



# The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

## Star of the Week

Class	Pupil
Jeffers	Tanith
Murphy	Aiden
Kerr	Olivia
Waddell	Oakley
Donaldson	Ava
Gravett	Reece W
Dahl	Liam
Freedman	Chelsea
Strong	Charley
Morpurgo	Emily
Lewis	Charles
Tolkien	Asad
Rosen	Apostolos
Shakespeare	Jack
Dickens	Beatrice
Kipling	Tegan

### 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 12th November 2021

### DATES COMING UP!

15 -19th Anti Bullying Week  
15.11 - Odd Socks Day  
19.11 Children in Need- PJ/ Dress  
up day  
22.11 - 26.11- STEAM week &  
Bikeability Week  
2.12 Aladdin Theatre in Y3-6 AM  
6.12 - Occasional Day- School is  
closed  
7.12 Year 5 Trip Exo Mars discovery  
centre  
9.12 Puss in Boots Pantomime  
YR-Y2 PM  
10.12 Enterprise Day  
17.12 Junior Church Service  
17.12 Christmas Jumper and  
Dinner Day  
21.12- Last day of term - 1.30pm  
finish

***We will be launching  
Anti bullying Week by wearing  
Odd Socks On Monday 15th  
November.***



Attendance Awards	Waddell Freedman
Friendship Cup	
<b>Headteacher Awards</b>	
Reception	
Year 1	<b>Charlie N, Stanley W &amp; Ava-Grace N, Dhyay</b>
Year 2	<b>Holly, James, Poppy for Great Black History Month projects</b>
Year 3	<b>Darcie</b>
Year 4	
Year 5	
Year 6	

### Children in Need Day!

Join in on Friday the 19th  
November



**Dress up or PJ day!**  
Please see link for our donation page

[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/theleysprimaryschoolchildreninn  
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## CLASS OF THE WEEK

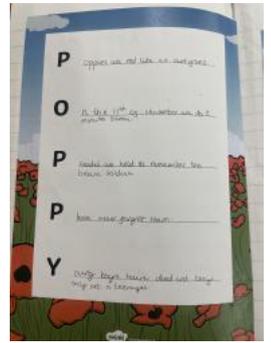


### Year 2 Gravett

This week the children in Gravett class have been learning about Remembrance Day. They read lots of stories and poems and had some very interesting class discussions about Remembrance Day and why it is celebrated. Then the children wrote their own acrostic poem.

Here is Kyler-May's poem:

Poppies are red like our uniform  
On the 11th Nov we have 2 minutes silence  
Parades are held to remember the brave soldiers  
Please never forget them.  
Young boys have died and they were only teenagers.



Class: Lewis  
Pupil: Veda K

### Highwaymen

In the 1800s, Highwaymen, who were savage merciless rouses, roamed England. They targeted coaches, due to the fact that they were defenceless, vulnerable and easy prey for the masked thugs. They are mostly famous for stealing gold, money and livestock causing chaos amongst the society. The undercover thieves carried a rapier or a pistol which struck fear into their victims hearts like lightning. In the cover of darkness, these brutal robbers attacked, leaving travellers traumatised. These people are a disgrace! If they were caught they would receive a death penalty (a consequence which they deserve!).

#### Richard Turpin:

Have you ever heard of this despicable highwayman? Richard (Dick) Turpin was a notorious, legendary highwayman and established fear everywhere he went. Following the family tradition, at a young age, he became a butcher. He sold livestock to highwaymen and that's when he started his journey of criminality. Shockingly, Turpin continued to cause havoc and chaos for 9 years until his reign came to an end when he was hung in 1739 at St Georges Church. According to the Guardian "his ghost still thunders down trap hill". How terrifying is that!

### Readers of the Month

#### Year 2

Joshua for reading everyday since starting Year 2 (Donaldson).

Zachary for having read the most times in Gravett class.

#### Year 5

Abigale, Malachi and Alexis (Rosen)

All have really excelled with their reading, reading everyday, even in the holidays!

Charles Vaughan-Gray (Lewis) for reading every single day, including weekends, since the start of Year 5!

Isabel Whitworth (Tolkien) for setting an example for the rest of the class in recording her reading in her reading record.

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WELLBEING



**Suicide** - Many of us regard this as a difficult subject and one that should be avoided, however handled sensitively it can be life saving. Sadly suicide is the biggest killer in the UK of under 35s and over 200 school children commit suicide each year. Papyrus, is a charity which aims to prevent suicide in young people. They have made a video 'Sinking Feeling' which aims to help others to spot the signs of suicide and guide young people away from suicidal thoughts. They also have some useful guides for parents about listening to and supporting children with suicide and self-harm. If you require further support their HOPELINEUK is open 9am–12am (midnight) every day of the year: 0800 0684141 or email pat@papyrus-uk.org

**▶ Sinking Feeling**

<https://www.papyrus-uk.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Copy-of-Supporting-your-child-ENG-version-FINAL.pdf>

[https://www.papyrus-uk.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/001159-Tri-Folded-Leaflet-A4\\_Listen-to-me.pdf](https://www.papyrus-uk.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/001159-Tri-Folded-Leaflet-A4_Listen-to-me.pdf)

Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural and British Values

**Remembrance Day!**

Thursday, 11 November



For homework, Year 5 were asked to create a 'poppy' for remembrance day in any creative way that they wanted. We were blown away by some of their creative ideas- well done year 5!

Leah also created a remembrance day poem:

**R**ed poppies  
**E**very soldier was loved  
**M**illions of soldiers died  
**E**very year we wear a poppy  
**M**emories passed through generations  
**B**rave battle  
**E**veryone remembers the war  
**R**eward for their courage.



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## The Leys Have Talent

Tilly Year 6



*I have been with Arsenal women football academy for three years now, I play striker and have recently started goalkeeping. I train three days a week with them and I absolutely love it. I've been lucky enough to play against some great teams like Swindon, Reading, Watford and Ipswich. This Saturday I will be playing in goal against Ferdinand football group*

Does your child excel in any out of school activities or have a special talent? Let us know by emailing [Theleyshavetalent@leys.herts.sch.uk](mailto:Theleyshavetalent@leys.herts.sch.uk) so that we can celebrate their success together!

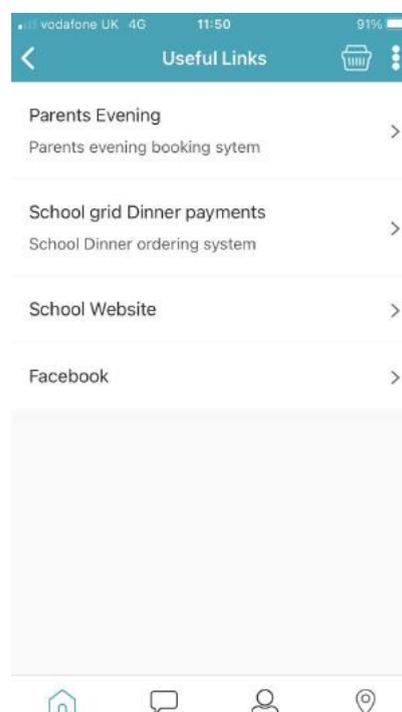
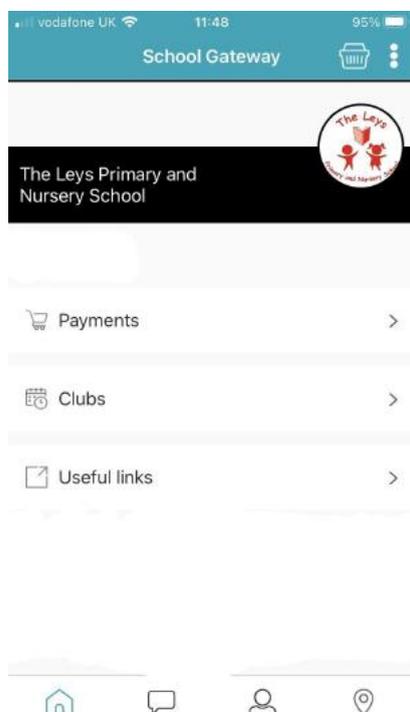
Please include their name and year group in your email and any photographs that could be used on our website or newsletter.

More information will be provided soon!



### School Gateway

Please see images below and find how you can access other useful links such as School grid, school website, our facebook page and our Parents Evening portal using ONLY using School Gateway.



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## Lost Uniform

Every parent of a child in school knows the pain of losing clothing or uniform that is never returned (especially when they are new or expensive items!). We ask for parents/ carers to label everything and speak to your child about looking after their own items. This week, many pupils have left their jumpers and coats on the playground- many of which are unnamed. At The Leys, we are teaching our pupils to become more independent and responsible. If your child does not come home with correct items- please email your child's year group or contact their class teacher.

The school office should not be approached

## Christmas Production events



Unfortunately we have had to make a decision to not invite parents/ carers into school due to rising cases in our school community- these performances will be recorded for parents to view on google classroom.

17.12 Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day

17.12 Junior Church Service- **pupils only**

## *Parent Partnership*

### Stay & Play 9am to 9.30am

These sessions are aimed for EYFS parents only, please drop your child at their classroom door and then make your way to the main sports field- where Mr Byford will meet you. After registration, all pupils will join their parent/ carer to complete some fun activities.

### Friday 5th Nov- Nursery - postponed

### Stay & Share KS1 & KS2 -8.50 to 9.10 am

These sessions will take place in the infant hall, with only one parent per child- all visitors will need to wear a mask and only stay with their child. I am afraid there will be no entry without a mask and adults will be asked to hand sanitise on entry.

### Friday 12th November- Year 1- postponed

### Friday 19th November- Year 2-postponed

Friday 26th November- Year 3

Friday 3rd December - Year 4

Friday 14th January - Year 5

Friday 21st January - Year 6

### *2022-23 EYFS Tours*

*Please come along and join us on our full tours of the school on;*

*9am on 10th November 2021- **postponed***

*1.30pm 18th November 2021*

*1.30pm 2nd December 2021*

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Contact the school office to book a place.

## 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

Pupis 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:
- 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

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<p><b>AUTUMN TERM</b>  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</p>	<p><b>SPRING TERM</b>  <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</p>	<p><b>SUMMER TERM</b>  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</p>
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*The County Council is responsible for setting a published admission number (PAN) for all community and voluntary-controlled schools and must consult on any proposals to reduce PANs. After a period of demographic growth, the demand for primary places across the county has fallen and, in some areas, fewer school places are needed. This is in line with a decrease in primary demand across most other local authorities. Changes in demand are not evenly distributed and some areas and schools are impacted more than others. As part of the PAN setting process for academic year 2023/24, the County Council has engaged with headteachers and governing bodies at a number of schools, including The Leys Primary and Nursery School, to discuss and agree a proposed PAN reduction.*

*A reduction of the PAN at The Leys Primary and Nursery School from 75 to 60 places from 2023/24 is proposed following a drop in the number of applications and allocations for September 2021. The pupil forecast indicates lower demand for Reception places across this part of Stevenage for 2023/4 and beyond. A reduction in PAN would create a better match of places to expected demand, protecting the financial viability of the school moving forward. The Governing Body and Headteacher are both in agreement with the proposal which will assist the school both organisationally and financially.*

*Please visit [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions2023](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions2023) for more information about the consultation and to respond online.*

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