



# The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

## Star of the Week

Class	Pupil
Jeffers	Maya
Murphy	Yasa
Kerr	Aiden
Waddell	Cooper
Donaldson	Brianna
Gravett	Robert
Dahl	Lennon
Freedman	Tamaya
Strong	Rebecca I
Morpurgo	Ellanora
Lewis	Joel R
Tolkien	Jacob W
Rosen	Oliver F
Shakespeare	Olivia
Dickens	Lily W
Kipling	Adrian

## Friends of The Leys PTA

### Key Dates

Non uniform 11th February £1  
 Disco: 25th February 2022 at 5 to 8pm  
 Non uniform £1 1st April  
 Non uniform £1 1st 27th May  
 Summer Fair: 17th June 3.15 to 5.30pm

## Friday 14th January 2022

### DATES COMING UP!

17.1.22 Governor Day  
 20.1.22 Parent Forum (am)  
 28.1.22 Parent Forum (pm)  
 Mental Health Week from 31.1.22  
 4.2.22 Pupil Parliament  
 Safer Internet Week from 7.2.22  
 8.2.22 Parent Consultation 3.30 to 7pm  
 9.2.22 Parent Consultation 3.30 to 5pm  
 11.2.22 PTA Non Uniform day £1  
 14.2.22-18.2.22- Half Term  
 25.2.22 School Disco  
 1.3.22 Shrove Tuesday  
 2.3.22 Author visit pm  
 3.3.22 World Book Day  
 18.3.22 Sports Relief- Wear something Sporty £1  
 1.4.22 Non Uniform Day £1- end of term at 1.30pm

***Beginner Biking Course***  
***Stevenage Cycling Hub are running a Beginner Biking course "which will free children from their stabilisers and get them riding on two wheels." This course will teach parents how to teach their child.***

<https://stevenagecyclinghub.co.uk/pages/training/children>

**Booking link:**

<https://stevenagecyclinghub.co.uk/courses/book/BB-000070>

Attendance Awards	Lewis and Jeffers
Friendship Cup	Layla S Y4
<b>Headteachers Awards</b>	
Reception	Taha
Year 1	Chloe F, Trystan, Nathania, Alex
Year 2	
Year 3	
Year 4	
Year 5	Tyler S, Simra Anjum, Ryan H
Year 6	Kai SH

### MSA VACANCIES

We are looking for motivated, reliable, and caring midday supervisory assistants to join our lunchtime team.

The role involves supporting the Lunchtime Manager with the supervision of pupils in the dining hall and playground during the lunchtime period.

The hours of work will be Monday to Friday, 1.5 hours per day between 11:30 to 13:30, term time only.

To find out more about this role and to apply for the position please click on the link below. Closing date for applications is 20th Jan 2022 5:00 PM.

<https://www.teachinherts.com/.../view,midday-supervisory...>

# UPDATE

## READING

Did you know that you are able to access hundreds of free ebooks and audiobooks for your child through Hertfordshire library service. They have a resource called BorrowBow which you can sign up to, for free using your library card. This is another great way of helping children accessing stories and books.

The link below explains how to access this resource and how to find out about getting a library card <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/Libraries-and-archives/Books-and-reading/Ebooks-and-Audiobooks/ebooks-and-audiobooks.aspx>

### CLASS OF THE WEEK



### Gravett

The children in Gravett class have started the new year by thinking about their dreams and aspirations. We have talked about growth mindset and building self confidence. All of the children have such bright futures and some lovely aspirations such as going travelling around the world when they are older or becoming midwives, nurses, teachers or couriers. They have so many ideas about making the world more eco-friendly in whatever they do and caring for others in all sorts of roles. We are in safe hands with this lot as the next generation of grown ups.



Class: Rosen  
Pupil: Abigale Craven

### Flotsam

As the vintage camera descended into the swirling scary sea, it passed the unbelievable sea life, the unbelievable atmosphere and into the unbelievable world of illusion.

The first photo taken was a robotic reddish pink fish trying to blend in. The animated fish has gears showing with mustard yellow eyes. The fish didn't look as if it was real but it disguised itself brilliantly. The icy blue sea was where many creatures lived. You could see them deep in the middle and some near the top. The camera passed through the fish (they glanced at it like it was treasure). Many fish were unbothered by the camera but the fake fish stared through the lens. Why did it do that? No one will ever know!

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## Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural and British Values

This week, in year 6, we have started looking at ancient Mayan culture. To start this off we learnt about a game that was played 3,500 years ago. The children looked at the rules of the games, then went off to play it! We had a lot of fun, and took a while getting used to the rules.

### Pok Ta Pok

- Rules:
  - Using only their shoulders, heads and hips, players tried to bounce a rubber ball through stonic rings attached high on the court walls
  - Winners: Received jewels, clothing & privileges
  - Losers: beheaded or thrown into sensors



WELLBEING



## Zones of Regulation

Zones of Regulation			
Blue	Green	Yellow	Red
			
<b>Low</b>	<b>Happy</b>	<b>Wobbly</b>	<b>Angry</b>
Running Slow	Good to Go	Caution	STOP
unhappy tired withdrawn tearful	positive proud calm focused	excited nervous frustrated annoyed	mad furious yelling aggressive

How does this help the children to understand and regulate their emotions? [Click on the link below to learn more](#)

Z of R parents

### The Leys Have Talent

Kai C, in Year 5, is a very talented swimmer! Last year, he participated in the Tom Moore Gala and received four medals! More recently, he has competed in the Club Championships and received a medal in every race he took part in. He also has the Turtle Gala coming up...Good Luck Kai!

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## Free Online Safety workshop for Parents

This online webinar will cover the following topics:

- **Online safety in school:** A discussion on how online safety is taught in school through resources such as Project Evolve and Google Internet Legends
- **Safe use of online games and platforms:** A look at popular platforms and games such as Roblox, Minecraft and Tiktok
- **Managing devices:** Looking at how to set up parental controls on devices such as tablets, phones and games consoles.
- **Social Media:** Top tips and printout guides on TikTok, Twitter, Snapchat, Facebook and Instagram
- **Educating our children:** free software and resources to support parents

At the end of the session there will be an opportunity for a brief Q and A session.

We recommend you book

<https://www.stem.org.uk/cpd/505977/online-safety-parents-workshop?fbclid=IwAR3DZjkYyZX1TWczOelxpXBOU7k-K8b98bpAOr1T7wpVSTZS4f8ZSfMio-l>

## School Uniform Update

### GIRLS Winter Uniform

- White polo shirt.
- Black trousers or skirt.
- Red cardigan OR school sweatshirt OR school red fleece.
- White school socks.
- Black school shoes
- Tights

### BOYS Winter Uniform

- White polo shirt.
- Black trousers.
- School's red sweatshirt AND/OR school red fleece.
- Black school socks.
- Black school shoes.

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## Covid 19- Update

### Changes to the self-isolation period for those who test positive for COVID-19

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#).

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

Further [information on self-isolation for those with COVID-19](#) is available

## HOLIDAYS



Please be aware that the government continues to regard holidays during term time as unauthorised unless there are exceptional circumstances to consider. Parents who decide to take pupils on holiday during term time may incur a fine.

Please note that the May half term break has been extended on both sides to allow more time for travelling for planned holidays.

Friday 27th May 2022 Occasional Day due to Queen's Platinum Jubilee- school is closed

May half term Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June

Monday 6th June Inset Day- School is closed

Pupils return on Tuesday 7th June 2022

Don't forget to book on

☀️ **The Leys Fun and Games Club! Breakfast & After-School Club**

### BREAKFAST CLUB

- Breakfast Club runs from 7.30am to 8:45 am and includes breakfast.
- Breakfast club costs £3.50 per child per day.
- Children must be signed into the club by whoever is bringing them to school.
- Children should not be dropped at the gate and sent into the club on their own. Breakfast on offer includes such choices as: cereal, toast, croissants, fruit, and fruit juices.

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

- After School Club runs from 3.15 to 6.00 pm in two sessions:

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- 3.15 - 5:00pm Session A £7.00 per day per child
- 3.15 - 6.00 pm Session B £8.50 per day per child
- A snack such as sandwiches, wraps, cheese, biscuits, and fruits are served to all children attending the after-school club.

Planned activities available may include:

- Creative art and crafts activities - painting, drawing, cutting, sticking and model making.
- Free play - activities chosen by your child.
- Imaginative play - dressing up and role play.
- Messy play - sand water clay and dough
- Outside play - depending on weather.
- Sports activities - organised by our PE staff.
- Various special events - disco, face painting, cooking, movie & popcorn

## Term dates 2021-2022

AUTUMN TERM	SPRING TERM	SUMMER TERM
Start of term: 2 September 2021 <b>Inset day: 1 September</b> Term: 2 September -21 October Half term holiday: 25 October 2021 - 29 October 2021 <b>Inset day: 22 October</b> Term: 1 November -21 December <b>Occasional Day: 6 December</b> Christmas holiday: 22 December 2021 - 5 January 2022	<b>Inset day: 5 January 2022</b> Term: 6 January - 11 February Half term holiday: 14 February 2022 - 18 February 2022 Term : 21 February-1 April Easter holiday: 4 April 2022 - 18 April 2022	Term: 19 April - 26 May Half term holiday: 30 May 2022 - 3 June 2022 <b>Inset Day: 6 June</b> <b>Occasional day: 27 May</b> Term: 7 June-21 July <b>Inset day 22 July</b> Summer holiday: 22 July 2022 - 31 August 2022

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