

September Newsletter 2026

Welcome Back to School

What a fantastic start we have had to the new school year! We have been incredibly proud of how well our pupils have settled back into school, particularly those who are new to Ash Lea or have moved classes. New classrooms, staff and routines can bring lots of change, and our pupils have managed these transitions brilliantly.

This year also marks an exciting new chapter for Ash Lea as, from 1 September, we officially became part of Raleigh Education Trust. We are looking forward to the opportunities this will bring for our pupils, staff and wider school community, while continuing to build on everything that makes Ash Lea such a special place.

As we begin the year, a quick reminder about uniform and clothing. Learning at Ash Lea is active, practical and often outdoors! Pupils may take part in Forest School, horse riding, cooking, swimming, hydrotherapy, PE and lots of outdoor exploration, so having appropriate clothing available is really important.

Classes will let you know about any specific clothing or spare clothes your child needs. Wherever possible, we encourage pupils to change for different activities, recognising that some pupils may need additional support with this.

Please don't worry if clothes sometimes come home muddy, wet or messy it is often a sign of a busy day of learning, exploring and having fun!

INSET DAYS 2026-27

Tuesday 1st September 2026 – Admin Day
Wednesday 2nd September 2026 – INSET day
Friday 16th October 2026 – INSET day
Friday 2nd July 2026 – INSET day
Monday 5th July 2026 – INSET day

Everyday Matters

Regular attendance gives pupils the best opportunity to learn, develop relationships, build routines and make progress. We understand that there can sometimes be genuine barriers to attendance, and we will always work alongside families to offer support.

If your child is finding attendance difficult, please speak to us early. Working together can make a real difference. Every day in school is an opportunity to learn, belong and thrive.

📅 Important Dates 📅

9th November 2025 – Diwali Celebration

20th November – Children in Need

28th November – FOALS Autumn Fair

School will be open on Saturday 28th November for the FOALS Autumn Fair. There will be the usual fun to be had while also raising funds to support the pupils of the school.

7th – 11th December – Enterprise Week (tbc)

Classes will be given a challenge to design, make, advertise and sell a product. On Thursday 10th December pupils will be pitching their products to the Dragons Den (made up of local businesspeople) and school will be open on Friday 11th

December for a market in the hall, where parents will be invited to come and purchase the products and see what we have been doing.

10th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Pupils are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers!

14th December – Santa visit to School

16th December – Christmas Singalong

The Christmas singalong will be held at the Cotgrave Welfare where we can all join together for a Christmas singalong. There will be Christmas songs, there will be signing, there will be fun!

18th December – Last Day of Term

Do the **best** that we can, all of the time
Listen carefully to what others have to say
Help others whenever we can
Always be polite and **friendly**

