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SEPTEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome (or welcome back) to Lemington Riverside Primary School for the 2026/2027 school year. It has been a busy, action-packed start to the school year and we have been really impressed at how well your children are settling into their new classes.

DOWNLOAD OUR SCHOOL APP NOW!

We always give you a printed copy of the first newsletter of the school year, but a reminder that all other newsletters and key messages are communicated via our school app 'Greenhouse Schools'. You can download this from the Google or Apple stores on your mobile device. Once you've downloaded search for our school and enter a one-time code of **1909** for access. Once inside, **please make sure notifications are enabled and choose the channels that are relevant to you**. Remember, if your child has moved up to a new class, you'll need to choose their new class channel for updates.



YEAR 5/6 FORD CASTLE RESIDENTIAL:

Last week, our year 5 and 6 children enjoyed a 3-day residential at PGL Ford Castle in Northumberland. Whilst they were they took part in a range of adventurous outdoor activities and challenges, before spending the night in a real castle! It was a great experience for the children and we were very proud of their independence and resilience during the residential as we know spending time away from home can be daunting. Mr. Murphy is already busy planning ahead some exciting adventures for later in the school year and beyond, including a brand new destination which we know the children are going to love!

Unfortunately, this year we were not successful in our application for Turing Funding which has previously funded our two residential visits to France in 2025 and 2026. This was the same outcome for a number of other local schools who have previously been successful too. We are determined that our Year 6 children will still have an exciting adventure to end their time at Lemington Riverside and are working hard to plan ahead for summer 2027. Watch this space! We are also excited that a new funding stream (Erasmus +) is becoming available from next year for British schools to establish links with foreign schools, including



visits, so we are hopeful that this will mean we recommence our connection with Nancy in France in the future.

BENEDICTS LAW – Important change for parents/carers to be aware of:

As a school we have warmly welcomed the changes brought about by Benedicts Law which bring in mandatory national standards for school allergy safety. At Lemington Riverside we have been following many of these mandatory standards for a number of years now, but there is an important change that we need to share.

BIRTHDAY CAKES: Please note, as of now children cannot bring a birthday cake into school for staff to cut and hand out under the new rules. **Children are still welcome to bring in individually packaged sweets or cup-cakes that have a full list of ingredients and allergens on the individual packaging.** Any items being brought in for birthdays should be handed to the school office on arrival. Thank you for your support with this.

FREE BREAKFAST CLUB:

A reminder that we now have a free, daily breakfast club operating at Lemington Riverside for all children in years Reception up to Year 6. Although it's free to attend, bookings must be made at least 2 weeks in advance to help us plan food orders and staffing arrangements.

[To book, click here.](#)

NUFC TICKET COMPETITION:

Thank you to our ongoing partnership with Newcastle United Foundation we have secured two tickets (one child, one adult) for Newcastle United's Premier League match against Aston Villa on Saturday 17th October, 5:30pm kick off. To enter the prize draw to win tickets, [please click here](#). Good luck!

NEW END OF DAY ARRANGEMENTS:

Thank you to you all for your support with our new collection arrangements at the end of the school day. The staggered finish and new dismissal process seems to be making things much smoother and is certainly easing congestion across the school site.

THANK YOU FROM ME:

A personal thank you for all of the kind words that you've shared with me since I announced that I will be leaving Lemington Riverside. It's certainly not been an easy decision, but it's the right time for a new challenge for me personally and I will forever have incredible memories of my time at this school. The Governing Body will keep in touch with you all regarding my successor, but please be assured lots of planning is going on behind the scenes to ensure the school continues to run smoothly.

Remember, you can check out all of the key dates for your diary on our school website, [click here to see the school calendar](#).

Best wishes – Mr. Heeley (Headteacher)