



The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

Star of the Week	
Class	Pupil
Benjamin	Roman
Murphy	Joey
Kerr	Adam
Bryon	Alex
Donaldson	Scarlett
Soundar	Vida
Dahl	Stanley
Gavin	Jackson
Mante	David
Morpurgo	Holly
Riordan	Logan
Zephaniah	Paige
Malala	Alex
Blackman	Tammy



Times Tables Leaders

Well done to...

Jessica B

Frederick H

Bailey E

For most improved time (playing in the Studio area) over the past 7 days

Friday 29th September 2023

DATES COMING UP! (please note all dates are subject to change)

3 Oct -PTA AGM 3:15-4pm
 5 Oct -National Poetry Day
 -Phonics workshop for Reception parents 9-10am
 10 Oct -Year 3 Egypt Day
 12 Oct -Year 2 school trip
 -Phonics workshop for Nursery parents 9-10am
 17 Oct -Bags2School collection
 -Year 6 WW2 Workshop
 -Parent consultations face to face
 18 Oct -Parent consultations telephone
 20 Oct -Inset Day/school closed
 30 Oct -3 Nov -Year 6 Manor Adventure
 3 Nov -Year 4 school trip
 6-10 Nov -STEAM Week
 10 Nov -PTA Disco
 13-17 Nov -Feel Good Week
 16 Nov -Year 5 STEM Trip
 17 Nov -Children In Need
 1 Dec -Enterprise Day 2:30-4pm
 8 Dec -Occasional Day school closed
 13 Dec -Flu Vaccination (2nd visit)

Friendship Award

Harry G
Charlie P
Daniel A

Attendance Wheel of Reward

Each week in assembly the wheel will be spun for **most improved class attendance**



Be here to have a go!
This week's winners & rewards:

Soundar - Class Disco

Gavin - PJ day

Zephaniah - Non-Uniform Friday

We are delighted to say we will be receiving **weekly food donations**, organised by the Kaotic Angels.

The food will be available at the end of school, every **Thursday**.

The food station will be located next to the Nursery building.

Please can you bring your own bags.

The Kaotic Angels are a charitable organisation who work tirelessly helping our community. There will be a donation box set up at the food station, if you are able to, please provide a donation so we can pass onto the Kaotic Angels to help towards the transportation costs.



UPDATE

Computing/Online Safety

Over the past few weeks we have been refreshing our memory on the SMART rules that we follow at The Leys in order to make sure that we stay safe online. This week some year groups have been having training on the importance of staying safe and how we can make sure we make kind choices when using the internet.

The SMART rules that we follow at The Leys are

S - Safe

Never give out personal information to strangers on the internet.

M - Meet

Never ever meet up with a stranger you have met online unless a parent or guardian has said it is ok and is present.

A - Accepting

Don't open messages from people that you don't know.

R - Reliable

Don't believe everything that you see on the internet, check your facts!

T - Tell

If you have an online safety problem make sure that you tell someone.

Some children have been making posters on our SMART rules and what they mean to them along with how to stay safe online.



CLASS OF THE WEEK:
Blackman



This week in class we have created our own Online Charter to help us stay safe online.

We want to be able to continue to have fun online.

So we promise to;

- Keep private information private
- Speak to an adult (at home or school) if there is anything we are not happy or not comfortable with
- Not do anything that makes you or someone else feel uncomfortable
- Use our common sense online
- Listen to our adults
- Not talk or engage with strangers
- Only say/send things online that we would be happy showing to Mrs Luzzeri.



Class: Zephaniah

Gabriella - Highwayman poem

The moment was nigh,
The time was nigh,
The minute was nigh,
The rich, regal royals have returned...
And the highwayman was trotting - trotting- trotting,
The highwayman was trotting through the day.

The moon was shining in the sapphire sky,
While trees were widing like snakes,
The moonlit path stood out in the night
While the grass was waving in the shadows
And the highwayman was hiding -hiding- hiding,
The highwayman was hiding amongst the vast, shady grove.

Scientist of the
Month



Logan had so much fun in CIL finding magnets and then exploring the classroom to find things that were magnetic and not magnetic. Logan was able to predict if things were going to stick to his magnet and told the adults that only metal things are magnetic. He then tested out his knowledge.



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Respect

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Whole school attendance target = 97%

Whole school attendance this week = 96.5%

Best class attendance this week = Blackman

The Leys Have Talent

Rebecca, in year 6, loves doing Taekwondo.

Recently she has just achieved her blue belt!

Well Done Rebecca- Amazing Talent!



Lumi Nova is a fun digital therapeutic intervention supporting 7-12 year olds to manage fears and anxieties. It is free for young people across Hertfordshire and is delivered through a fun and engaging mobile game to help children learn how to manage and reduce symptoms of anxiety whilst building resilience and skills to support them longer term, gain confidence and thrive.

Lumi Nova works best when children are supported by a parent or a trusted adult to complete challenges, especially the real life ones (this can be at home, school or nearby).

It is suitable for:

7-12 year olds (who require initial support but are not in crisis)

Children who have some fears and worries that they find challenging

If you want to find out more please go to.

<https://www.withyouth.org/how-we-help/lumi-nova/>

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Is your child due to start Nursery or Reception in September 2024?
The Leys Primary and Nursery School is offering tours on:

- Monday 13th November 10am -11am
- Friday 24th November 1.30pm -2.30pm
- Monday 27th November 10am -11am
- Monday 4th December 1.30pm -2.30pm

Please telephone on 01438 314148 to book an appointment to tour our amazing setting and meet the early years team

We are thrilled to announce that we ranked as the runner up in the inaugural National Read Aloud Challenge for the East of England region.



**National
Read Aloud
Challenge**
Powered by **Fonetti**



Congratulations!

The Leys Primary and Nursery School

Regional Runner Up!
National Read Aloud Challenge!!

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Chief Executive Officer
Auris Tech Limited / Fonetti

CLARE BALDING, CBE
Author, Presenter
Fonetti Brand Ambassador

26th September 2023

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The Read Aloud App

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Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural and British Values

PE and School Sport

We have had a fantastic start to the new academic year.

The pupils have been extremely engaged and motivated in their lessons, keep this up! It has been a busy start with all our sports clubs now up and running and they have been very well attended.

We have also elected our new year 6 house captains for the year and there has been a huge amount of house points earned already!

Mr Newlands took a group of year 6 pupils off site last week to complete their Sports Ambassador training. These pupils will help support our younger pupils during lunchtimes and there will be additional opportunities to contribute throughout the year.

Many thanks for the collective wonderful start.

Mr Byford & Mr Newlands



What is Families First?

Families First is the term used in Hertfordshire for services that work together to support families who need extra help. These are also known as early

help services.

We all experience difficulties at some point. Families First can help you find early help and information to prevent issues from getting worse.

If you need more help than your usual support network - for example your health visitor, school, doctor or family centre - we can work with you and your family to create a package of support. [Ask for support.](#)

[Families First](#)

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Term dates 2023-2024

AUTUMN TERM	SPRING TERM	SUMMER TERM
<p>Start of term: 4 September 2023 Inset day: 1 September 2023 Term: 1 September - 19 October 2023 Inset day: 20 October 2023 Half term holiday: 23 October - 27 October 2023</p> <p>Occasional day: 8 December 2023 Term: 30 October - 20 December 2023 Christmas holiday: 21 December - 3 January 2024</p>	<p>Inset day: 4 January 2024 Term: 5 January - 16 February 2024 Half term holiday: 19 February - 23 February 2024 Term : 26 February- 28 March 2024 Easter holiday: 29 March - 12 April 2024</p>	<p>Term: 15 April - 24 May 2024 Bank Holiday: 6 May 2024 Half term holiday: 27 May - 31 May 2024 Inset day: 3 June 2024 Term: 4 June - 23 July 2024 Inset day: 12 July 2024 Summer holiday: 24 July 2024 - 30 August 2024</p> <p><u>Inset Days 2023 - 2024</u> 1 September 2023 20 October 2023 8 December (Occasional day) 2023 4 January 2024 3 June 2024 12 July 2024</p>

