

PRIMARY SCIENCE

SUBJECT LEADER MEETINGS 2026/27

**NURTURING CURIOSITY, BUILDING UNDERSTANDING:
SCIENCE FOR EVERY CHILD**



Aims:

- Responding to local and national priorities
- Sharing successful practice
- Developing leadership skills

AUTUMN TERM 2026

6 and 7 October
NURTURING CURIOSITY

SPOTLIGHTS ON:

Hospital Education:

Learn about

- How the service engages primary pupils in science
- Creative ways experiments are adapted for hospital settings
- Keeping learning joyful during tough times.

Continuous provision:

A pedagogical approach where scientific resources, areas, and tools are kept permanently accessible to children to explore independently throughout the school day.

Led by Lucy Marriott, Science Lead at Powell's C of E Primary School

Curious Kids:

Spark children's interest in science through inquiry-based learning, simple experiments, and everyday materials.

Inclusion in primary science:

Learn how to promote inclusion in primary science through practical, research-informed frameworks like the "Primary Science for All" project. Led by Rebecca Ellis from the PSTT

CLEAPSS:

Advice on ways to carry out practical activities so that they work, are safe, and are effective at supporting learning.

Led by Angla Marsh, CLEAPSS Primary Ambassador

Local and national updates

Ofsted update:

- Early feedback from inspections
- Achievement & science
- Curriculum & Assessment Review
- 2026 data headlines.

SPRING TERM 2027

23 and 24 March
BUILDING UNDERSTANDING

SPOTLIGHTS ON:

Computing and AI in Science:

What AI is and how can you use smart AI tools into your science teaching?

Led by Sarah Taylor, Computing Education Consultant

Sharing good practice:

The best science lessons feel like magic to a child, but they are built on great teaching strategies.

Led by Sarah Catchpole Science Lead at Warden Hill Primary School

Collaborative moderation and assessment accuracy:

This hands-on workshop gives science subject leaders the chance to review real children's work, align assessment standards and share best practices.

Why leadership matters

From resource management to active curriculum and pedagogical leadership. Practical strategies to grow your impact and leadership as a science lead.

Local and national updates

Ofsted updates. Curriculum & Assessment review. New resources.

COMMENTS FROM 2025/26

🗨️ USEFUL TO LOOK AT THE IDSR AND OFSTED, THANK YOU FOR KEEPING US UPDATED!

🗨️ REALLY ENJOYED THE SESSION OF RETRIEVAL PRACTICE THIS YEAR. IT'S HELPED ME THINK ABOUT COGNITIVE OVERLOAD IN SCIENCE AND SCIENCE FOCUSED STRATEGIES.

SUMMER TERM 2027

CROSS-PHASE CONFERENCE

30 June
SCIENCE FOR EVERY CHILD

SPOTLIGHTS ON:

New National Curriculum:

Exploring the new National Curriculum Programmes of Study for Science.

Effective Implementation:

Getting ready for September 2028. What are the leadership opportunities and contextual factors we need to consider for the effective implementation of the new National Curriculum?

Implications for science leads:

Advice on spearheading strategic, operational, and pedagogical adjustments across your school.

- Auditing and balancing current Schemes of Work
- Re-establishing Hands-on Practical Science
- Mapping cross-curricular and digital links
- Managing the transition.

🗨️ THANK YOU FOR ANOTHER WELL-PLANNED, FULL DAY.