



Dear Parents and Carers,



Last week Year 6 children welcomed Steve Reed (Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government), alongside Kevin Bonavia and Richard Henry, as part of a visit linked to the government's *Pride in Place* funding initiative for St Nicholas Ward.

The funding aims to support local improvements, and the visiting leaders were keen to hear directly from young people about how the money should be spent. Pupils confidently shared their thoughts, offering creative ideas to enhance their neighbourhood.

Staff were proud of the children for their enthusiasm and maturity during the discussion. The event also provided an excellent platform for pupils to demonstrate their speaking and listening abilities, highlighting the school's strong focus on oracy skills.

One staff member described the experience as "inspiring," noting how rare it is for children to engage so directly with decision-makers at a national and local level.

The visit left a lasting impression on both pupils and guests, showing that even the youngest members of the community can play an important role in shaping its future.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Barr & the School Team 🌟



A Culture of Kindness is important to help everyone to get along and to make school a happy place to learn. Kindness is the combination of being **friendly** (connecting), **generous** (sharing time and resources), and **considerate** (valuing the feelings of others). Acts of kindness trigger the release of **dopamine**, which counteracts stress hormones. A single positive interaction can ripple out to affect over 100 people. Kindness is a skill that requires practice. Small, daily gestures like offering a compliment or a simple "hello" are often more effective at changing an environment than rare,

massive efforts. If you want to know more about the importance of kindness please see the link below.

📺 [Culture of Kindness | Now and Beyond 2025](#)

### SEND news

How are decisions made about the range of support my child will receive?

The school strives to give all children the best opportunities and access to the curriculum within the allocated resources and time available. • For children with SEND but without an EHCP, the decision regarding the support provided will be taken at joint meetings with the SEND Coordinator, Class teacher and Head teacher. • The main criteria when allocating support is the

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child's needs and the impact of the support both on the child and their peer's learning. •For pupils with an EHCP, this decision will be reached in agreement with parents/carers when the EHCP is being produced and revisited at annual reviews.

### 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.

Does your home have an open door to child sexual abusers?

Increasingly, young people are being contacted in their own homes on online platforms and apps and asked for sexual pictures and videos, while their parents and carers are totally unaware.

There is a significant rise in children being groomed and coerced online by abusers into sexual activities often in their own bedrooms and bathrooms. Those abusers record this content via webcams or livestreaming services and share it across their networks online. This type of child sexual abuse is now the predominant type of sexual abuse imagery found on the internet.

This is happening now, and it can happen to anyone's child. But you can do something about it; you can help prevent it happening to your child.

<https://talk.iwf.org.uk/>



### **Celebrations and Festivals Around the World Calendar**

14th May Happy Ascension Day

Empathy

Inclusivity

Respect

Aspirations

Determination

Empowerment

## FUTURE BALLERS LTD GIRLS ONLY MAY CAMP 🐣

**DETAILS:**

📅 Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2026

🕒 9:00am - 3:00pm

📍 The Leys Primary and Nursery School,  
Ripon Road, SG1 4QZ

🎫 £20 per day pp  
£15 per day pp (Fairlands FC Players)

50% sibling discount available

Our first ever girls only camp! Come with us to celebrate the grand opening of our girls only sessions!

5 - 15 years old (Girls Only)

Early drop off & late pick up available - Message for further details.

Whatsapp, DM or email to get booked in -

07449 521073  
futureballersltd@gmail.com

Tournaments  
Games  
Challenges  
Tuck Shop  
Prizes









## MAY CAMP \* 1 YEAR ANNIVERSARY \*

**DETAILS:**

📅 Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May

🕒 9:00am - 3:00pm

📍 The Leys Primary and Nursery School,  
Ripon Road, SG1 4QZ

🎫 £20 per day pp  
£15 per day pp (Fairlands FC Players)

50% sibling discount available

**Multi Day Discount**

1 day ~ £20  
2 days ~ £40  
3 days ~ £55

Excludes Fairlands FC Players due to discount already applied.

Early drop off & late pick up available - Message for further details.

Whatsapp, DM or email to get booked in -

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Inflatables (New!)  
Tournaments  
Games  
Challenges  
Tuck Shop  
Prizes








### 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 *-Excellent attendance - THANK YOU!*
- 10 & 11 Feb Parents' evening Nursery - Year 5 *Good attendance - THANK YOU!*
- 27 Feb Y4 timetable workshop for parents 9.15 *Excellent attendance - THANK YOU!*
- 5 Mar Partnership for inclusion of neurodiversity in schools project PINS 9am *Lower than average*
- 5 Mar Year 6 Parent consultation day *Good attendance - THANK YOU!*
- 6 Mar Year 1 assembly 9.15 *Excellent attendance - THANK YOU!*
- 6 Mar Books & Biscuits with parents/carers from 2.30 pm *Excellent attendance - THANK YOU!*
- 12 Mar iRock concert time doors open 2.25 for 2.30 start *Excellent attendance - THANK YOU!*
- 13 Mar Reception to Y6 Stay & Share 2.30pm *Good attendance - THANK YOU!*
- 27 Mar Colour Fun Run (parents/carers invited) 12 - 1 pm *Excellent attendance - THANK YOU!*
- 17 Apr Year 2 Curriculum Fair 2.30 pm *Excellent attendance - THANK YOU!*
- 22 Apr Y1 phonic screening information meeting 9 am *Good attendance - THANK YOU!*
- 23 Apr St George's Day Wear Red *Great participation!*
- 29 April Early Years workshop for parents *Excellent attendance - THANK YOU!*
- 20 May Sports Day

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## Term dates 2025-2026

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

## Term dates 2026-2027

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

