



# The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

Star of the Week	
Class	Pupil
Benjamin	Morgan
Murphy	Dion
Kerr	Mia
Bryon	Adina
Donaldson	Robyn
Soundar	Christian
Dahl	Ella
Gavin	Esme
Mante	Reece
Morpurgo	Wellington
Riordan	Kobi
Zephaniah	Devon
Malala	Luca
Blackman	Holly



## Times Tables Leaders Well done to...

1. George
2. Austin
3. Harrison

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

## Thursday 28th March 2024

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

29 Mar-12 Apr -Easter Holidays  
 17 April- Practice Lockdown  
 18 April - Mayor in Assembly  
 25 April -Yr 3 Celtic Harmony Trip  
 2 May -Bags2School clothing collection  
 6 May -Bank Holiday school closed  
 7 May- PTA Meeting  
 13- 17 May- Year 6 SATS week  
 20-24 May -STEAM 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  
 14 Jun -Summer Disco  
 21 Jun- Pride Day- Wear Colourful!  
 26 Jun -Class group photos  
 28 Jun- Non-uniform Day- donation of items  
 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  
 23 Jul - Closed for Summer

### **New Dates to note - Save the date**

**14 June - Summer Disco**

**8 July - International Food Fair  
2.30pm to 4.00pm**

Friendship Award	Y4 Freddy M-W
Scientist of the Month	Dion- Loves trying out different experiments at home and this month made a volcano.

### 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:**

**Donaldson - Eat Cake  
Morpurgo - PJ Day  
Riordan - Free homework pass**

# UPDATE

## Music

Y4 treated their families and the Upper School to a mini concert of recorder music this week. They played 5 contrasting pieces which showed just how much they have learnt in their music lessons in the last few months.

Some of the children were even brave enough to improvise a little solo - jazz style! Bravo Y4! Then, our wonderful choir sang "Firework" by Katy Perry and a funny song about crazy things to put in your backpack when going on an adventure!

The performers were deservedly proud of themselves and the concert was enjoyed by all. Well done to all our musicians! Your hard work paid off and you did an outstanding job!

**A Huge thank you to Mrs Gwinnett for the amazing Recorder & Choir Assembly**



**Class: Riordan**

This week the class of the week is Riordan class. The whole school has been taking part in an Easter egg hunt and Riordan, along with the other year 5 class, have been helping and supporting the younger year groups. They have been amazing and supported them really well.



We have also started our D.T project- a pulley system. We are in the process of creating a magical illusion which you pull to reveal colour! Riordan class are excited to have these completed and can't wait to take them home to show their families!

Empathy

Inclusivity

Respect

Aspirations

Determination

Empowerment



Class: Mante

The iron woman waited patiently, the Iron Woman looked angrily, the Iron Woman looked for her lovely husband. The Iron Woman is as tall as the Iron Man, thin in shape and as lovely and gorgeous as a swan.

What was she looking for? Kunashe didn't know. Is she married? Kunashe didn't know. Does she have kids? Kunashe didn't know. Her metal illuminated and shone bright as she scanned the horizon.



**Attendance  
Matters**

Every student. Every day.

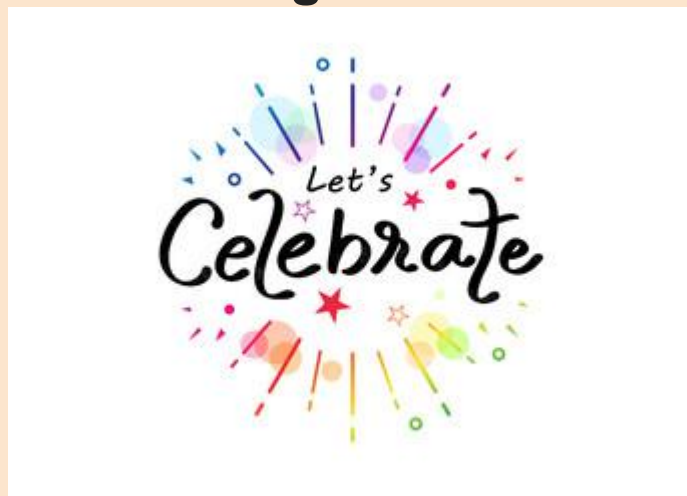
Whole school attendance target  
= 97%

Whole school attendance this  
week = 95%

Best class attendance this week  
= Dahl

## The Leys Have Talent

Please share your child's success so we can celebrate together.



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WELLBEING

Hertfordshire County Council's Public Health team has produced a Children and Young People's Mental Health and Wellbeing report (CYPMH). The report analysis spans:

- prevalence rates
- factors influencing wellbeing
- hospital admissions related to mental health and self-harm
- access to mental health services.

## Key Messages

- In 2023, approximately **1 in 5 children and young people** nationally had a probable mental disorder, equating to **c.47,542 in Hertfordshire**.
- Almost **1 in 10 school children** reported having a diagnosed mental health condition in 2023.
- In **female school children**, prevalence of a diagnosed mental health condition considerably increased with age, from **6.8% in Year 7 to 15.7% in Year 11**.
- Prevalence of a diagnosed mental health condition in school children varied across Hertfordshire. Watford had the lowest prevalence with 5.7%, with Broxbourne (13.0%) and Stevenage (12.7%) having the highest.
- In school children, **23.9% reported low happiness**, 17.5% reported low life satisfaction, 18.7% reported low worthwhile, and **6.1% reported never feeling hopeful**.
- Hospital admission rates in 2023 where **mental health** was the primary cause were **65 per 100,000** in Hertfordshire, significantly lower than England (78 per 100,000).
- Hospital admission rates in 2023 where **self-harm** was the primary cause were **123 per 100,000** in Hertfordshire, significantly lower than England (160 per 100,000).
- Female school children were significantly more likely to have accessed mental health services than males.
- Male school children were more likely to have found the mental health support helpful.

View the full report here:

<https://www.hertshealthevidence.org/documents/thematic/children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-well-being-report-2024.html>

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

*This week in Reception we have been learning all about Easter. The children have enjoyed reading the Easter story and understanding how and why we celebrate Easter. We have taken part in an Easter egg hunt, tried hot cross buns, made Easter cards and completed lots of different activities. Happy Easter from Reception*

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*Listening, supportive and non-judgemental*



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

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

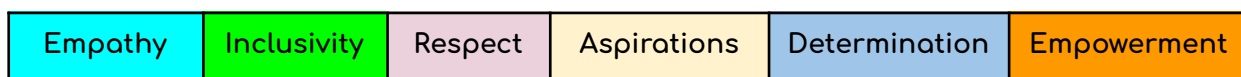
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### Term dates 2023-2024

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