

2018

Excellence

Respect

Equality

Determination  
Resilience

Courage

Inspiration

Friendship

# The Leys Primary and Nursery School



14 December

★ Accelerating progress ★ Enriching wellbeing ★ Promoting partnerships

Thought of the week next week

*Christmas presents come and go but Christmas memories last a lifetime.*

THE LEYS LEARNING VALUE Autumn 2

**Respect**



**Star of the Week**



**ONLINE SAFETY**

## LEYS PUPILS STEAL THE SHOW AT CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Thank you to all the families who joined us for our Christmas Church services at St Nicholas Church, and the Christmas productions here at school. The pupils all performed so well, and looked amazing, so hopefully happy memories for all of you, despite a few tears! It has been wonderful to see so many grandparents in school. Thank you to all the staff who have worked very hard to prepare for this week's performances. We still have a number of Christmas events going on next week! As you we celebrate Christmas is style at the Leys!



The teachers and I are very concerned about the number of pupils who are using social media platforms on a regular basis, and we want to remind you that they all have an age limit of 13+. We have already had pupils who have been verbally abused online, and we are constantly dealing with problems in school that arise from online activity. I want you to be aware that I have formally excluded pupils for inappropriate online activity. Primary age children are still learning online safety and therefore need to be monitored. Arguments on X-box live have also been a problem. We are also very concerned about the addictive nature of games such as fortnight, and pupils coming into school tired. With the holiday period coming up it is very important you keep your children safe and behaving responsibly online. Thank you for your support with this.

### Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms



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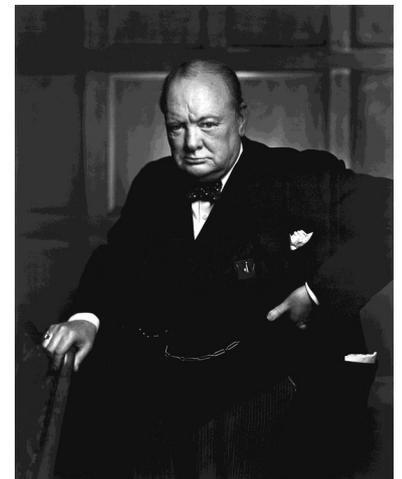
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## IMPORTANT DATES

21 December	Last day of term. Finish 2.30 p.m.
7 January	School closed INSET DAY
8 January 2019 - 15 February 2019	Spring 1
18 February 2019 - 22 February 2019	Half term holiday
25 February 2019 - 5 April 2019	Spring 2

### Social Moral Spiritual Cultural (SMSC) and British

Last Wednesday, the choir visited St Nicholas Community Centre to sing carols for the old folks as we do every year. It is a great way for the school to go out into the community and have a positive impact, and every year we are warmly received by the people at the Community Centre. This year was no different and the choir was met with round after round of applause for their carol singing. The mixture of modern pop songs and traditional carols meant that every song found at least one member of the audience singing along. Hopefully, given this reception, we will be invited back next year.



### WRITER OF THE WEEK James M Shakespeare class

In this text, there will be balanced arguments explaining that Winston Churchill, even though he had some flaws, was the best Prime Minister England has ever had.

Churchill was a resilient man, crafting inspirational speeches that motivated people to do their best, to not lose hope, and to win the war. He did not show fear of the Germans, even though they had more troops and military forces. He didn't break under the pressure of saving his country.

On the other hand, Churchill's major flaws made him an imperfect man. His thoughtless strategies at the battle of Gallipoli led to the deaths of thousands of Allied troops, forcing the sheer number of survivors to hastily retreat during the night.

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