



# The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

| Star of the Week |           |
|------------------|-----------|
| Class            | Pupil     |
| Murphy           | Leah      |
| Benjamin         | Evie      |
| Kerr             | Matilda   |
| Bryon            | Poppy     |
| Donaldson        | Sofia     |
| Soundar          | Christian |
| Dahl             | Taha      |
| Gavin            | Fraiser   |
| Mante            | Harley    |
| Morpurgo         | Muku      |
| Riordan          | Alex      |
| Zephaniah        | Betty     |
| Malala           | Millie    |
| Blackman         | Janelle   |



### Times Tables Leaders Well done to...

1. Gregory
2. Alfie
3. Robyn

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

## Friday 18th October 2024

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

- 22 Oct Parents' evening
- 23 Oct Parents' evening
- 24 Oct Non-uniform PTA £1
- 24 Oct PTA meeting 3.15-4 pm
- 25 Oct Inset Day
- 28 Oct - 1 Nov Half Term
- 3 Nov - 6 Nov Y6 - PGL
- 4 Nov Poppy Appeal Week
- 7 Nov Y5 Parents Assembly
- 11 Nov Anti-bullying Week
- 15 Nov Children in Need - Non uniform
- 18 Nov Road Safety Week
- 21 Nov Y5 - School Trip
- 22 Nov Movie Night
- 25 Nov Flu vaccine visit
- 29 Nov Enterprise Day
- 29 Nov Flu vaccine visit
- 2 Dec Occasional Day
- 6 Dec Whole School Stay and Play 2.30 - 3.15 pm
- 9 Dec Reindeer visit
- 11 Dec SEND parents workshop 10.00 - 12.00 o'clock
- 17 Dec Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
- 18 Dec Christmas Party 1-3pm
- 19 Dec iRock concert at 2.30pm
- 20 Dec Last Day of Term School finishes at 1.30 pm
- 23 Dec - 3 Jan 2025 Christmas holiday
- 6 Jan 2025 - Inset Day
- 7 Jan - New Term Starts

## Kindness Award

|                      |               |
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| Kindness Award<br>Y5 | Chloe Francis |
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### Attendance Wheel of Reward

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



Be here to have a go!

This week's winners & rewards:

**Benjamin - Non uniform day**

**Soundar - Yes day**

**Zephaniah - Break the rules day**

**Malala - Choose your timetable day**

See Facebook for The Leys  
Have Talent, Subject Update,  
Class of the Week, Writer of  
the Week

[https://www.facebook.com/LeysSchoolStevenage?locale=en\\_GB](https://www.facebook.com/LeysSchoolStevenage?locale=en_GB)



Whole school attendance target  
= 97%

Whole school attendance this  
week = 96.3%

Best class attendance this week  
= Malala



WELLBEING

### Anxiety Based School Avoidance

Since the lockdowns during Covid many more children have become anxious about attending school. This can be caused by many issues including; friendship issues, expectations around learning, mental health, SEND, illness or bereavement. The Young Minds website has further advice for parents supporting an anxious child.

[https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/school-anxiety-and-refusal/?utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=360schools&utm\\_content=sept\\_2024](https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/school-anxiety-and-refusal/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=360schools&utm_content=sept_2024)

The Children Wellbeing Practitioner service has also produced a two-part recorded webinar to help with anxiety about going to school. Please take a look at the links below:

1. [Theory and Psychoeducation](#) (just under 18 minutes long)
2. [Strategies and Tips](#) (just over 30 minutes long)

### Performances at the Leys!

This year we are doing a big push on oracy and public speaking. As a result we will be giving each class at least 2 opportunities to perform. Please see the timetable below to see when your child will be performing. It would be fantastic to see you there to support them.

#### Autumn 2

Year 5 Class Assembly 7th November 2024

EYFS- **Christmas Stay and Share :**

Reception-Monday 16th December 2.45 pm

Nursery -Monday 16th December 10.45 am & 2 pm

Year 1 **Christmas performance** Thursday 12th December 9.30 am

Year 2 **Christmas performance** Thursday 12th December 2 pm

IRock 19th December 2024 2.30 pm

Empathy

Inclusivity

Respect

Aspirations

Determination

Empowerment

## Winter Uniform reminder

- White polo shirt.
- Black trousers OR black skirt OR black pinafore dress (No leggings)
- Red cardigan OR school Red sweatshirt OR school red fleece.
- White/ Black school socks.
- Black school shoes (no boots)
- Tights (Red/ Black)

## Is your child due to start Nursery or Reception in September 2025?

If your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 you must apply to start an infant or primary school (Reception class) in September 2025. The closing date for Reception class applications is 15 January 2025. You must still apply for a Reception place, even if you already have a place in the Nursery associated with your preferred school.

### The Leys Primary and Nursery School is offering tours on:

- Monday 18th November 2024 1.30pm -2.30pm
- Thursday 21st November 2024 10am -11am
- Tuesday 26th November 2024 10am -11am
- Monday 9th December 2024 1.30pm -2.30pm
- Tuesday 10th December 2024 10am -11am



## Opening hours

Family Lives offers a confidential and free\* helpline service for families in England and Wales (previously known as Parentline). Please call us on **0808 800 2222** for emotional support, information, advice and guidance on any aspect of parenting and family life. If you don't get an answer the first time please do try again.

### **Helpline opening hours:**

Monday to Friday 9am to 9pm

Weekends 10am to 3pm

We currently answer 64% of all callers ringing. If you don't get an answer the first time please do try again.

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## Term dates 2024-2025

| AUTUMN TERM  | SPRING TERM   | SUMMER TERM  |
|--|---|--|
| <p>Start of term: 3 September 2024<br/>                     Inset day: 2 September 2024<br/> <u>25 October 2024</u><br/>                     Term: 2 September - 25 October 2024<br/> <u>Half term holiday: 28 October - 1 November 2024</u></p> <p>Occasional day: 2 December 2024<br/>                     Term: 4 November - 20 December 2024<br/> <u>Christmas holiday: 23 December - 3 January 2025</u></p> | <p>Inset day: 6 January 2025<br/>                     Start of term: 7 January - 14 February 2025<br/> <u>Half term holiday: 17 February - 21 February 2025</u><br/>                     Term : 24 February- 4 April 2025<br/> <u>Easter holiday: 7 April - 21 April 2025</u></p> | <p>Term: 22 April - 23 May 2025<br/>                     Bank Holiday: 5 May 2025<br/> <u>Half term holiday: 26 May - 30 May 2025</u><br/>                     Inset day: 2 June 2025<br/>                     23 July 2025<br/>                     Term: 2 June - 23 July 2025<br/> <u>Summer holiday: 24 July 2025 - 29 August 2025</u></p> <p><u>Inset Days 2024 - 2025</u><br/>                     2 September 2024<br/> <u>25 October 2024</u><br/>                     2 December (Occasional day) 2024<br/>                     6 January 2025<br/>                     2 June 2025 - New inset day<br/>                     23 July 2025</p> |

