



# The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

Star of the Week	
Class	Pupil
Benjamin	Ruby R
Murphy	Elisha
Kerr	Chloe
Bryon	Mia
Donaldson	Elijah
Soundar	Yasa
Dahl	Hedrian
Gavin	Uno
Mante	Gusia
Morpurgo	Nathania
Riordan	Kaan
Zephaniah	Amber
Malala	Kamau
Blackman	Perla



**Times Tables Leaders**  
Well done to...

**Tanya**  
**Naeem**  
**Ava Mai**

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

## Friday 10th November 2023

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

13-17 Nov -Feel Good Week  
14 Nov -All children are invited to  
come to school dressed in  
sports/active wear  
16 Nov -Year 5 STEM Trip  
17 Nov -Non-uniform for Children  
In Need -Please donate via link  
below  
23 Nov -Year 1 school trip  
24 Nov Whole school Stay &  
Share from 2.45pm  
1 Dec -Enterprise Day 2 - 4pm -  
new earlier start time of 2pm  
8 Dec -Occasional Day school  
closed  
12 Dec -Nursery Christmas Come  
and Play sessions 11 am -11.45am  
& 2pm - 2.45pm  
13 Dec -Flu Vaccination (2nd visit)  
-Reception Christmas  
Come and Play session 2pm  
-2.45pm  
14 Dec -Year 1 Christmas  
Performance 9.30am - 10.30am  
-Year 2 Christmas  
Performance 2pm - 3pm  
15 Dec -Christmas jumper day  
-Christmas dinner  
18 Dec -Junior Christmas  
Performances. 1pm for Year 3 & 4.  
2pm for Year 5 & 6  
19 Dec - All years Christmas  
parties  
20 Dec -Last day of term 1:30pm  
finish  
-Non-uniform day

Friendship Award	Year 1 Hollie
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## Headteachers Awards

Year R	Esther, Francis, Hope, Amelia, Logan, Evangeline, Sophia, Yousuf
Year 1	Evelyn. Courtney. Orla
Year 2	Lola, Mayra. Robyn, Evie, Antonia
Year 3	Ernie, Maaya, Uno, Noah, Muku, Lucie, Amaya, Charlie
Year 4	Brianna, Poppy, Gusia, Kyler-May, Lexie, Joshua, Samson, David, Kaira
Year 6	Ella, Paris, Rebecca, Lily

## 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** - No pencil day

**Morpurgo** - Friday non-uniform

**Malala** - Free homework pass

# UPDATE

## STEAM week

As part of our STEAM week, children across the school have been taking part in learning activities from the STEAM subjects using the theme of our future housing. Children were challenged with the question

*How can we build homes that help to make us healthy and happy and look after our planet?*

In response to this we have had children building their own models of homes - thinking about what type of energy would power these homes, as well as technical drawings of homes- thinking about materials and using reusable materials.



CLASS OF THE WEEK:  
Soundar

During RE, we are learning about Muslims praying 5 times a day, focussing in a specific direction and showcasing their commitment.

Soundar have been practising their commitment by committing to exercising 5 times a day, also facing in a specific direction. From this, we are becoming more focussed before our lessons although we have struggled to do it 5 times a day, 3 times is a lot more manageable to us!



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Respect

Aspirations

Determination

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Class: Riordan

Mars Transmission by Isla  
(An extract from Mars transmission)

I'm assuming that when I was catapulted away from the crew, my communication antenna was blown off, causing damage to my bio monitor. It enclosed itself in my chest, leaving you to presume I was dead. After 4 everlasting days, I've been repairing the communications transmitter from the Rover Discovery 71, to attempt to speak to ETG (Explorer the Galaxy). If you do get this message, it will take months for another Rover to come and get me.



Whole school attendance  
target  
= 97%

Whole school attendance this  
week = 93.8%

Best class attendance this  
week = Zephaniah

### The Leys Have Talent

Well done to Yuvan in Year 2 who recently passed his kickstars (early years) Taekwondo grading and acquired his Black belt.

Yuvan will now move up to senior level Taekwondo classes. Amazing progress Yuvan, keep up the hard work.



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# ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE

Staff and children are working towards re-accreditation with the Anti-Bullying Alliance. We have completed our anti-bullying survey and are now actioning the findings. [▶ What is bullying?](#)

If you want to find out more about how to help your child if you think they are being bullied or you think they might be bullying others see the link below. Please speak to their class teacher if you have concerns.

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/advice-and-support/advice-parents-and-carers>

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

### Displays for Remembrance from around the school



# Stevenage Schools- Feel Good Week

13th -17th November 2023

This year **The Leys** are taking the lead by running *Feel Good Week* across schools in Stevenage.

Each day, we will have a new focus based on the 5 ways to wellbeing. We intend for our pupils to more learn about the importance of both mental and physical wellbeing and feel empowered to use taught strategies to increase their own wellbeing.

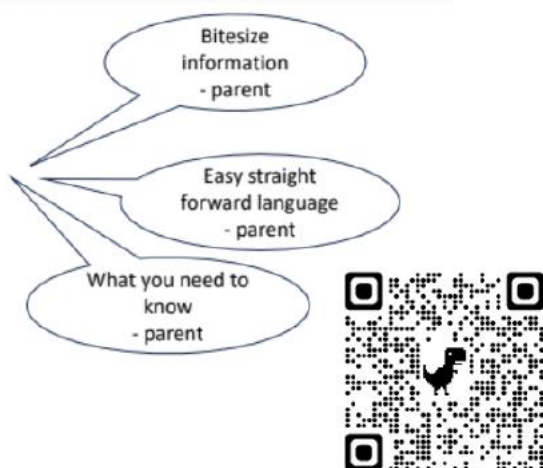
**\*\*All children are invited to come to school dressed in sports/active wear on Tuesday 14th November\*\***



We will be running our **Autumn 'Stay and Share'** sessions for each year group on Friday 24th November from 2.45pm, allowing the opportunity for parents/carers to view their child's work in their classrooms.

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## Take a look at our school SEN information report



### SEN Information Report 2023-2024



**We'd like to wish a Happy Diwali to all our families who are celebrating.  
We hope you have a wonderful time.**



**Please donate via our JustGiving page for dress down day on Friday 17th November**

[h=pfp-shareJustGiving](https://www.justgiving.com/page/h=pfp-shareJustGiving)

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**If you need to talk ...**

**...we're here to listen**

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 **askus@familylives.org.uk**

 **www.familylives.org.uk**



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SATURDAY 11TH NOVEMBER  
10AM - MIDDAY

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[www.FACEBOOK.COM/GROUPS/COATS4KIDSHERTS](http://www.FACEBOOK.COM/GROUPS/COATS4KIDSHERTS)

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# Hertfordshire Children and Young People's Mental Health Service Directory

The services below provide a combination of early intervention and more specialist support for children and young people's mental health. Click the service name to be redirected to more information.

ARC Services	NHS Talking Therapies
Chathealth 0-5	PALMS
Chathealth 11-19	Rephael House Counselling
Children's Crisis Assessment and Treatment Team	Safe Space
Children's Wellbeing Practitioners	School Nurses and Duty Line
CHUMS Bereavement Support	Signpost
Educational Psychologists	Single Point Access (SPA)
Families First	Specialist CAMHS
First Steps ED	Spectrum Family and Young People's Service
Health for Kids	Step 2
Health for Teens	The Sandbox
Herts Haven Cafés	Togetherall
Just Talk	WithYOUth
Just Talk Ambassador Scheme	YCT Counselling
Lumi Nova	Youth Talk Counselling
Mental Health Support Teams in Schools (MHSTs)	Young Minds Parent Helpline
NESSie Parenting	

Telephone service      Online/virtual service  
 Face to face service      Referral required

- Reaching developmental and emotional milestones, learning healthy social skills and how to cope when there are problems. Mentally healthy children have a positive quality of life and can function well at home, in school, and in their communities.
- Difficulties with normal life problems, poor self confidence, low self esteem, low aspirations, difficult family relationships, poor peer relationships, experimental substance misuse, bereavement, poor concentration, difficulty sustaining relationships, some worries, low mood.
- Many worries, high levels of anxiety, persistent low mood, body image concerns, behaviour puts peers at risk, persistent or high risk substance misuse, risk taking behaviour, unable to display empathy, difficulty coping with anger or frustration, bereavement by suicide/suspected suicide, withdrawn or unwilling to engage, disruptive or challenging behaviour, unable to maintain peer relationships (bullying, bullied or aggression etc).
- Mental health problems which are:
  - Persistent, complex and severe
  - Present in all environments (home, school, with peers)
  - Beyond a normal response to life's problems
- Deliberate self harm requiring hospital treatment, suicidal ideation with imminent plan and means, psychotic episode (hearing unexpected voices, unrealistic or racing thoughts not related to physical or substance misuse), intentional overdosing, persistent inability to engage with services or support offered, risk taking behaviour with no underlying mental health disorder, unresponsive to treatment and continuing to decline.

## School Tours

**Is your child due to start Nursery or Reception in September 2024?  
The Leys Primary and Nursery School is offering tours on:**

- **Friday 24th November 1.30pm -2.30pm (places now limited)**
- **Monday 27th November 10am -11am (places now limited)**
- **Monday 4th December 1.30pm -2.30pm**

**Please telephone on 01438 314148 to book an appointment to tour our amazing setting and meet the early years team**

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## Term dates 2023-2024

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

## Term dates 2024-2025

AUTUMN TERM	SPRING TERM	SUMMER TERM
<p>Start of term: 3 September 2024 Inset day: 2 September 2024 25 October 2024 Term: 2 September - 25 October 2024 <u>Half term holiday: 28 October - 1 November 2024</u></p> <p>Occasional day: 2 December 2024 Term: 4 November - 20 December 2024 <u>Christmas holiday: 23 December - 3 January 2025</u></p>	<p>Inset day: 6 January 2025 Term: 6 January - 14 February 2025 <u>Half term holiday: 17 February - 21 February 2025</u> Term : 24 February- 4 April 2025 <u>Easter holiday: 7 April - 21 April 2025</u></p>	<p>Term: 22 April - 23 May 2025 Bank Holiday: 5 May 2025 <u>Half term holiday: 26 May - 30 May 2025</u> Inset day: 11 July 2025 23 July 2025 Term: 2 June - 23 July 2025 <u>Summer holiday: 24 July 2025 - 29 August 2025</u></p> <p><u>Inset Days 2024 - 2025</u> 2 September 2024 25 October 2024 2 December (Occasional day) 2024 6 January 2025 11 July 2025 23 July 2025</p>

