



Lower Farm Weekly



Friday 16th December 2022



Thank you to everyone for all your help and support this term. It has been an exciting and significant term for all of us with our Nursery opening for the first time and our expansion from 3 classes to 8 classes. It has been lovely to welcome and get to know our new pupils,



staff and parents/carers and we hope you have enjoyed the start to this year too. A couple of extra thank you must also go out - firstly to Mr Clarke who will sadly be leaving us. He has been with us from almost the start and has had a massive part in helping to grow our school, giving our pupils the best opportunities and experiences. He will be sorely missed but we wish him every success in his new adventures in Australia. Also thank you to all the staff and our Friends of Lower Farm PTA for all their efforts in hosting the Nativity performance and Christmas Fayre - both of which I hope you agree were amazing



successes. We raised over £1200 at our fayre yesterday - absolutely incredible, thank you.

We wish you all a very happy and healthy festive period and that 2023 brings all you wish for.

Many thanks, Mr How

Attendance

For week beginning 5th December:

Beech Class:	100%
Birch Class:	100%
Cherry Class:	98.3%
Chestnut Class:	87.2%
Elder Class:	96.1%
Elm:	94.4%
Hazel:	93.2%

Congratulations to those classes that have reached an attendance of 97% or above. It would be great to see every class reach 97% or above in the new



Value Awards

Birch

Roan	Achievement
Lucia	All School Values

Cherry Class

Aidin	Collaboration
Adam	Achievement

Elder Class

Jameson	Achievement & Resilience
Siya	Achievement & Integrity

Hazel Class

Tawana	Achievement & Resilience
Jessica-Jane	Resilience & Integrity

Beech Class

Billy	Care
Isla-Mai	Resilience

Chestnut Class

Tommy	Integrity
Layla	Achievement

Elm Class

Jackson	Achievement & Resilience
Lilly	Care & Integrity



Dear Parents/Carers

9th December 2022

Scarlet Fever Information

As you may well have seen in the press there have been several Streptococcus-A infections reported across schools nationally. We want to provide some information for actions you can take at home to ensure your child's safety and to inform you of actions we are taking at school to help minimise the risk to your child. It must be stressed that serious complications associated with Streptococcus are very rare, but this does not mean vigilance is not needed. Please do familiarise yourself with the guidance below and speak to us if you have any concerns.

What is Streptococcus and what is the risk?

Streptococcus (strep) is a bacteria. Group A cause scarlet fever. These bacteria are also the cause of strep throat. Scarlet fever is a contagious bacterial infection that causes flu-like symptoms and a rash that feels rough. It mostly affects young children.

Scarlet fever is usually a mild illness, but it is highly infectious. Therefore, look out for symptoms in your child, which include a sore throat, headache, and fever, along with a fine, pinkish or red body rash with a sandpapery feel. On darker skin, the rash can be more difficult to detect visually but will have a sandpapery feel.



What to do if you suspect your child has Step-A

Contact NHS 111 or your GP if you suspect your child has scarlet fever, because early treatment of scarlet fever with antibiotics is important to reduce the risk of complications such as pneumonia or a bloodstream infection.

If your child has scarlet fever, **keep them at home until at least 24 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment** to avoid spreading the infection to others. Please use the schools normal reporting process to report absences, please however do let us know specifically if you have received a positive diagnosis with Strep-A

In very rare occasions, the bacteria can get into the bloodstream and cause an illness called invasive Group A strep (iGAS). While still uncommon, there has been an increase in invasive Group A strep cases this year, particularly in children under 10.

Keeping our school safe

It is not necessary to keep children off school for any duration after the first 24 hours after they start antibiotic treatment, unless advised otherwise by a medical professional. In school we are taking proactive measures to limit the risk of spread, this includes:

- We role model good hand and respiratory hygiene with staff and children washing their hands properly with soap for 20 seconds, using a tissue to catch coughs and sneezes, and keeping away from others when feeling unwell.
- We have a robust cleaning programme in place that has been reviewed, taking into account common touch point areas and areas of high traffic.
- All our staff are briefed in the common signs and symptoms of scarlet fever and strep – A infections. We will notify parents of any concerns and act quickly to get support.

We understand this is a difficult situation, which is attracting a lot of press attention. We wanted however to stress the fact that serious complication with Step-A are very rare and we are acting as robustly as we can to ensure the safety of our staff and your children at school.

Further support and guidance

For further information please visit the NHS web site below.

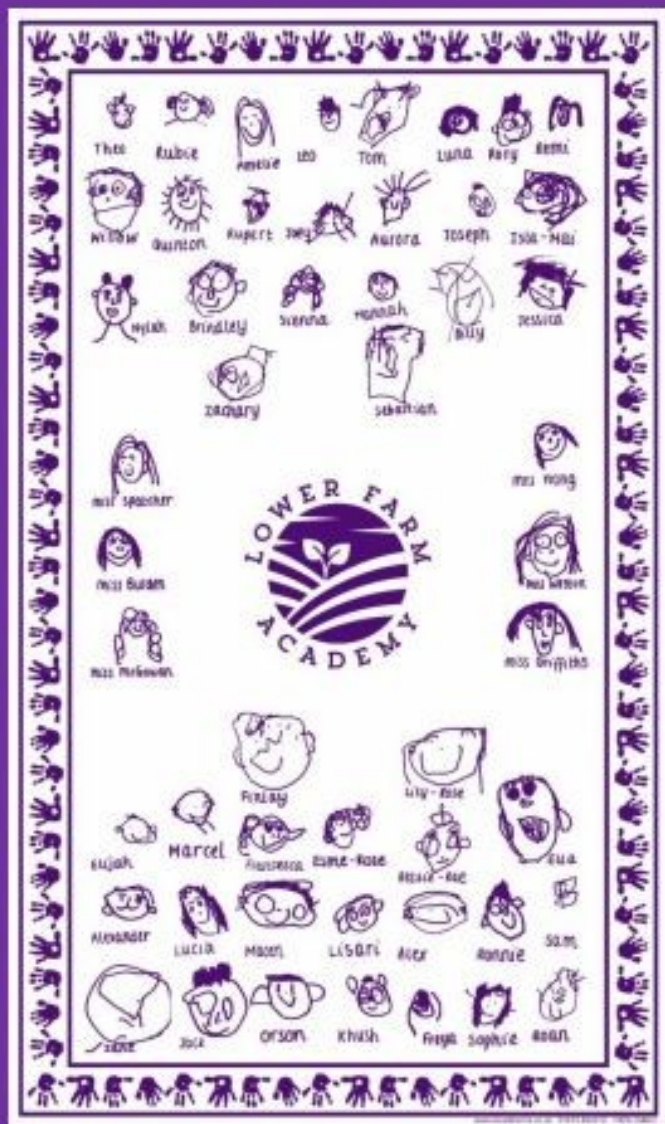
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever/>

Yours sincerely

Mr How
Head Teacher

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at 3.00pm and 4.30pm

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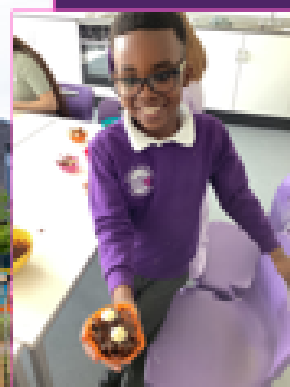


OPEN EVENTS FOR LOWER FARM ACADEMY 2022/23 ADMISSIONS



Growing Brighter Futures

Lower Farm Academy is a new primary school in Weddington, Nuneaton. We are a two form entry school and will host up to 420 children as well as a 26 place nursery when we are at full capacity.



We will be holding open events on the dates shown below. Everyone is welcome to join us. We would love for you to come and have a look round, ask any questions and have a chat about our school and our admissions process. In the meantime, please look at our website and Facebook page and we look forward to meeting you.

DATE	TIME
Saturday 19 th November 2022	09:00 – 12:00
Tuesday 29 th November 2022	17:00 – 18:00
Monday 12 th December 2022	17:00 – 18:00
Monday 9 th January 2023	17:00 – 18:00

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