The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ….Leading Tomorrow

Friday 20th November 2026

Star of the Week	
Class	Pupil
Campbell	Maya
Benjamin	Krishiv
Murphy	David
Kerr	Heran
Bryon	Anaya
Donaldson	Maya
Soundar	Emerson
Dahl	Bairstow
Gavin	Ruby
Russell	Anthony
Morpurgo	Keira
Riordan	Joseph
Jackson	Tanith
Lawrence	Nila
Hargrave	Muku

Times Tables Leaders

Well done to...

1. Francis A.
2. Tirenioluwa O.
3. Erika N.

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)

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 **3.45pm**
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 3.15pm
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
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.

Kindness Award

Kindness Award	Oscar D

Headteachers Awards

Year R	Elaine, Lillian, Rosie, Sofia, Emma, Theo, Talha, Archie, Krishiv
Year 6	Harlie, Olivia D, Olivia KW, Jackson, Shaista, Mira

Attendance Wheel of Reward

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



This week's winners:

Bryon - Extra long play with games

Russell - PJ 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 **95.3%**

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to let you know that our Year 1 and Year 2 performance practices are well underway!

Please keep an eye out for all upcoming correspondence regarding our Christmas events. We also hope to see many of you at Enterprise Day—our little elves have been out working very hard to get everything ready!

Thank you for your continued support.



WELLBEING

Just Talk Week - This year's theme is 'Just Find Your Fun', encouraging children and young people to make time for the things they enjoy. Hobbies, interests and fun activities are real coping tools: they help us recharge, express ourselves, try new things and have an outlet when life feels stressful. Empowering young people with the encouragement to try new activities, learn what they enjoy and how to embed that into their day to day life, is key to teaching skills of resilience and self-regulation. Parents/carers and young people can get involved by following @JustTalk Herts on Instagram, X and Facebook or visiting here to find the dedicated campaign page.

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SEND news

What specialist services and expertise are available at or accessed by the school?

The school has access to a variety of different services to help support children with their learning or behaviour. Some can be accessed by parents as well. This can occur when it is felt specialist involvement and advice is needed. Click on the links to take you to their websites. Other professionals may become involved with children diagnosed with specific needs.

Services for children and young people - directories

Speech and Language and Occupational Therapy	Greenside- learning difficulties school	Speech, Language and Communication and Autism team	Larwood Outreach (tier 3) Behaviour
Educational Psychologist	DSPL2	Early Years team	Behaviours That Challenge
School Nurse, or Health visitor	Attendance team	Children and Adolescent Mental Health service (CAMHS)	Visual Impairment Hearing Impairment Physical Impairment

👕 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.

Online safety training

There are different ways children can be groomed online. Find out what practical steps you can take to reduce this.

NSPCC

https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/child-abuse-and-neglect/child-sexual-exploitation

Programme Opal in progress

OPAL Bingo all the classes have been given bingo sheets of things we are trying to collect . Please can you help your class by finding 1 item from those suggested.



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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
- 5 Nov Parent MH workshop peer relationship difficulties 9am :Good attendance
- 12 Nov Y3 Century Meeting for parents 3.30 pm: Average Attendance
- 13 Nov Y3 Assembly 9.15am: Excellent Attendance
- 25 Nov SEND Understanding and supporting executive functioning 10-11.30 am
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Getting to know our Governors:



From time to time, one of our governors will write a short paragraph for our newsletters so that you can learn more about the work they do with our school.

I have been a Governor at The Leys Primary and Nursery School for almost a year. I have visited the school several times during the last year, both to attend meetings and to see what is going on in the school. At meetings I have had the opportunity to ask the school's leaders many questions about their work and look at school policies. During my visits I saw lots of the children's artwork and looked at the art curriculum. I was able to see that the children benefit from a rich art curriculum and have the opportunity to build up art skills using different materials as they progress through the year groups. I also met with the writing subject leader to find out about improvements the school has made in the teaching of writing and spelling and visited the new library. Most recently I have visited the nursery and reception classes and attended a Phonics Workshop for parents, and I was able to talk to some of you there. On every visit the children have been very calm and working hard and they have shown that they are confident talking to visitors. In my role as Governor linked to attendance, I meet with Mrs Khangura every term to discuss attendance figures and find out how the school is supporting those children and families where attendance is not as high as it needs to be. Being a school governor takes a lot of time and there is lots of reading to be done but it is also rewarding being a part of The Leys School community. Deborah Godbold – Co-opted Governor.

Term dates 2026-2027

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