The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ….Leading Tomorrow

Friday 23rd October 2026

Star of the Week	
Class	Pupil
Campbell	Michael
Benjamin	Sammy
Murphy	Arthur H
Kerr	Jacob
Bryon	Violet
Donaldson	Lola
Soundar	Ruby
Dahl	Nellie
Gavin	Matilda
Russell	Mia B
Morpurgo	Lulu
Riordan	Vinnie
Jackson	Lily-Mai
Lawrence	Marnie
Hargrave	Sophie

Times Tables Leaders

Well done to…

1. **Mason S.**
2. **Harper JH.**
3. **Elisha S.**

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

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

26 - 30 Oct Half term
1 - 4 Nov PGL
2 Nov Poppy Appeal
2 Nov Parent MH workshop - peer relationship difficulties 9-10 am
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3 Nov Flu Vaccination
5 Nov Y3 Century Meeting for parents 3.30
6 Nov Stay and Share 2.30-3.15 pm (Y1 - Y6)
9-13 Nov Bikeability Y5 and Y6
9-13 Nov Anti bullying week
10 Nov School open tour 9.30 -11 am
11 Nov Remembrance Day
12 Nov Odd Socks Day
13 Nov Kindness Day
13 Nov Y3 Assembly 9.15am
13 Nov Children in Need
20 Nov PTA non uniform (see poster)
20 Nov Reception to Y3 Movie Night 3.15 to 5pm
23 Nov School open tour 1.30 - 3 pm
25 Nov SEND Understanding and supporting executive functioning 10-11.30 am
25 Nov Flu Vaccination (please look out for an email from vaccination UK)
27 Nov Enterprise Day 2 pm
30 Nov Take one book
30 Nov School open tour 1.30 - 3 pm
3 Dec Y1 Shuttleworth trip
4 Dec Occasional Day
9 Dec Y1 Christmas Performance 9.30 am
9 Dec Y2 Christmas Performance 2 pm
10 Dec iRock concert 2.30 pm
10 Dec Dance club performance 3.15pm
15 Dec Reception Christmas Sing Along & Play (9 am to 9.45 am infant hall)
15 Dec Nursery Christmas Sing Along & Play (9 am to 9.45 am) & 2.30pm to 3pm
16 Dec Christmas Dinner & Festive wear
17 Dec Class Christmas parties & non uniform
18 Dec Early finish 12.30 & non uniform
21 Dec -1 Jan 2027 Christmas holiday
4 Jan Children return to school
6 Jan Whole School Pantomime
14 Jan SATS briefing Y6 at 3.30pm

Kindness Award

Kindness Award	Riley

Headteachers Awards

Year 6	Tieri, Bella, Maaya, Marnie, Hannah, Lucy, Anthony, Alaya, Maddison, Erika

Attendance Wheel of Reward

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

This week's winners:

Benjamin - Games Afternoon

Donaldson - No pencils session

Russell - Break the rules day

Riordan - Yes day

Class teachers will send a message with a date, if children are required to bring/wear something different from home.

Our current isolation period for diarrhoea and sickness is 24 hours

This week's whole-school attendance is 95.9%

22 Jan Y5 Curriculum Fair 2.30pm- Parents welcome
26 Jan Maths Workshop for parents - Junior at 9am
28 Jan EYFS - Reading workshop for parents 9 am

School Email response: We aim to respond to all communications within 72 hours (working days). Please note that some enquiries may require further input from relevant staff and may therefore take up to 5 working days to receive a full response. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Friends of The Leys - PTA
School Disco raised £1,472.40

We have raised a total of £4,467.61 last academic year.
Thank you

Thank You for Your Continued Support

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our parent meetings with class teachers. These meetings are an important opportunity to celebrate your child's progress and work together to support their learning and development.

I would also like to thank you for your continued support and the positive partnership we share. Please take a few minutes to complete our parent survey. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us celebrate our strengths and identify areas for improvement.

Wishing all our families a restful and enjoyable half term. Thank you for being such an important part of our school community!

Mrs D. Khangura
Headteacher

WELLBEING

Wellbeing Champions
This week we have met with our Wellbeing Champions - Hughclyd, Tia in Year 2, Thomas, Dion in Year 3, Sabur, Evie in Year 4, Amelia, Joseph in Year 5 and Marnie, Harlie in Year 6 - to talk about their role, how they can help others and to plan what we are doing on Kindness day, Fri 13th Nov.

Peer Mentors
This half term we have also trained 19 Year 5 children as Peer Mentors. They are now supporting younger children to have a 'happy' playtime by encouraging turn taking, sharing and participation of all.

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SEND news

How will the school's approach to teaching and learning be matched to my child's needs?

•All children will be provided with high quality teaching that is scaffolded to meet the needs of all learners.
•Children with a disability will be provided with reasonable adjustments (such as a writing slope or enlarged printed materials) to help overcome any disadvantage experienced in school and increase their access to the taught curriculum.
•Children's attainment is tracked using the whole school tracking system & those who are not making expected levels of progress are identified very quickly. These children are then discussed in termly progress meetings that are attended by the class teacher, Headteacher and SENDCo.
•Additional action to increase the rate of progress will be identified and recorded. These provisions are reviewed in terms of their impact as identified by the teacher. Additional strategies & advice to further support the success of the child are then offered to the teacher if required.
•Where it is decided during this early discussion that special educational provision is needed, parents will be informed that the school considers their child may require SEN support and their partnership is gained in order to improve attainment.
•Action relating to SEN support will follow an assess, plan, do and review cycle.

The art project inspired by Picasso has come to an end. Picasso once said: *"It took me four years to paint like Raphael, but a lifetime to paint like a child."* Please enjoy the on-line art gallery of the children's artworks: The Leys Art Gallery

I wish you a lovely ½ term.

We are back on 3rd November 2026.

Nathalie

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👕 Uniform at a Glance – The Leys School

✨ **Please ensure all clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name.**
Summer Uniform: https://www.leys.herts.sch.uk/nad-parent-toolkit.html

- Top: White polo shirt OR red checked dress
- Bottom: Black trousers OR black skirt OR black school shorts
- Outerwear: Red cardigan OR school red sweatshirt OR school red fleece
- Socks: White or black school socks
- Shoes: Black school shoes
- Hat: Cap or bucket style hat to be worn on the playground

PE Kit:

- Top: Plain white t-shirt
- Bottom: Plain black shorts
- Footwear: Black plimsolls or trainers (plain white or black preferred)
- Outerwear: Red cardigan OR school sweatshirt OR school red fleece

Parents are encouraged to apply a high factor, long lasting sunscreen before children come to school. Children may bring in a named sunscreen to apply themselves during the day.

Lost property reminder: Please label all uniform & belongings with your child's name. Unclaimed unnamed items will be recycled/added to pre-loved uniform.

Many thanks to those parents who have already made a donation.

OUTDOOR PLAY AND LEARNING

We are still looking for donations of:

Dolls, Buggies, Barbies, Toy cars,

As the weather is starting to change, children will need suitable coats and wellies. Please can parents donate any old wellies that your children have grown out of.

Also if families go out walking, please can children collect us conkers, sticks or pinecones.

Many thanks

The OPAL team

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Confidential parenting helpline

Coram Family Lives offers a confidential and free parenting 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 first time please do try again.

https://www.coramfamilylives.org.uk/

Bags of Taste - Fun , free cooking course

- Free ingredients delivered to you
- Free, flexible, homebased short courses
- All you need is a kitchen and a phone

Bags of Taste are a Charity committed to helping people gain control over their food choices, health, and budgets. We run courses across England—from Newcastle to Hastings and multiple London boroughs—targeting individuals who are struggling with their health or food bills. These may include: young people, families and single parents, pensioners and socially isolated individuals, people over-reliant on ready meals or fast food, those managing medical conditions or mental health challenges

We provide: A free delivery of ingredients—enough for three tasty, low-cost meals (about 7 servings). Remote mentoring via WhatsApp or phone over two weeks, so participants can cook at their own pace.

Ongoing support—after completing the dishes, participants receive more recipes, a small gift, and an invitation to join our graduates' Facebook or WhatsApp group for continued guidance.

To register: Phone / text / WhatsApp **07813 678 660**

Email: **adele.buckland@bagsoftaste.org**

Sign up online: **https://bagsoftaste.org/students**

Please see Weekly correspondence for more information.

We are raising money for Children in Need, which is on 13 November 2026.

If you wish to donate any donation will be much appreciated. Please see the link below.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/theleysprimary1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

Parent Partnership sessions (with engagement tracker)

- 3 Sep New to Year 3: Good Attendance- please refer to Year group webpage for further information
- 4 Sep New to Year 4: Excellent Attendance- please refer to Year group webpage for further information
- 7 Sep New to Year 2: Excellent Attendance- please refer to Year group webpage for further information
- 8 Sep New to Year 5: Average Attendance - please refer to Year group webpage for further information
- 17 Sep Library opening: Good Attendance
- 2 Oct Books & Biscuit: Good Attendance- please refer to Year group webpage for further information
- 2 Oct Y4 Wymondley Woods parent meeting: Good Attendance- please refer to Year group webpage for further information
- 8 Oct Phonics meeting EYFS: Good Attendance - please refer to Year group webpage for further information
- 8 Oct Year 6 PGL Trip Meeting: Good Attendance- please refer to Year group webpage for further information
- 16 Oct Year 6 Curriculum Fair Good Attendance
- 21 & 22 Oct Parents' evening Excellent Attendance
- 6 Nov Stay and Share
- 12 Nov Y2Mastering Number workshop 10am
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