



# The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ....Leading Tomorrow

Star of the Week		Friday 6th February 2026	Kindness Award	
Class	Pupil	DATES COMING UP! (please note all dates are subject to change)	Kindness Award	Year 4- Vinnie
Campbell	Yunus	<p>9-12 Feb Internet Safety Week</p> <p>10 &amp; 11 Feb Parents' evening Nursery - Y5</p> <p>13 Feb Non-uniform day PTA £1</p> <p><b>16 - 20 Feb Half Term</b></p> <p>23 Feb Year 6 SATS Mock week</p> <p>27 Feb Mother Tongue Day</p> <p>27 Feb Y4 timetable workshop for parents 9 am</p> <p>27 Feb Reception Dance Party 3.15</p> <p>3-4 Mar Nursery Parent's evening</p> <p>5 Mar Year 6 Parent consultation day</p> <p>5 Mar World Book Day</p> <p>5 Mar PINS Wrap up and review 9-10.30</p> <p>6 Mar Y1 Class Assembly 9.15</p> <p>6 Mar Books &amp; Biscuits with parents/carers from 2.30 pm</p> <p>9- 12 Mar STEAM week</p> <p>12 Mar NSPCC workshops for pupils Y2</p> <p>12 Mar Nurses to see Year 6</p> <p>12 Mar DSPL2 Y6/7 transition workshop for parents 9.15</p> <p>13 Mar 2.30 pm Reception to Y6 Stay &amp; Share</p> <p>16 Mar Individual School Photos</p> <p>17 Mar Y2 Great Fire of London day</p> <p>17 Mar DSPL2 Y6/7 transition workshop for parents 3.30</p> <p>19 Mar World Poetry Day</p> <p>19 Mar Y3 Trip to Celtic Harmony</p> <p>20 Mar Global Friday</p> <p>20 Mar Y2 Curriculum Fair 2.30 pm</p> <p>20 Mar Spring Disco</p> <p>25 Mar Great Athletic experience</p> <p>26 Mar Juniors Church visit</p> <p>27 Mar</p> <p>Early lunch</p> <p>Colour Fun Run (parents/ carers invited) 12 to 1 pm £2</p> <p>End of term at 1 pm</p> <p>30 Mar to 10 Apr Easter holidays</p> <p>13 Apr Summer Term begins</p> <p>28 Apr Y 5 Ancient Greek VR visit- in classrooms</p> <p>1 May Y4 Class assembly 9am</p>	Year 4	Christian, Aaradhy, Fraiser, Yuvan, Gabriella, Vida
Murphy	Jonah		Year 5	Ocean
Benjamin	Ahrina		Year 6	Remii
Kerr	Kenzie			
Bryon	Beulah			
Donaldson	Lottie			
Soundar	Nesrin			
Dahl	Bay			
Gavin	Darcy			
Russell	Scarlett			
Morpurgo	Christian			
Riordan	Ella			
Zephaniah	Harry			
Lawrence	Lexie			
Hargrave	Kyler-May			
 <p><b>Times Tables Leaders</b></p> <p><b>Well done to...</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cooper M</li> <li>2. Luthando M</li> <li>3. Fraiser D</li> </ol> <p><b>For the most improved time (playing in the Studio area) over the past 7 days</b></p>		<p><b>Click to spin</b></p>  <p>The wheel is divided into 12 segments, each representing a reward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Red: Road to extra pass</li> <li>Blue: Free homework pass</li> <li>Green: Choose your own t-shirt</li> <li>Yellow: PJ Day</li> <li>Red: Jump the lunch queue</li> <li>Blue: Break the rules day</li> <li>Green: No PE session</li> <li>Yellow: Games afternoon</li> <li>Blue: Class Disco</li> <li>Green: Games afternoon</li> <li>Red: Friday non-uniform</li> <li>Blue: Bed games</li> </ul>	<p><b>This week's winners &amp; rewards:</b></p> <p><b>Benjamin - PJ Day</b></p> <p><b>Gavin - Movie afternoon</b></p> <p><b>Russell - Sports games</b></p> <p><b>Zephaniah - Free homework pass</b></p> <p><b>Friends of The Leys - PTA</b> Together so far we've raised... October School disco 2025 £1,324.25</p> <p>Poppy Appeal £348.66p</p> <p>Enterprise Day £1102.00 Thank you</p>	

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been a particularly special week for our pupils as they have been learning about the *Five Ways to Wellbeing*. Each day, they explored one of the five areas and reflected on how these can support their wellbeing.

We have also discussed the importance of *Respect*, which is one of our key school values and a current focus across the school. It was wonderful to see our school values demonstrated so clearly in the Year 4 performance this morning.

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended, and to the staff for organising such a fantastic assembly. Well done to the pupils for their amazing performance and excellent use of oracy skills.

Kind regards,

Mrs Khangura & the School Team ☀



This week we have been holding our **annual Mental Health and Wellbeing week** with a focus on the **5 Ways to Wellbeing**. Given the latest statistics that roughly, 1 in 5 children and young people (aged 8 to 25) in the UK have a probable mental health condition, a figure that has risen steadily from 2017. We at The Leys feel that it is vitally important we teach the children strategies to look after their Well Being. **Connecting, taking notice, giving, being active and continuing to learn**, are activities that we can all do to help maintain positive mental health. Thanks also to Carol Lilley, from **Hertfordshire Mind**, who is delivering age appropriate workshops to all the children from

Year 1-6 about how to manage feelings and look after their Well Being. (These workshops will continue next week for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6).

### SEND news

#### Question from our SEN Information Report

The SENDCo of the school (Mrs Pomroy) and other members of the SEN team continue to attend extensive training relating to SEN. The Leys have two staff members with the National SENDCo award.

- ✓ The school has 2 Herts therapeutic thinking trainers who undertake annual training and ensure all staff receive updated Hertfordshire's therapeutic thinking training each year. This covers ACES, mental health, de-escalation and the management of children with challenging behaviour.
- ✓ Staff also have training in the following:
  - ✓ EKLAN
  - ✓ level 5 and 7 training in both assessing and teaching children with dyslexia
  - ✓ First Aid - including Anaphylactic Shock, Epilepsy and Asthma
  - ✓ Level one and two mental health training
  - ✓ ELSA training
  - ✓ Autism trust level 1,2 and 3
  - ✓ Access to the national college
  - ✓ Attachment aware
  - ✓ Relational practice
  - ✓ Supporting independence
  - ✓ SCERTs and Making communication happen

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.

Empathy	Inclusivity	Respect	Aspirations	Determination	Empowerment
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## Uniform at a Glance - The Leys School

★ Please ensure all clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name.

Winter Uniform: <https://www.leys.herts.sch.uk/nad-parent-toolkit.html>

- Top: White polo shirt
- Bottom: Black trousers OR black skirt OR black pinafore dress (No leggings)
- Outerwear: Red cardigan OR school red sweatshirt OR school red fleece
- Socks/Tights: White or black school socks; tights can be red or black
- Shoes: Black school shoes

PE Kit:

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

### Talk PANTS and help keep children safe

Since 2013, Pantosaurus has helped **over six million parents** to Talk PANTS and help keep children safe from sexual abuse. Developed with children, parents, carers and teachers, Talk PANTS is here to help children understand that their body belongs to them, and they should tell a safe adult they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried.



[https://www.nspcc.org.uk/advice-for-families/pants-underwear-rule/?utm\\_old=pats](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/advice-for-families/pants-underwear-rule/?utm_old=pats)

### Parent Partnership sessions (with engagement tracker)

- **15 Jan** SATS information briefing 3.30pm - **Good attendance** (info on school website- under Class)
- **23 Jan** Year 3 assembly 9.15- **Excellent attendance** - **THANK YOU!**
- **30 Jan** Stay and Play Nursery 11am & 2.45pm **Good attendance** - **THANK YOU!**
- **3 Feb** Y3 & Y4 Maths workshop 9am **Excellent attendance** - **THANK YOU!**
- **4 Feb** EYFS workshop for parents - Early Reading 9 am - Nursery and Reception **Average attendance** - please do make **time to attend to support your child's learning both at home and at school.**
- **06 Feb** Year 4 assembly 9.15 am
- **10 & 11 Feb** Parents' evening Nursery - Year 5
- **27 Feb** Y4 timetable workshop for parents 9.15
- **5 Mar** Partnership for inclusion of neurodiversity in schools project PINS 9am
- **5 Mar** Year 6 Parent consultation day
- **6 Mar** Year 1 assembly 9.15
- **6 Mar** Books & Biscuits with parents/carers from 2.30 pm
- **12 Mar** DSPL2 Y6/7 transition workshop for parents
- **13 Mar** Reception to Y1 Stay & Share 2.30pm
- **20 Mar** Year 2 Curriculum Fair 2.30 pm
- **27 Mar** Colour Fun Run (parents/carers invited) 12 - 1 pm

## Term dates 2025-2026

AUTUMN TERM	SPRING TERM	SUMMER TERM
<p>Start of term: 4 September 2025          Inset day: 3 September 2025              24 October 2025          Term: 3 September - 24 October 2025  <u>Half-term holiday: 27 October - 31 October 2025</u></p> <p>Occasional day: 1 December 2025          Term: 3 November - 19 December 2025  <u>Christmas holiday: 22 December - 2 January 2026</u></p>	<p>Inset day: 5 January 2026          Start of term: 6 January - 13 February 2026  <u>Half-term holiday: 16 February - 20 February 2026</u></p> <p>Term: 23 February - 27 March 2026  <u>Easter holiday: 30 March - 10 April 2026</u></p>	<p>Term: 13 April - 22 May 2026          Bank Holiday: 4 May 2026  <u>Half-term holiday: 25 May - 29 May 2026</u></p> <p>Inset day: 1 June 2026              23 July 2026</p> <p>Term: 2 June - 23 July 2026  <u>Summer holiday: 24 July 2026 - 31 August 2026</u></p> <p><u>Inset Days 2025 - 2026</u>          3 September 2025          24 October 2025          1 December (Occasional day) 2025          5 January 2026          1 June 2026          23 July 2026</p>

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<p>Start of term: 2 September 2026          Inset day: 1 September 2026          Term: 2 September - 23 October 2026  <u>Half-term holiday: 26 October - 30 October 2026</u></p> <p>Occasional day: 4 December 2026          Term: 2 November - 18 December 2026  <u>Christmas holiday: 22 December - 2 January 2027</u></p>	<p>Start of term: 4 January - 12 February 2027  <u>Half-term holiday: 15 February - 19 February 2027</u></p> <p>Term: 22 February - 25 March 2027  <u>Easter holiday: 26 March - 9 April 2027</u></p>	<p>Term: 12 April - 28 May 2027          Bank Holiday: 3 May 2027  <u>Half-term holiday: 31 May - 4 June 2027</u></p> <p>Term: 7 June - 19 July 2027          Inset day: 19 July 2027              20 July 2027              21 July 2027              22 July 2027</p> <p><u>Summer holiday: 19 July 2027 - 1 September 2027</u>          Inset day 1 September 2027</p> <p>Pupils back to school 2 September 2027</p>