



# The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

## Friday 10th May 2024

### DATES COMING UP!

(please note all dates are subject to change)

- 13- 17 May- Year 6 SATS week
- 20-24 May -STEAM Week
- 20 - 24 May - Walk to school week
- 23 May -Sports Day
- 24 May -Sports Day backup date
- 27-31 May -Half Term
- 3 Jun -INSET Day
- 10 Jun- Y6 Crucial Crew
- 10 June - Mental Health Workshop for parents 2-3pm
- 14 Jun -Summer Disco
- 18 Jun - Y6 - Silverstone Interactive Museum Trip
- 21 Jun- Pride Day- Wear Colourful clothes!
- 26 Jun -Class group photos
- 28 Jun- Non-uniform Day- donation of items (details to follow)
- 3-5 Jul- Y4 Wymondley trip
- 8 Jul -International Food Fair 2:30-4 pm
- 11 Jul- Transition Day
- 12 Jul- Inset day- school closed
- 19 Jul- Yr Production day
- 22 Jul- Yr 6 Prom
- 24 Jul - Closed for Summer

Star of the Week	
Class	Pupil
Benjamin	Albie
Murphy	Achim
Kerr	Charlie
Bryon	Zayn
Donaldson	Mayra
Soundar	Mo
Dahl	Alaya
Gavin	Logan
Mante	Kunashe
Morpurgo	Todi
Riordan	Poppy-Rose
Zephaniah	Janelle
Malala	Skyla
Blackman	Lilly-May



### Times Tables Leaders

Well done to...

1. Charlie I
2. Gianna
3. Devon

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

Friendship Award

Evelyn

Reader of the Month

Emmanuel

### Headteachers Awards

Year Reception	Alex, Zenel, Amelia, Riley
Year 2	Antonia, Emmy, Robyn, Louie, Jake
Year 5	Gabriella

### 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:

**Kerr - Popcorn and Movie**

**Dahl - Friday Non-Uniform**

**Riordan - PJ Day**

**Malala - Chromebook Games**



We plan to start to develop the Key Stage 1 playground by adding a mud kitchen, sand and wheeled toys. In order to do this we are asking parents, if they can help by donating; old kitchen equipment (saucepans, plastic bowls, spoons), buckets or spades, scooters, pallets, crates, tarpaulin or covered sand pits. In order to be able to complete this, we are looking for someone with DIY/handyman skills who is able to donate some time to help us build a mud kitchen or den.

If you could help please contact the school office on 01438 314148.

UPDATE

RE

In year 1 we have been learning about the Jewish celebration Shabbat. Children have been learning about this special day and how it's celebrated. We have also been looking at special days in our own lives and how we celebrate them.

Shabbat is the Jewish Day of Rest. Shabbat happens each week from sunset on Friday to sunset on Saturday. During Shabbat, Jewish people remember the story of creation from the Torah and eat foods including challah (braided bread) and wine (or grape juice), which are both blessed before the meal begins.

We will be holding our own Shabbat celebration to see how this is celebrated each week and we will try grape juice and challah bread.



Class: Zephaniah

This week Zephaniah class has been really busy despite it being a four day week. They started out writing a timeline of events for a member of their family. They wrote about important events such as having their first child, graduating university or passing their driving test. They were really interesting to read. They then moved on to learning about how to read and understand the symbols on a map in Geography. Not only that, they have been practising hard for sports day in PE and they are looking great! Keep up the hard work Zephaniah!

- Empathy
- Inclusivity
- Respect
- Aspirations
- Determination
- Empowerment



Class: Gavin

Barnaby from Gavin Class wrote his own version of 'The Secret of Black Rock' from the rock's point of view. This is his first paragraph.

Far away, over the horizon, there lived a mystical creature by the name of Black Rock! Lots of people thought he was a cold hearted creature but he protected lots of different fish species. He would never hurt a person from the outerlands but they would hurt him. They thought he was a curse on all the people who went to sea. "I'm not a monster!" he thought to himself. He was as black as a crow on the outside but that did not mean he was black hearted inside.



**Please safeguard our pupils and do not park on the zigzag lines.**

**Please report any dangerous parking to the school office.**



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## Careers Month

The month of June will be dedicated to celebrating and empowering our pupils about future careers. We would like to invite our parents/carers/relatives to visit our school and talk to our pupils about their jobs. We would appreciate and welcome talks from all careers.



Please call or email  
[admin@leys.hert.sch.uk](mailto:admin@leys.hert.sch.uk) with your details and preferred year group.

Thank you



Whole school attendance target  
= 97%

Whole school attendance this  
week = 96.2%

Best class attendance this week  
= 100%

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## The Leys Have Talent



Fraiser is a keen footballer. He scored 5 goals in the last game of the season, winning the match and getting MOT. Fraiser had a great season scoring 39 goals.

Well Done!



## Take a look at what we offer as a school for SEND

Bitesize information  
- parent

Easy straight forward language  
- parent

What you need to know  
- parent

**SEN Information Report  
2023-2024**

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We all know that parenting children is a stressful role and when your child has additional needs the load on parents/carers is even greater. Therefore it is important to take care of your own well being just as much as that of your child's. Sometimes we need to recognise that we need some extra support and Hertfordshire's Local Offer has lots of suggestions for local support and websites that can help with a variety of issues.

[Mental health and wellbeing support for parents and carers \(hertfordshire.gov.uk\)](http://hertfordshire.gov.uk)

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

### Safari Stu

On Thursday, EYFS were visited by Safari Stu and his exotic animals. The children were able to look at and hold a variety of different animals including a tarantula, a chameleon, a tenrec and hissing cockroaches. The children were all very brave and enjoyed the experience.





Year 6

Good luck in your SATs, believe in yourself, you will smash it!

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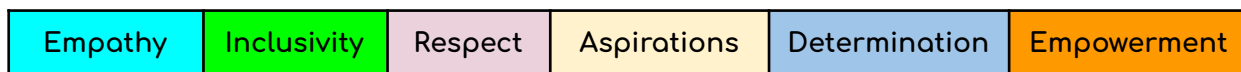
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<https://familiesfeelingsafe.co.uk/>

### Term dates 2023-2024

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