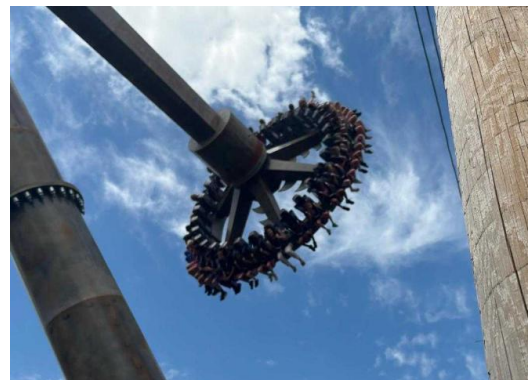
In Science, we've been learning about **electricity**. The children have had the opportunity to build **simple circuits**, using wires, batteries and bulbs, and have been investigating **conductors and insulators** – discovering which materials allow electricity to flow and which ones block it. This practical learning has really sparked their curiosity!



Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. We wish you all a wonderful summer.

Year 5

What a busy half term we have had! We thoroughly enjoyed our activity day learning to skateboard and baking shortbread biscuits. We also enjoyed our trip to Paultons Park.



In class, we have been learning about the street artist Banksy. We have experimented with a range of graffiti fonts and have created pieces that give a message to others.



We have also enjoyed taking part in sports day. Well done to everyone who took part, and congratulations to Red Team!



We have also completed Pedestrian training where we revised the Green Cross Code.



We wish all Year 5 families a lovely summer holidays, and look forward to seeing everyone back in September!

Year 6

As you read this, Year 6 are away at PGL for the weekend. Enjoying zip lining, raft building and other brilliant activities with their friends.



We have such a talented year group! Here are the 1st and 2nd place winners from the Talent Show this week.



We would like to say a huge thank you to the Y6 parents and the whole Lady Bankes community for helping us reach our largest Enterprise total. We raised £2097.55!



We also managed to fit in some Caribbean cooking to our busy week. Thank you to Mrs Ellmore and Ms Wilson for helping us cook in the heat!



