



The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning TodayLeading Tomorrow

Star of the Week

Class	Pupil
Campbell	Darya
Benjamin	Amari
Murphy	Cataleya
Kerr	Akbar
Bryon	Vladimir
Donaldson	Lana
Soundar	Caleb
Dahl	Aniqa
Gavin	Francis
Russell	Archie
Morpurgo	Maya
Riordan	Mayra
Jackson	Szymon
Lawrence	Isabella
Hargrave	Mira



Times Tables Leaders

Well done to...

1. Luthando M
2. Carla G
3. Evelyn H

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

Friday 18th September 2026

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

22 Sep School open tour 9.30 - 11 am
 28 Sep Individual photographs
 2 Oct Y4 Wymondley Woods parent meeting 3:30
 5 Oct Harvest week
 8 Oct Phonics meeting EYFS 9.00-9.45 am
 8 Oct PGL meeting Y6 parents 3.30-4 pm
 16 Oct School Disco
 16 Oct Year 2 Shepreth trip
 16 Oct Year 6 Curriculum Fair
 21 Oct Y3 Celtic harmony
 21 & 22 Oct Parents' evening
 23 Oct PTA Non-uniform day
 26 - 30 Oct Half term
 1 - 4 Nov PGL
 2 Nov Poppy Appeal
 6 Nov Stay and Share 2.30-3.15 pm (Y1 - Y6)
 9-13 Nov Bikeability Y5 and Y6
 10 Nov School open tour 9.30 -11 am
 11 Nov Remembrance Day
 12 Nov Odd Socks Day
 13 Nov Kindness Day
 20 Nov Children in Need
 23 Nov School open tour 1.30 - 3 pm
 27 Nov Enterprise Day 2 pm
 30 Nov Take one book
 30 Nov School open tour 1.30 - 3 pm
 3 Dec Y1 Shuttleworth trip
 4 Dec Occasional Day
 9 Dec Y1 Christmas Performance 9.30 am
 9 Dec Y2 Christmas Performance 2 pm
 10 Dec iRock concert 2.30 pm
 16 Dec Christmas Dinner
 18 Dec Early finish 12.30
 21 Dec -1 Jan 2027 Christmas holiday
 4 Jan Children return to school
 6 Jan Whole School Pantomime

School Email response: We aim to respond to all communications within 72 hours (working days). Please note that some enquiries may require further input from relevant staff and may therefore take up to 5 working days to receive a full response. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Kindness Award

Kindness Award Angelica

Headteachers Awards

Year 6 Jayden, Ocean

Attendance Wheel of Reward

Each week in assembly, the wheel will be spun for the **most improved class attendance**



This week's winners:

Bryon - Friday non-uniform on 25.9.26

Dahl - PJ day on 25.9.26

Jackson - Bring in a different snack on 25.9.26

Lawrence - Break the rules day on 25.9.26

Class teachers will send a message with a date, if children are required to bring/wear something different from home.

Our current isolation period for diarrhoea and sickness is 24 hours

Friends of The Leys - PTA
We have raised a total of £4,467.61 last academic year.
Thank you

Celebrating Our New Library 📖

A huge thank you to all our parents and carers for helping the children dress up and for joining us to celebrate the opening of our new school library.

It was a lovely day, and our pupils were so excited to meet the Mayor and officially open our library. They were incredibly proud and enjoyed exploring our wonderful new collection of books.

Books open up new worlds for our children. They develop vocabulary, imagination, confidence and reading skills, while helping pupils learn about different people, places and experiences.

We hope our new library inspires every child to read, explore and discover the joy of books! 📖

Mrs D. Khangura
Headteacher



Hertfordshire's Emotional Wellbeing Support (Early Help Services)

In addition to the in school support for mental health and wellbeing there is more support online and through other agencies for both parents and children in Hertfordshire.

- The Sandbox (for 10-25-year-olds): [The Sandbox | Digital Mental Health Service \(mindler.co.uk\)](https://www.mindler.co.uk)
- With Youth (for 5-18-year-olds), including [online groups](#) for 7-year-olds and upwards and [Lumi Nova](#) a therapeutic game (designed for 7-12-year-olds):
- Just Talk Herts information and signposting: [justtalkherts.org](https://www.justtalkherts.org),
- [First Steps Ed](#) supports parents and children with eating disorders, restrictive diets and issues around body image.

Find out about all these services and more at The Resource Hub: <https://www.hertshub.co.uk/>

SEND news

How does the school know if the child needs extra help?

We know when a child needs help if:

- Concerns are raised by parents/carers, external agencies, teachers, or the child's previous school, regarding a child's level of progress or inclusion.
- Screening, such as questionnaires completed on entry, as a result of a concern being raised or regular assessments, shows a gap in knowledge and/or skills, which they are struggling to gain.
- Whole school tracking of attainment shows a lack of expected progress and or attainment.
- Observation of the child indicates that they have additional needs in one or more of the four broad areas of need:
 - Communication and interaction
 - Cognition and learning
 - Social, emotional and mental health
 - Sensory/physical (as identified in the Code of Practice 2015)
- A child requires lots of additional support or scaffolding in class in order to make progress.

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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.

Lost property reminder: Please label all uniform & belongings with your child's name. Unclaimed unnamed items will be recycled/added to pre-loved uniform.

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If you have concerns about a child's safety or wellbeing, we're here to help



It doesn't have to be an emergency – you might be looking for

guidance and support on issues affecting children. Whatever it is, our dedicated child protection specialists will be able to advise and take any necessary action.

It's never too soon to talk to us. And what you share could make a life-changing difference to a child. Our specialist team will listen, advise and take any action needed.

You can contact our Helpline by calling [0808 800 5000](tel:08088005000) between **10am and 4pm, Monday to Friday**, or by emailing help@NSPCC.org.uk between **11am and 4pm, seven days a week**. If you send an email when the service is closed, it won't be received, and we won't know that you've tried to get in touch.

If we have not yet responded and your concerns for the safety of a child increase, please [contact the police](#) or local Children's Services directly. Please be assured that we'll action all contacts that our Helpline receives.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

Parent Partnership sessions (with engagement tracker)

- 3 Sep New to Year 3: Good Attendance- please refer to Year group webpage for further information
- 4 Sep New to Year 4: Excellent Attendance- please refer to Year group webpage for further information
- 7 Sep New to Year 2: Excellent Attendance- please refer to Year group webpage for further information
- 8 Sep New to Year 5: Average Attendance - please refer to Year group webpage for further information
- 17 Sep Library opening: Good Attendance
- 8 Oct Phonics meeting EYFS
- 8 Oct Year 6 PGL Trip Meeting
- Year 6 Curriculum Fair
- 21 & 22 Oct Parents' evening
- 6 Nov Stay and Share

What is Healthy Start?

If you're more than 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under 4, you may be entitled to get help to buy healthy food and milk. Families who are eligible for EYPP are often also entitled to other forms of financial support and likely to meet the eligibility criteria for Healthy Start.

www.healthystart.nhs.uk

What eligible families can receive through Healthy Start payments every 4 weeks:

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- £4.65 per week during pregnancy (from the 10th week)
- £9.30 per week for children from birth to 1 year old
- £4.65 per week for children aged 1 to 4 years

Term dates 2026-2027

AUTUMN TERM

Start of term: 2 September 2026
 Inset day: 1 September 2026
 Term: **2 September - 23 October 2026**
Half-term holiday: 26 October - 30 October 2026
 Occasional day: 4 December 2026
 Term: 2 November - 18 December 2026
Christmas holiday: 21 December - 1 January 2027

SPRING TERM

Start of term: 4 January - 12 February 2027
Half-term holiday: 15 February - 19 February 2027
 Term: 22 February- 25 March 2027
Easter holiday: 26 March - 9 April 2027

SUMMER TERM

Term: 12 April - 28 May 2027
 Bank Holiday: 3 May 2027
Half-term holiday: 31 May - 4 June 2027
 Term: 7 June - 1 July 2027
 Inset day: 19 July 2027
 20 July 2027
 21 July 2027
 22 July 2027
Summer holiday: 19 July 2027 - 1 September 2027
 Inset day 1 September 2027
 Pupils back to school 2 September 2027

Term dates 2027-2028

AUTUMN TERM

Start of term: 2 September 2027
 Inset day: 1 September 2027
 Term: 2 September - 22 October 2027
Half-term holiday: 25 October - 29 October 2027
 Occasional day: 3 December 2027
 Term: 1 November - 17 December 2027
Christmas holiday: 20 December - 3 January 2028

SPRING TERM

Start of term: 5 January - 11 February 2028
 Inset day 4 January 2028
Half-term holiday: 14 February - 18 February 2028
 Term: 21 February- 31 March 2028
Easter holiday: 3 April- 17 April 2028

SUMMER TERM

Term: 18 April - 26 May 2028
 Bank Holiday: 1 May 2028
Half-term holiday: 29 May - 2 June 2028
 Term: 5 June - 19 July 2028
 Inset day: 20 July 2028
 21 July 2028
 24 July 2028
Summer holiday: 19 July 2028 - 1 September 2028
 Inset day 4 September 2028
 Pupils back to school 5 September 2028

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