The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ….Leading Tomorrow

Friday 13th November 2026

Star of the Week	
Class	Pupil
Campbell	Fletcher
Benjamin	Emma
Murphy	Willow R
Kerr	Matei
Bryon	Zara
Donaldson	Elina
Soundar	Isaac
Dahl	Sophia
Gavin	Jomiloju
Russell	Kolby
Morpurgo	Hollie
Riordan	Lola
Jackson	Izzy
Lawrence	Erika
Hargrave	Harry

Times Tables Leaders

Well done to...

1. Rose S.
2. Erika N.
3. Francis A.

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

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

20 Nov PTA non-uniform (see poster)
20 Nov Reception to Y3 Movie Night 3.15 to 5pm
23 Nov School open tour 1.30 - 3 pm
25 Nov SEND Understanding and supporting executive functioning 10-11.30 am
25 Nov Flu Vaccination (please look out for an email from Vaccination UK)
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
10 Dec Dance club performance **3.45pm**
15 Dec Reception Christmas Sing Along & Play (9 am to 9.45 am infant hall)
15 Dec Nursery Christmas Sing Along & Play (9 am to 9.45 am) & 2.30pm to 3.15pm
16 Dec Christmas Dinner & Festive wear
17 Dec Class Christmas parties & non uniform
18 Dec Early finish 12.30 & non uniform
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- Parents welcome
26 Jan Maths Workshop for parents - Junior at 9am
28 Jan EYFS - Reading workshop for parents 9 am

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	Anaya

Attendance Wheel of Reward

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



This week's winners:

Soundar - PJ day

Lawrence - Lunch Pass

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
School Disco raised £1,472.40

We have raised a total of £4,467.61 last academic year.
Thank you

This week's whole-school attendance is **95.9%**

Dear Parent / Carers

A huge thank you to all our parents and carers who joined us for the Year 3 assembly this morning. It was a refreshing and engaging way to see how British Values are brought to life and embedded in our school community.

It was also lovely to see so many pupils supporting Children in Need – a fantastic cause!

Please continue to keep an eye on our school communications for important updates, reminders and key messages.

Thank you for your continued support!

WELLBEING

Anti Bullying Week - We have had a really busy week talking about what bullying is - ***the repetitive, intentional hurting of an individual or group by another person or group in a relationship that involves a power imbalance***.



The focus this year is on the need to speak out, especially if a child experiences bullying, sees it happening, or sometimes when they feel drawn into it themselves. If you want to know more about how to support your child with this sensitive topic please look here.

SEND news

What training have the staff, supporting children with SEND, had or are having?

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

👕 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.

Online safety training

There are different ways children can be groomed online. Find out what practical steps you can take to reduce this.

NSPCC

https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/child-abuse-and-neglect/child-sexual-exploitation

We are still looking for donations of:

Plastic Crates, Cable Spools, Containers, Ropes, Nets, Cardboard Items (large boxes/tubes), Sinks & Tubs, Tires & Wheels, Pool Noodles/Pipe foam insulation, Corrugated Pipes, Tarps, Traffic Cones, Old Electronics, Rolling Carriers, Fabric, Wooden Planks, PVC Pipes and Wellies.

OUTDOOR PLAY AND LEARNING

Many thanks

The OPAL team



Please leave small items in our OPAL bin or message the office if you have larger items.



Free Pantomime - for children under 12

Sat, 28 Nov 2026 • 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Thomas Alleyne Academy

Doors open at 10:40.

Free refreshments provided.

Book tickets here



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We are raising money for Children in Need, which is on 13 November 2026.

If you wish to donate any donation will be much appreciated. Please see the link below.



https://www.justgiving.com/page/theleysprimary1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

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: Good Attendance- please refer to Year group webpage for further information
- 2 Oct Y4 Wymondley Woods parent meeting: Good Attendance- please refer to Year group webpage for further information
- 8 Oct Phonics meeting EYFS: Good Attendance - please refer to Year group webpage for further information
- 8 Oct Year 6 PGL Trip Meeting: Good Attendance- please refer to Year group webpage for further information
- 16 Oct Year 6 Curriculum Fair: Good Attendance
- 21 & 22 Oct Parents' evening: Excellent Attendance
- 5 Nov Parent MH workshop peer relationship difficulties 9am :Good attendance
- 12 Nov Y3 Century Meeting for parents 3.30 pm: Average Attendance
- 13 Nov Y3 Assembly 9.15am: Excellent Attendance
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Term dates 2026-2027

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