



Street Lane Primary School

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Acting Headteacher – Mrs Tracey Marie Dixon



Monday, 7th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year. We are all very excited to welcome your children back to school tomorrow. The staff have all been very busy preparing the classrooms and outdoor areas and the school and provision looks great. We are due to be visited by the EMET newly appointed CEO Mr Paul Smith on Thursday and can't wait to introduce him to our lovely pupils, staff and school.

I would like to make a special mention to Vikki and Mark Foster and the very generous Advanced Building Supplies for helping to make our new construction area look so amazing!

I would also like to thank our incredible PTFA for all of their fundraising work at the Marehay Show on Saturday – their hard work resulted in over £350 being raised for resources for school. Thank-you!

Staffing Updates

I would like to update you on a few staffing changes that will be in place for the Autumn Term. These changes have been made in response to developments across our multi-academy trust EMET, and the increasing additional needs of some of our pupils to ensure we continue to provide the best possible support for all children.

Mrs Cooke will not be working at Street Lane during the Autumn Term, and I will continue in my role as Acting Headteacher. Alongside this, I will also be teaching in Duckling Class as the EYFS Lead Teacher. When I am carrying out my Headteacher responsibilities, Miss Match will teach the Duckling Class.

Our class teaching team for the Autumn Term will be:

- **Duckling Class** – Mrs Dixon and Miss Match
- **Puffin Class** – Mrs Shaw
- **Owl Class** – Mrs Lomax
- **Peacock Class** – Mr Gallen

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Our Teaching Assistants, Mrs Bevan, Mrs Lambley-Parkin, Mrs Truman, Mrs Graham and Isaac will be supporting children with funded SEND provision, Inclusion Plans and Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs), helping to ensure that pupils receive the support they need to thrive.

Unfortunately, Mrs Walker will not be returning at the start of this term due to personal reasons. We hope to welcome her back in the very near future.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me by email or arrange an appointment through the school office. I will always do my best to make time to speak with you as soon as possible. However, due to my teaching commitments this term, it may sometimes be necessary to arrange a mutually convenient appointment or a telephone call at the end of the school day.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding. Please be assured that every member of staff at Street Lane has your children's best interests at heart, and we will always make decisions that we believe are right for the wellbeing, learning and development of all our pupils.

Communication Tools

Class Dojo is our primary tool for sharing school and class information with you. Please note that messages should not be sent directly to teachers via Class Dojo, as they will not respond and may not check them regularly. Both Mrs Brentnall and I can communicate with you directly and view general messages. You may also use my email t.dixon@streetlaneprimary.org or office@streetlaneprimary.org for general queries.

Should you need to communicate with your child's teacher and cannot speak with them at the end of the school day, please utilise the class email account. Staff will check their emails during their working hours, but they are engaged in teaching throughout the school day. They will respond as soon as possible within their working hours.

The class email addresses are:

Ducklings ducklingparents@streetlaneprimary.org

Puffins – puffinparents@streetlaneprimary.org

Owls – owlparents@streetlaneprimary.org

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Peacocks – peacockparents@streetlaneprimary.org

Alternatively, you are welcome to arrange an appointment to meet with your child's teacher through the school office email address or by telephoning the school.

If you wish to contact our SENCO, Mrs Curtis, please be aware that she is on-site on Thursdays only. We have a dedicated SEND email address:

Send@streetlaneprimary.org, which is monitored by both Mrs Curtis. We kindly request that you use this address for any future communications related to SEND matters. If you message is urgent, please ensure that I am also copied in to ensure it can be answered in a timely fashion.

Please continue to check the school website for calendar updates, as well as updated policies and procedures. Your child's class page should be updated termly, so please do keep an eye on it.

Staff will put weekly updates onto your child's page on Class Dojo to share some of the new and learning they have enjoyed. If your child is in the Duckling class, photos will be shared regularly on Tapestry.

Home activities

In response to parent requests last year, I introduced weekly homework tasks for all pupils on the weekly newsletter. These tasks are linked to our foundation/science topics and will often be practically based to allow all children to participate. All children from Y1-Y6 will also have the opportunity to participate in online maths activities via Mathletics, TT Rockstars and Magma maths. I will continue with these weekly tasks this term and staff will monitor the level of interaction from pupils to determine whether this is a worthwhile opportunity to continue with. We will be continuing with our popular Readopoly challenge each week too where children can earn tickets to go into our weekly book draw!

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Polite Requests and Notices Parent Pay

All payments for dinner money, breakfast, or after-school clubs should be processed through the Parent Pay system. We kindly remind you to keep your account up to date and pay any outstanding balances.

School Lunches

As of this term, our meal providers have moved from the kitchens at Ripley Juniors to the kitchens at Lons Infants. As a result of this there have been a few changes to the menu. Mrs Brentnall has posted the new menu onto Dojo today, so please ensure you have a look. Please note that there will no longer be the option to pre-order food. Your child will select the menu of their choice on the day.

Children in Ducklings and Puffins are entitled to universal free school meals. Should you prefer for your child to bring a packed lunch, that option is available to you. The cost of school lunches is £3.25. Menus have been shared with you on Class Dojo; if you wish to order an alternative meal on a specific day, please complete the necessary form in advance. Please note that children cannot choose an alternative meal on the day itself.

Your child may be eligible for free school meals. If you believe this applies, please use the following link to apply:

[Free School Meals Application](#)

This application is free, and in some cases, your child may also be eligible for additional funding known as Pupil Premium, which aids in supporting your child's education.

Parking

At the end of last academic year, our school council reached out to the local Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) regarding unsafe parking near the school. Children expressed concerns about parents and carers reversing vehicles into the layby and parking on yellow zig-zag lines. The PCSO will be monitoring the situation regularly. We also purchased signs to help address these concerns, however these were significantly damaged over the Summer term. Please note that these signs are currently not in place so please be extra vigilant with your children outside of the school gates.

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We urge all parents and carers to consider the safety of our children when parking close to the school. We are thankful to Yeoman's Accountants for allowing parents to utilise their car park, which alleviates some congestion. Please remain considerate of our neighbours and refrain from blocking driveways.

Equipment and Uniform

We frequently encounter lost property, making it difficult to return items such as jumpers and cardigans to their owners when they lack identifying names. We kindly request that you label all items, including coats, jumpers, and cardigans. Due to health and safety regulations children are only permitted to bring a book bag into school with them. Large bags unfortunately cannot be accommodated. If your child has an overnight stay which necessitates them to bring sleepwear into school, please ensure this is handed into the office for safekeeping. Your child should bring only their book bag, water bottle, and a lunch box if they have a packed lunch.

At Street Lane Primary School, we are consistently exploring ways to meet children's individual needs and ensure inclusivity for all. Our staff have undergone appropriate training and possess the necessary experience to support children through our universal provisions and resources.

Recently, we have noticed an increase in the use of fidget toys and similar items being brought into school. We kindly ask that unless you have discussed your child's particular needs with our SENDCo, Mrs Curtis, you refrain from allowing your child to bring these items to school. If children require additional sensory tools in school, a risk assessment will be noted as part of your child's individual care plan. Please note this includes chewellery. It is also vital that personal toys and items are not brought into school, as they can disrupt the learning environment. This also includes multiple keyrings on book bags, please ensure only one key ring is used for identification, avoiding excessive clutter that could distract children.

In the Duckling class, the children will spend a significant amount of their time outside developing their gross motor coordination so it is perfectly acceptable to send your child to school in black trainers and plain black jogging bottoms as part of their everyday uniform if you prefer them to school trousers. For children from Y1-6, please can you ensure you are

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wearing black shoes, black or grey skirts, pinafore dresses, shorts, trousers, either a white or red polo neck and a red jumper, hoodie or cardigan.

PE days

For PE please ensure your child is wearing comfortable clothing such as leggings, shorts or jogging bottoms (in black or grey please) and a white or red polo shirt. Please ensure they have sensible footwear such as pumps or trainers.

Duckling class will have their PE session with Isaac on Wednesday mornings

Puffin class will have their PE session with Isaac on Thursday mornings.

Owl class will have their PE session with Isaac on Wednesday afternoons. Owl class will also have a swimming lesson on Friday afternoons with Mrs Lomax and Mrs Lambley-

Parkin. Swimming lessons will commence on Friday 18th September. Your child will need to have a swimming costume, swimming hat and a towel for these sessions.

Peacock class will have their PE session with Isaac on Thursday afternoons.

Jewellery Reminder

For health and safety reasons, jewellery should not be worn in school. If your child has pierced ears, only **plain stud earrings** are permitted, and these must be **covered with tape during PE lessons**.

Children in **Key Stage 2** may wear a **watch (not a smartwatch)**; however, it must be removed for PE and remains the responsibility of the child at all times.

If your child wears jewellery for **religious reasons**, please speak with a member of staff so that we can discuss appropriate arrangements.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep all children safe.

Water Bottles

Students should bring a clearly labelled water bottle to school, ideally filled with water only. School will not provide squash unless it is on an agreed medical plan. Children can refill their bottles with water throughout the day, and these will be stored in the classroom.

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Multiplication Passports

Children from Year One upwards have received their multiplication passports, leading to significant improvements in their recall skills regarding times tables. Thank you for your support in encouraging your child to practise at home. The enthusiasm for Mathematics is commendable, with many children excitedly earning praise and certificates for their hard work.

Reading for Pleasure

We continue to promote a love of reading, which flourishes best when we work in partnership. Reading is foundational to lifelong learning. Should you wish to assist in the classroom by listening to children read, please let us know. It is necessary to have a DBS check for this, and we are happy to process this for you. Your involvement is warmly welcomed, and the children genuinely enjoy sharing books with adults. Thank you to those families who have generously donated books and magazines to the school; the children greatly appreciate them. In the early years of education, we will guide your child in reading; we also ask that you listen to your child read and share books with them, ensuring they receive the best possible start.

Medicines in School

A gentle reminder that we will not administer any medicines in school unless your child has an approved medical health care plan. Only medicines or creams prescribed by a doctor will be dispensed in school, and where possible, we ask that dosing aligns with the school day. Ideally, parents and carers should arrange for an adult to administer any required medicine in school. No medications will be given without the necessary forms being completed, and all medicines should carry the prescribing label with your child's name on it. No over-the-counter medicines can be administered.

Breakfast and After School Clubs

Breakfast club operates from 7.30 am and costs £8. Breakfast is served until 8.15 am. An early drop-off at 8.30 am is also available for £3. Please make your bookings on Parent Pay and ensure payment is made in advance and **no later** than 3pm the previous day.

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This helps with staffing and catering planning. After-school clubs cost £5 per pupil per day and are also bookable via Parent Pay. Clubs for this term will be;

Tuesday 3.30-4.30pm Craft/Art Club

Wednesday 3.30-4.30pm Sports with Isaac

Thursday 3.30-4.30pm Sports with Isaac .

Further details regarding clubs for this term can be found on Class Dojo and the school website; please note that they may be subject to change depending on staffing and weather conditions. We will continue to monitor the cost effectiveness of being able to offer these clubs over the Autumn terms.

Wakey Shakey Wednesdays & Feel Good Fridays

Each Wednesday and Friday, we kick off our day with music and dancing once the gates open at 8.50 am. All staff participate in the dancing, creating an uplifting atmosphere. This was paused during the first week to allow our new starters to settle in, but we will resume this on the week commencing 14th September. Should you hear music and laughter from 8.50 am on those days, you are in the right place! We encourage parents to join in with their children, and there may even be special certificates for parents who participate!

Holidays in Term Time

Please note that I am unable to authorise holidays taken during term time unless exceptional circumstances arise, which may result in a fine. The impact of absences on your child's attendance and their overall attainment can be significant, due to valuable learning time lost. You will find further information regarding this on our school website, particularly in the attendance section and the related policy approved by our Governors.

If your child's attendance falls below 95%, a meeting will be requested with myself to discuss this matter. Initially, this meeting will be informal; however, if attendance continues to decline, a more formal approach may be needed, which could involve outside agencies. Additionally, please remember that any child arriving late for school after 9 am will be recorded as absent for the register period. Should you have concerns regarding your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to speak with myself, or your child's class teacher. We are here to support you in any way possible.

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Illness

We understand that children may become ill from time to time, and we absolutely advise against bringing an unwell child to school. If your child experiences any sickness or diarrhoea, they must not return to school until 48 hours have passed since their last episode. Should your child fall ill while in school, we will contact you to collect them. Please ensure that your contact details are current and accurate. Mrs Brentnall will be sending out some update forms for consents/ contact and GDPR this week on Dojo.

Accidents

It is inevitable that children will experience bumps and scrapes during the school day. When such incidents are reported, and first aid is administered, these are recorded on our Medical Tracker. This system enables us to inform parents and carers of any incidents. It is important to keep your email details up to date to ensure you receive notifications. In the event of toileting accidents, we do have a limited supply of spare pants and clothing. If you are aware that your child may need additional clothing, kindly ensure you send them with sufficient spares in a named bag.

Policies

All school policies are readily accessible on our school website. Some are in the process of being updated to reflect the latest guidance, including our behaviour policy, which is currently under review and awaiting Governor approval. Once completed, this will be shared with you.

New Smart phone policy

Following on from the meetings we had last year and the information shared with the Smartphone Free Childhood campaign, the Governors have asked that the school grounds become a smartphone free environment for all children. Therefore, from Tuesday 8th September, children will not be permitted to bring any smart phones or watches onto the school premises. If there is an emergency situation or a child needs a phone after school, please speak to a member of staff before sending your child in with a phone. On these occasions, we will require a parent/carer to hand the mobile phone into Mrs Brentnall in the office (turned off) and an adult must collect the phone from the office at the end of the day. No phones will be given to children. We are also asking parents to support this initiative by not having out or using their own phones whilst on the school premises. Please can you

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ensure all phones are away in a pocket/bag whilst you are on the school premises. In the event if a phone call or emergency at school pick up/ drop off times, please may we politely request that you move away from the school playground to take these calls.

Home-time collection

Please note that children in the Duckling class will be released from 3.20pm from the red EYFS gate. Please bear with the staff as we learn all of the new adults collecting children.

The Puffin children will be released from the fire exit on the infant side of the playground.

The Owl children will be released from the garden area, so please do come onto the school playground to allow staff to see you clearly to release your child.

Peacock children will be released from the small entrance gate.

Finally...

If you or your child have any worries or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak with us. Minor concerns can grow if left unaddressed. Your child's wellbeing and happiness are of utmost importance to us.

Yours sincerely,

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School Term Dates for Street Lane Primary School 2026/2027

<u>Term</u>	<u>Term date starts for children</u>	<u>Term date ends</u>	<u>Other important dates this term to know</u>
Autumn Term One 2026	Tuesday 8 th September 2026	Friday 23 rd October 2026	INSET Days school closed to pupils on Friday 4th Sept, Monday 7th Sept <i>Flu vaccination day Thurs 10th September</i>
Autumn Term Two 2026	Tuesday 3 rd November 2026	Friday 18 th December 2026	INSET day school closed to children on Monday 2nd Nov <i>Whole school Activity day to Lea Green on Friday 18th Dec</i>
Spring Term One 2027	Tuesday 5 th January 2027	Friday 12 th February 2027	INSET Day school closed to children on Monday 4th January
Spring Term Two 2027	Monday 22 nd February 2027	Thursday 25 th March 2027	Friday 26th March - Bank Holiday for Good Friday
Summer Term One 2027	Monday 12 th April 2027	Friday 28 th May 2027	Monday 3rd May - May Day - Bank Holiday
Summer Term two 2027	Monday 7 th June 2027	Friday 23 rd July 2027	INSET day school closed to children on Monday 26th July

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