

Court Lane Schools Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are nearing the end of another busy and enjoyable year at the Court Lane Schools. This term is always busiest for trips, Sports Days and productions. Thank you all for engaging with all of our events throughout the year. The children have loved being able to share their learning with you and get involved in everything that happens at school beyond the classroom.

Summer Fayre

Thank you to CLACA and staff volunteers who organised our joint schools' Summer Fayre. The event was a fantastic success and raised over £3500.

End of Year celebrations

Year 2 and Year 6 both performed a variety of songs to their families for their end of year performances. It was lovely to see so many of you supporting them and to watch the children perform with such confidence. Both year groups have come on so far from joining each school and impressed us all with their talents.

Sports Celebrations

Thank you so much for all your support on our Sports Days. Despite it being a very hot day at the Infant School, the children were able to demonstrate their skills and were ably cheered on by a very appreciative audience. Junior events are still ongoing but also popular with children and adults alike!

Summer Reading Challenge

Portsmouth Library Service Summer Reading challenge is a great way to spend time together during the holidays as well as improve your child's reading and confidence. Every child who completes the challenge will be given a certificate and invited along to a celebration event at Southsea Castle to receive a medal and take part in lots of fun activities.

It is free to join and take part. Children can join at your local library or online at: www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

Free School Meals Vouchers and Household Support Fund

For families in receipt of benefit related free school meals, you will have received a £50 voucher from Edenred via email. Please check your junk/spam folders. Vouchers need to be redeemed within 3 months and will be valid for a year from date of redemption.

Low-income families that don't qualify for a voucher from school will be able to apply to the council for a family voucher. This scheme will open in the week commencing 21st July. Families can apply by clicking on the link below.

[Household support fund - Portsmouth City Council](#)

There is a wealth of opportunities for families over the summer, please see below link for further details.

www.portsmouth.gov.uk/low-cost-activities-and-entertainment/



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Dates for your diary

3rd September – INSET Day; school closed

29th September – Height & Weight screening – Year 6

8th October – Junior School individual school photos

9th October – Infant School individual school photos

14th and 16th October: Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings

16th October – Junior School Flu Vaccinations

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20th – 31st October – HALF TERM

21st November – INSET Day; school closed

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Goodbyes

As you are aware there are several staff leaving at the end of term and we wish them all well. From the Infant School Mr Robson, Miss Houghton, Mrs Taylor and Mrs Geddes will be leaving us next week. At the Juniors, we will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Thomas, Mrs Colvin and Mrs Hebben. They have all been so helpful to the children at Court Lane (in some cases for many, many years!) and we will miss them, but wish everyone all the best for the future.

September 2025

Please remember that there is an INSET day on Wednesday 3rd September when the school is closed to children, so the first day for children in Years 1 to 6 will be on Thursday 4th September. If your child is starting in Year R, Home Visits are taking place on 4th, 5th and 8th September and you will have been informed of the time of your visit. For Year R children their first day in school will be on Tuesday 9th September. Teachers are available after school on the first Friday back (5th) until 4.15pm in their classrooms, for you to have an opportunity to meet them and pass on any updates or ask questions.

Junior free breakfast club

We are looking to continue our pilot of the DfE funded free Breakfast Club into next year, where parents can drop off children at 8.10am. The booking system is moving to Arbor from September and is open for bookings from today. Parents can book places on a daily, monthly or termly basis. Please do contact the Junior school office for more details (we will resend out again in September).

We hope you have a very happy and safe summer.

Term dates 2025-26

Autumn Term

3rd September - INSET Day

Wednesday 3rd September 2025 –
Friday 19th December 2025

Half Term

Monday 20th - Friday 31st October
2025

21st November – INSET Day

Christmas Holiday

Monday 22nd December 2025 –
Friday 2nd January 2026

Spring Term

5th January – INSET Day

Monday 5th January – Friday 27th
March 2026

Half Term

Monday 16th – Friday 20th February
2026

23rd February – INSET Day

Easter Holiday

Monday 30th March – Friday 10th
April

Summer Term

Monday 13th April 2026 –
Wednesday 22nd July 2026

Half Term

Monday 25th – Friday 29th May
2026

22nd May – INSET Day