

EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER UPDATES

Autumn Term 2 2025



MR WELSH'S THANKS & CHRISTMAS WISHES

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank each and every one of you for your continued support of our truly wonderful school. 2025 has been another very successful year for the Lee Brigg community; we continue to grow and improve each day, and it is an absolute privilege to see our school continue to flourish and succeed.

The staff and the Academy Standards Committee are deeply appreciative of the ongoing support the school receives from parents and members of the wider school community for the benefit of our children, and this is something we never take for granted. Miss Kilkenny and I always value your comments and feedback - see page 3 for more details! I would also like to thank every member of our wonderful staff team, who continue to go above and beyond to ensure that your children receive the very best education. The children are extremely fortunate to have such dedicated and passionate people working with them, and I know everyone is now ready for a well-earned rest over the holiday period.

At this time of year, I often pause to reflect and remind myself what an honour it is to lead and serve such a special school community. I very much look forward to the successes that 2026 will bring for us all. Throughout this term, the atmosphere and buzz around school have been fantastic, and many visitors have commented on what a truly special place our school is and how we strive for excellence every day, in every class, for every child. Lee Brigg is a remarkable school that continues to go from strength to strength, and I could not be prouder to have joined this school family earlier this year.

Our Christmas Nativity performances over the past week have been a genuine joy to watch, and I know our parents, grandparents and family members have thoroughly enjoyed these special and memorable moments too. Alongside this, our Christmas parties, Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day, our visit to Church for the Christingle Service, and our Christmas raffles have all been wonderful occasions, filled with smiles, singing, dancing and pure happiness from the children.

It has truly been a time of joy, celebration and excellence in all its forms, and yet another example of what makes our school so amazing.



STAYING WELL OVER CHRISTMAS

For some, the Christmas period can present many challenges and difficulties. Please don't struggle! Visit our school website for a wide range of links and resources which may support you, should you need any support, whilst school is closed - <https://leebrigginfants.org/mental-health-and-wellbeing-support/>



And finally...

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone in our school community a very happy and peaceful Christmas. On behalf of the whole staff team, thank you so much for your cards, gifts and kind wishes this Christmas season. These are never expected but are always deeply appreciated.

I hope all our families have a wonderful and well-deserved Christmas, and that Santa brings you everything you deserve. I also wish you a happy and healthy New Year, and I look forward to welcoming you all back to school on **Tuesday 6th January 2026**.

Please stay safe, well and take care.

Mr Welsh

Attendance Success!

Our school attendance for this academic year, so far, is 96.8% which is above the national average and places us in joint 1st place in the leader board across the Trust! This is absolutely amazing! Well done everyone and thank you so much for your support and continued commitment to ensure your child attends school every day!



Inset Day

Monday 5th January 2026 is an Inset Day so school is closed to all children. Children return on Tuesday 6th January 2026.



Parent Survey Summary - Autumn Term



WHAT ARE WE DOING WELL? WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT LEE BRIGG? WHAT ARE OUR STRENGTHS?

“Staff care for each child and help one another to ensure each child achieves their very best!”

“Lovely little community school”

“A brilliant and supportive school who act on feedback quickly”

“My daughter loves coming to school - we can't fault it!”

“Staff know families and all children so well”

“We love how much reading is encouraged!”

“The school has a fantastic reading pedagogy!”

“Communication is really strong - the MCAS app, the weekly newsletter, regular updates and various social media platforms”

“The emotional awareness, wellbeing support and the One Life curriculum allows the children to deal with their own self-emotions”

“There's always someone to help me!”

“The staff are doing a brilliant job!”

“Staff are a credit to the school”

“Lee Brigg is family orientated with such a caring and attentive staff”

“We love the parent partnership and all the events”

“Staff go above and beyond to ensure all our children are happy and safe!”

WHAT COULD BE DEVELOPED OR IMPROVED? WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE AT LBI OR BE INTRODUCED?

A number of parents said they would like to see more After School Club variety and options, including emotions, music, performing arts, computing, football and sports. Some parents also said about these being slightly longer. ***Our response:*** *This is very easy for us to do and we'll begin to look at this during next term and the summer term. We'll also enquire about some outside providers too but will ensure to balance paid for clubs, with free options too.*

Many parents are enjoying the development of our social media platforms but will like us to share more photos of school life. ***Our response:*** *This is very easy for us to do. Now that we have established our communication work on our social media platforms, we can very easily share photos of the children and provide regular updates of what is going on in school. Watch this space!*

Even more trips! ***Our response:*** *We naturally try to balance in school workshops, with external trips (at the appropriate age and developmental times throughout the year) alongside ensuring the financial impact on families. We always keep this under review and value the key part wider experiences are as part of our curriculum offer and where possible, we'll continue to develop this.*

Balance school events for working parents. We love them but vary times etc. ***Our response:*** *This is very easy for us to review and we are extremely grateful for the support our families provide at Inspire Mornings, curriculum meetings etc. We'll try to vary times so they include mornings and afternoons, as well as some things after school so parents have various options.*

More information about how we can support from home/understand what is being taught each week - ***Our response:*** *This year, we have developed our information shared with home regarding your child's learning in school. As well as the Learning Overviews, the children in Key Stage 1 also bring home knowledge organisers at the end of each new learning point for wider curriculum subjects, which also shares key language and facts we want the children to know. We will review other methods in the new year, including for Early Years, and will further update you on where you can find further information and support.*

More playground equipment. More outdoor facilities. More outdoor learning. ***Our response:*** *Where possible, we will always try to develop our outdoor provision. Even though we have a very small school site, we have a lovely space and we will continue to make this a priority of fundraising and development. As you'll appreciate, this type of school improvement work can be very costly but we'll be creative in fundraising and projects to develop areas wherever we can.*