



# The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

| Star of the Week |         |
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| Class            | Pupil   |
| Benjamin         | PJ      |
| Murphy           | Zenel   |
| Kerr             | Antonia |
| Bryon            | Sofia   |
| Donaldson        | Lewis   |
| Soundar          | Henry   |
| Dahl             | Aroush  |
| Gavin            | Jayden  |
| Mante            | Kaira   |
| Morpurgo         | Tomas   |
| Riordan          | Dawson  |
| Zephaniah        | Jane    |
| Malala           | Ethan   |
| Blackman         | Amina   |



## Times Tables Leaders Well done to...

1. Austin
2. Poppy F
3. David

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

## Friday 15th March 2024

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

**20 Mar** -Individual 'in class' photos

- Nursery - stay and read  
AM - 11am -11,30 am  
PM - 2pm - 2.30 pm

- Reception - stay and read from 2.45 pm -3.15 pm

**21 Mar** -Poetry Day

**28 Mar** -Non uniform day -£1  
-Colour fun run from 12pm

-End of term 1:30pm

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**29 Mar-15 Apr** -Easter Holidays

**25 April** -Yr 3 Celtic Harmony Trip

**2 May** -Bags2School clothing collection

**6 May** -Bank Holiday school closed

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| Friendship Award    | Y2<br>Amelia |
| Reader of the Month | Gregory      |

## Headteachers Awards

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| Year 2 | Eddie |
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## 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:

**Bryon - Break the Rules Day**

**Gavin - Class cooking**

**Zephaniah - Games Afternoon**

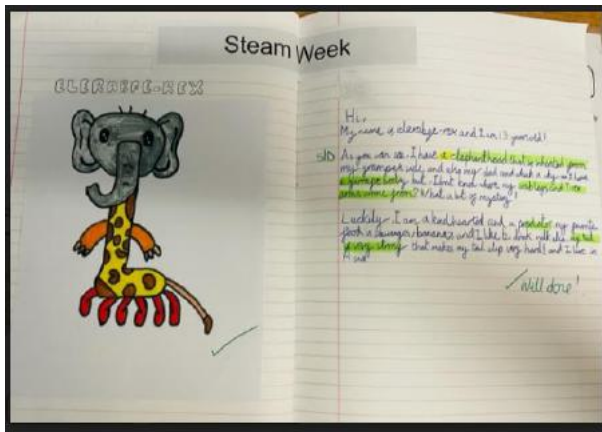
# Cake sale



Year 5 pupils will be holding a cake sale at school on Monday 25th, Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th March. Prices for cakes range from 50p to £1.

## UPDATE

### Steam Week

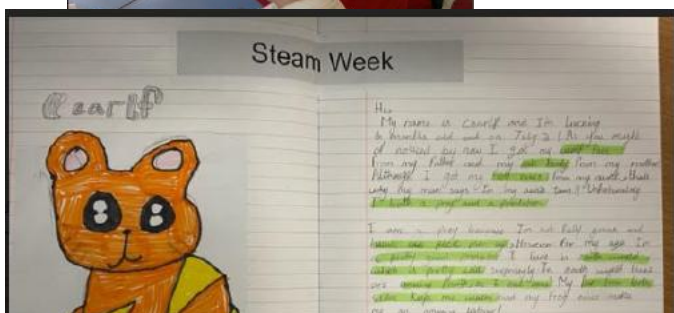


Across the school children have been engrossed in their activities for STEAM week. This term we are posing the question; if you could create a new animal, what would it be like?

Children around the school have been planning their animals and making models of their hybrid creatures ready for our science fair on Friday.

To support this, year one even watched a live tour of the farm as part of steam week. The farmer spoke about the different mammals at the farm and they got to see lots of baby lambs.

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Class: Dahl

This week, we have been retelling a classic fairytale story with a twist! The wolf was the victim in the tale of the three little pigs. The children interviewed the wolf to find out his version of events and loved how dramatic he was. Since then, we have been trying to convey the message that the poor wolf was simply unwell and blew the houses down accidentally. This is going to help the children next week when they write their independent writing with a different villain being recast as a victim.



Class: Bryon

In Bryon class, we have been writing reports about different types of toys. We really enjoyed writing about computer games. We worked hard to try and use the conjunction because in our sentences, as well as remembering capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. Alex wrote- Children love video games because they are fun and adventurous and challenging! We really loved the vocabulary that Alex was able to include.



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

Whole school attendance target = 97%

Whole school attendance this week = 94.1%

Best class attendance this week = Murphy

### The Leys Have Talent



Rebecca from Year 6 loves doing taekwondo and she has just achieved blue belt with red tag.

**Gratitude** - Gratitude is defined as a positive emotional reaction that serves a biological purpose. It's the appreciation of the valuable and meaningful things in our lives. Countless studies have shown that gratitude can bring a variety of physical, psychological, emotional and social benefits. It helps us appreciate all the positive elements of our lives and the people in it. While it might not be a cure-all for everything, gratitude can help to keep us grounded and feeling positive, particularly in times of uncertainty. Studies have shown that being grateful can make you more optimistic, improve your mood, and even lower rates of stress and depression.

 [Gratitude Is Good For You](#)



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

This week in year 1 we have been learning about palm Sunday and that Jesus is special to Christians and how his welcome on Palm Sunday shows this. We have been thinking about our own important people and how they are special to us. We thought about how we would welcome them and if that is a sign that they are special to us.



**Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended the Year 4 Multiplication workshop with the class teachers. For additional support please visit the Year 4 Class page <https://www.leys.herts.sch.uk/classes-year-4.html>**

**The next PTA Meeting will take place on Tuesday 19th March from 3.30pm- hope to see you there.**



## Visit to Stevenage Mayor

This Thursday 4 pupils from Year 6; Ella, Maya, Antonia and Charlie visited the Stevenage chambers and met the Stevenage Mayor, as part of their role in the Stevenage pupil parliament. They represented the school beautifully in their presentation about our school's 'Big Litter Pick' campaign and shared their views on ways to improve the lives of young pupils in Stevenage.



# NSPCC

Abuse can happen at any time of the day or night. And when it does, it's vital that children have someone they can talk to – no matter the hour.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

### Term dates 2023-2024

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

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| <p>Start of term: 3 September 2024<br/> Inset day: 2 September 2024<br/> 25 October 2024<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: 11 July 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/> 25 October 2024<br/> 2 December (Occasional day) 2024<br/> 6 January 2025<br/> 11 July 2025<br/> 23 July 2025</p> |

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