



# The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ....Leading Tomorrow

## Star of the Week

| Class     | Pupil      |
|-----------|------------|
| Campbell  | Kasper     |
| Benjamin  | Talha      |
| Murphy    | Cody       |
| Kerr      | Manveer    |
| Bryon     | Cian       |
| Donaldson | Eliana     |
| Soundar   | Logan      |
| Dahl      | Kobe       |
| Gavin     | Logan      |
| Russell   | Rose       |
| Morpurgo  | Maryam     |
| Riordan   | Albie      |
| Jackson   | Shayah-Lee |
| Lawrence  | Maaya      |
| Hargrave  | Oliver     |



## Times Tables Leaders

Well done to...

1. Chloe S
2. Iosac S
3. Louie J

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

## Friday 2nd October 2026

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

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 School Open Tour 9.30 - 11am  
 16 Oct Year 6 Curriculum Fair 2.30pm  
 20 Oct Diwali Dance Workshop  
 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  
 2 Nov Parent MH workshop - peer relationship difficulties 9-10 am  
 2 Nov Parent MH workshop - peer relationship difficulties 2.15 - 3.15  
 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  
 13 Nov Y3 Assembly 9.15am  
 20 Nov Children in Need  
 23 Nov School open tour 1.30 - 3 pm  
 25 Nov SEND Understanding and supporting executive functioning 10-11.30 am  
 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  
 15 Dec EYFS Christmas stay and share  
 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  
 14 Jan SATS briefing Y6 at 3.30pm  
 22 Jan Y5 Curriculum Fair 2.30pm  
 26 Jan Maths Workshop - Junior at 9am  
 28 Jan EYFS - Reading 9 am

## Kindness Award

Kindness Award Reggie

## Headteachers Awards

Year R Evan

### Attendance Wheel of Reward

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



### This week's winners:

Murphy - Friday PJ Day on 9.10.

Gavin - Break the rules on 7.10.

Russell - Bring in a different snack on 9.10.

Riordan - Class party on 9.10. afternoon

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



This week's whole-school attendance is **96%**

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.

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

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been another lovely and busy week at The Leys! Thank you to all our families for your continued support. Next week we will be collecting Harvest donations, and we really appreciate your generosity. It was lovely to see so many smiling faces during our school photographs on Monday. A reminder to please purchase your school disco tickets before the deadline. Thank you also to everyone who attended Books and Biscuits this week—it was wonderful to see families enjoying books together and supporting the importance of reading. Regular reading at home makes such a positive difference to children's vocabulary, confidence, imagination and learning.

Thank you

Mrs Khangura



Our main school resource for teaching Personal Social Health and Economic Education (PSHEE) and Relationship Sex and Health Education (RSHE) is 1decision. As part of this resource there is lots of information and support for parents.

<https://www.1decision.co.uk/resources/parent-carer-zone>

There is lots of information for parents about what we teach and how we discuss sensitive topics with children. They also provide a resource library of guides to support parents with common issues, such as friendships, sleep, digital safety and anxiety.

<https://schools.1decision.co.uk/info/family-support/>

### SEND news

#### How will the school support my child?

Teachers will adjust lessons as appropriate. All classes provide children with a range of age appropriate resources and scaffolding to support access to learning and the year group curriculum. These include visual resources around the walls and on desks including alphabets, word mats, graphic organisers, number lines and a visual timetable and practical equipment, such as Dienes or Numicon. •Staff will make ongoing formative assessments of all children in their class and plan lessons carefully to ensure all make good progress. Staff also provide high quality modelling of expected learning and some children require more scaffolding, over learning or support in order to learn a new concept or overcome a misconception and this is provided by both class teachers and teaching assistants according to need. •Given the above support, if children are still struggling to make expected progress, additional assessment

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and support can be provided through small group or one-to-one additional lessons. These can occur after school or during the school day (where possible avoiding children missing core subjects or PE). These sessions can occur once a week or more regularly and are provided by both teachers and specially trained teaching assistants. This additional support is overseen by the SENDCo and Leader for Disadvantaged Pupils. See some examples of what we might do to support your child

### 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.**



Many thanks to all the parents who completed our survey and particularly those that volunteered to help us. Hopefully you have seen our collecting box outside Reception. Please can we have any donations but especially -



Dolls, Buggies, Action figures, Animals, Dinosaurs, Barbies, Toy cars, Big cars / diggers / tractors, Playhouses, Play food and Digging tools - buckets, spades, trowels, hand fork.

If you have any larger items please email [admin@leys.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@leys.herts.sch.uk) and we will organise a collection.

Many thanks

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## Harvest Festival



Next Tuesday, 6/10/26, the Reverent Edward Keene from St Nicholas church is coming into school to deliver a harvest festival for our children. **We are collecting food for The Food Shed, a local Stevenage food bank, and they would particularly like; tins of meat, veg, potatoes and fruit, cereal, biscuits, UHT milk, tea or coffee.** Please can children bring any items into school on Monday or Tuesday.

Many thanks

### Talk PANTS and help keep children safe

# NSPCC

Since we launched PANTS, parents have had over **8 million conversations** with their children to help keep them safe.

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.

### Tips and advice to start a Talk PANTS conversation

Talk PANTS is here to help children understand that they have a right to say no and if they need to speak out about something, someone will listen.

We know that a simple conversation can make a BIG difference, and that's what Talk PANTS is all about. To help you get the conversation started, we'll send you helpful tips, advice and materials by email.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/advice-for-families/pants-underwear-rule/>

### 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
- 2 Oct Books & Biscuit
- 2 Oct Y4 Wymondley Woods parent meeting
- 8 Oct Phonics meeting EYFS
- 8 Oct Year 6 PGL Trip Meeting
- 16 Oct Year 6 Curriculum Fair
- 21 & 22 Oct Parents' evening
- 6 Nov Stay and Share

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## 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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