

Lancastrian
Infants'
School





School life

At Lancastrian Infants' School life for your child is planned to be challenging and fun.

The school is built around a large quadrangle which has recently been developed to include decking and canopies to enable the space to be used as an outside classroom. Pupils based in the Year 1 annexe also have a well equipped garden.

All classes have at least one teaching assistant or nursery nurse to support the children in their learning. There are interactive whiteboards and computers in all classrooms.

The school has an active Friends' Association which arranges a number of events and raises money to support the school.





positive behaviour

School has a positive behaviour policy and we constantly recognise and reward children's behaviour and achievements.

Each week there is a formal acknowledgement of children who have worked hard and behaved well. Part of their reward is a ride on our school rocking horse, Majesty, who sits outside the Head Teacher's office.

Children also regularly receive praise and stickers to reward their achievements.



Having fun is an important part of school life and a range of celebrations involve dressing up.

School performances are an excellent opportunity for all children to develop a range of talents and in recent years the school has used the local University dance studios for their original dance-based performances of 'Cosmic Soup' and 'Going for Gold'.

In art and cookery children work creatively to produce a range of products.

The school pond and environmental area are a focus for the science curriculum. We share this area with a number of frogs and newts.

having
fun



In their first year in school children follow the curriculum guidance for the Early Years Foundation Stage and this is built on when they transfer to Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2) and move to the National Curriculum.

Children's skills in reading, writing and speaking and listening are developed and we encourage parents and carers to read regularly with their children and to help them learn weekly spellings.

Our library is a cheerful, inviting area and the school librarian supports the children in choosing from a wide range of books which can be borrowed.

Maths is an exciting part of the curriculum and children work in groups to develop their knowledge and skills. The interactive whiteboards are often used to ensure that activities are fun and engaging.

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Early Years Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1



Early Years Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 continued



Children enjoy taking part in a range of different events throughout the year – from a whole school harvest breakfast to celebrating Majesty's (the school Rocking Horse) birthday!

School performances include the annual nativity play and the summer end of year production. All children are included in these and learn to become performers. On Sports Day the children compete in teams through a range of activities based around the current topic. It is an action packed day and thoroughly enjoyed by children and their families.

Our Christmas Fayre is also a highlight of the school year. It is organised by a committee of Year 2 children who manage the event for the rest of the school and then donate the proceeds to charities of their choice.

Extending the children's learning experience beyond the classroom is an important part of the school experience. We organise trips to local places of interest and we have links with many of the local arts organisations and museums who work with us to add interest and diversity to the curriculum.

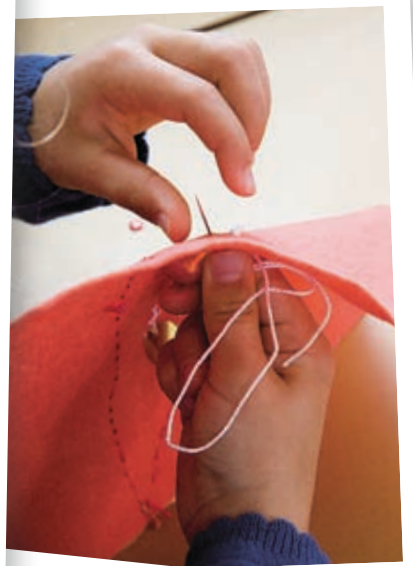
Everyone seems to be dedicated to the child's education.

Lancastrian has an excellent balance of fun activities and formal education.

I am so pleased that I sent my son to Lancastrian. It has brought out the best in him and he loves coming to school.



Clubs and the community



After school activities take place during the Summer Term and give children the opportunity to extend their interests.

The clubs are run by school staff and are free of charge. Clubs vary from year to year, but currently include photography, kwik cricket, sewing, volleyball and construction.



Managing a busy family life can be a challenge and our Sunrise and Sunset clubs, run by school staff, provide child-care at the beginning and end of the school day at competitive rates. During the school holidays St Richard's Hospital Holiday Playscheme is based on the school premises and is available to Lancastrian and Central Schools pupils at a reduced rate.

Learning and playing in a safe, healthy environment is of paramount importance to everyone involved in the school.

Our Health and Safety policy is always available to view and the site is regularly inspected by staff, governors and pupils to identify and assess any risks. The external doors are kept locked at all times and operated by a changeable door-entry system.

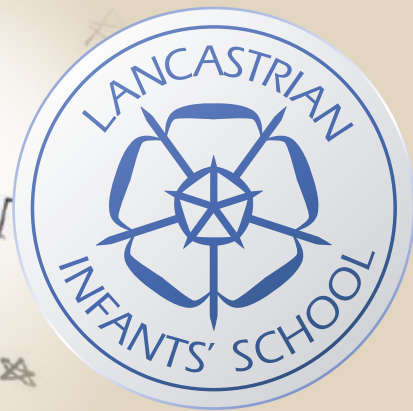
Our school is a community where everyone matters. When children first start, we ask parents to sign a home/school agreement, which lays out your expectations of us and ours of you. By working together we build a partnership that supports the children throughout their time here and helps to give them the best possible start to their education.

Healthy and safe

Lunchtimes are planned as an enjoyable, active part of the school day.

Children are supervised by members of their classroom team and eat in the school hall – or picnic outside when the weather is good! All children have a packed lunch. As part of our healthy eating policy we have a ‘no crisps day’ and ‘no chocolate day’ each week and we encourage children to drink plenty of water from the class based and playground water fountains. Each child receives a piece of free fruit daily.





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