



# The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

## Star of the Week

Class	Pupil
Jeffers	Jake
Murphy	Eddie
Kerr	Natan
Waddell	Hailey
Donaldson	Fletcher
Gravett	Poppy
Dahl	Alfie
Freedman	Nellie
Strong	Ivy
Morpurgo	Maya
Lewis	Lola Stafford
Tolkien	Zachary
Rosen	Oscar
Shakespeare	Gaja
Dickens	Abigail
Kipling	Kai S-H

### Friends of The Leys PTA Key Dates

Non uniform Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st £1

Non uniform 11th February £1  
Disco: 25th February 2022 at 5 to 8pm

Non uniform £1 1st April  
Non uniform £1 1st 27th May  
Summer Fair: 17th June 3.15 to 5.30pm

## Tuesday 21st December 2021

### DATES COMING UP!

5.1.22 Inset day-School is closed  
6.1.22 Pupils are back  
17.1.22 Governor Day  
Mental Week from 21.1.22  
4.2.22 Pupil Parliament  
Safer Internet Week from 7.2.22  
8.2.22 Parent Consultation 3.30 to 7pm  
9.2.22 Parent Consultation 3.30 to 5pm  
11.2.22 PTA Non Uniform day £1  
14.2.22-18.2.22- Half Term  
25.2.22 School Disco  
1.3.22 Shrove Tuesday  
2.3.22 Author visit pm  
3.3.22 World Book Day  
18.3.22 Sports Relief- Wear something Sporty £1  
1.4.22 Non Uniform Day £1- end of term at 1.30pm

**Merry Christmas from The Leys Family!**  
**Wishing all our families peace, health and prosperity in the coming year!**

Attendance Awards	Waddell and Dickens
Friendship Cup	Iosac (Nursery)
<b>Headteachers Awards</b>	
Reception	
Year 1	<b>Ernie, Ahmad B, Amelia S, Olivia Kamienik-W, Harry R, Cooper, Lexi Dhyay</b>
Year 2	
Year 3	Readers: Gabriella, Divya, Jacob, Lily R, Timi
Year 4	Choir; Becca, Jessica, Charlotte, Lily, Shikana, Skyla, Shaylen, Ivy, Finnley, Olive, Amber. Readers; Mya, Brayden, Kamau, Elliot Jessica, Olive & Naomi
Year 5	Christina, Choir; Simra, Phebe, Aseda, Chloe, Abigale, Alexis, Baylie, Christina, Chantelle, Isobelle, Reader; Phebe Aseda, Charlie, Ronnie F Christina, and Malakai F
Year 6	Lily W, Eliza W Choir; Kimberly, Emir, Zara, Emily, Beatrice, Abigail, Ellen, Bella, Niamh, Lily, Nabeel, Lois, Aimee, Ester. Readers; Joseph C, Lois W Isabella, Hannah M and Archie P, Albert and Jack W.

*We are sad to announce the retirement of two of our long serving colleagues at The Leys.*

*Ros Mcgregor who has been our anchor in the main office and a friendly-supportive face to our families.*

*Teresa Betts who has dedicated her time to support our pupils and families in so many ways, over the years.*

*We thank you both for your hard work and dedication. Congratulations on this new phase of your life. May all your hopes and plans come true! xx*



**Clubs will start from Monday 17th January 2022- letters to follow.**



**Tutoring will restart from Monday 10th January- teachers will be in touch with individual parents**

## Parent Survey

Please could you take a few minutes to complete our Parent/Carer Survey- see link below.

Thank you for your time and your feedback would be highly appreciated.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd-ZVW0OJm0VMfYIZNC3dmVilluVLIUR\\_geQH0UepkkG3Mb3Q/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd-ZVW0OJm0VMfYIZNC3dmVilluVLIUR_geQH0UepkkG3Mb3Q/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Kind regards

The Leys Primary and Nursery School.

## PTA Christmas Raffle

Thank you to all Parents/ Carers for your support- we raised **£340.50**

## Golden Award For Autumn Term

Class	Pupil
Jeffers	Tanith P-G
Murphy	Santino Y
Kerr	Maaya G
Waddell	Oliver E
Donaldson	Pearl
Gravett	Betty T
Dahl	Jenson
Freedman	Mia
Strong	Charlotte
Morpurgo	Tiara O

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Lewis	Ahmad
Tolkien	Simra
Rosen	Tyler St
Shakespeare	Jack M
Dickens	Jenson N
Kipling	Albert H

Golden Table with Governors for Golden Award  
Pupils enjoyed pizza for lunch with our Governors, to celebrate their achievements in upholding the school values this term. Well done to you all!



### Christmas At The Leys

We began our festive celebrations with pupils visiting our very own Santa's Grotto!  
Santa visited all our pupils on Monday to deliver his Christmas gifts (thank you to the PTA).  
The Grinch even visited us on the last day of term (thank you to Mr C).



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## Nursery



This week children in Nursery have been learning about Christmas. We have discussed how people celebrate Christmas around the world. We have had lots of fun learning and singing Christmas songs such as 'Christmas pudding' and 'Jingle bells'. Children have been very busy making their own Christmas hats, decorations and Christmas cards. We were so excited today to have our Christmas party and to have a surprise visit from Santa!

## Reception



Reception has been really busy this week with lots of fun Christmas activities. We have been very creative making cards, calendars, party hats and practising our Christmas songs. The children were amazed to receive a video from an Elf and even more shocked when she knew all about Cloud our rabbit. Today we had a surprise visit from Santa which the children were very excited about.

## Year 1



Year 1 has had a great week of festive fun! We have been busy making lots of different arts and crafts such as decorations, Christmas cards, paper chains, and lots more. It has been great fun for the children to get into the festive spirit at school! We are also looking forward to meeting Santa!!



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### Year 2



Year 2 have been having a lovely time recently. They made Christmas cards and baubles. For Enterprise day they made light up tree decorations and snowman biscuits. They have also learned lots of Christmas songs to create a performance which is on Google Classroom.

### Year 3



Year 3 have been very busy making Christmas cards and calendars on the computer in the style of Mondrian. We had a fantastic trip to the church with brilliant singing and clear speakers. Today we learned about Crispingles and made our own. During our party we even created our very own snow children! Great teamwork! Dahl class were treated to their very own live musician, Liam played some Christmas carols including Little Donkey and We Wish You a Merry Christmas on the clarinet. We were all very impressed!



### Year 4

In Year 4 we have been busy creating beautiful calendars for the new year. We have attempted to create a sunset background by carefully selecting and blending paints. Next, the children used black paper to cut silhouettes to create an illusion of a sunset. Year 4 have also been busy celebrating with their Christmas party which included Christmas films, music, dancing, arts and crafts and of course lots of food and drink!



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## Year 5

In Year 5 we made some wonderfully delicious rice krispie treats which looked like christmas puddings. We have also made 2022 calendars with each month being represented by a different picture. They looked great!

In order to get us into the Christmas spirit, year 5 have been watching christmas movies, listening to Christmas songs, singing carols and making Christmas cards.



## Year 6

For Enterprise Day, we made lots of very tasty cookies and also some very bright plastic Xmas trees! At the end of term, we decorated our classes and hung paper chains up and down our corridor. We also had great fun playing an end of year quiz, watched a Xmas movie and celebrated together at our Year 6 party with lots of food and drink.



We ended our week with a walk to St Nicholas Church for our yearly Junior Church Service.

A huge well done to the choir, reader and Mrs Gwinnet for organising this fabulous experience for all of our junior pupils.



## HOLIDAYS



Please be aware that the government continues to regard holidays during term time as unauthorised unless there are exceptional circumstances to consider. Parents who decide to take pupils on holiday during term time may incur a fine.

Please note that the May half term break has been extended on both sides to allow more time for travelling for planned holidays.

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Friday 27th May 2022 Occasional Day due to Queen's Platinum Jubilee- school is closed  
 May half term Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June  
 Monday 6th June Inset Day- School is closed  
 Pupils return on Tuesday 7th June 2022

Don't forget to book on

 **The Leys Fun and Games Club! Breakfast & After-School Club**

**BREAKFAST CLUB**

- Breakfast Club runs from 7.30am to 8:45 am and includes breakfast.
- Breakfast club costs £3.50 per child per day.
- Children must be signed into the club by whoever is bringing them to school.
- Children should not be dropped at the gate and sent into the club on their own. Breakfast on offer includes such choices as: cereal, toast, croissants, fruit, and fruit juices.

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

- After School Club runs from 3.15 to 6.00 pm in two sessions:
- 3.15 - 5:00pm Session A £7.00 per day per child
- 3.15 - 6.00 pm Session B £8.50 per day per child
- A snack such as sandwiches, wraps, cheese, biscuits, and fruits are served to all children attending the after-school club.

Planned activities available may include:

- Creative art and crafts activities - painting, drawing, cutting, sticking and model making.
- Free play - activities chosen by your child.
- Imaginative play - dressing up and role play.
- Messy play - sand water clay and dough
- Outside play - depending on weather.
- Sports activities - organised by our PE staff.
- Various special events - disco, face painting, cooking, movie & popcorn

**Term dates 2021-2022**

<p><b>AUTUMN TERM</b>          Start of term: 2 September 2021  <b>Inset day: 1 September</b>          Term: 2 September -21 October          Half term holiday: 25 October 2021 - 29 October 2021  <b>Inset day: 22 October</b>          Term: 1 November -21 December  <b>Occasional Day: 6 December</b>          Christmas holiday: 22 December 2021 - 5 January 2022</p>	<p><b>SPRING TERM</b>  <b>Inset day: 5 January 2022</b>          Term: 6 January - 11 February          Half term holiday: 14 February 2022 - 18 February 2022          Term : 21 February-1 April          Easter holiday: 4 April 2022 - 18 April 2022</p>	<p><b>SUMMER TERM</b>          Term: 19 April - 26 May          Half term holiday: 30 May 2022 - 3 June 2022  <b>Inset Day: 6 June</b>  <b>Occasional day: 27 May</b>          Term: 7 June-21 July  <b>Inset day 22 July</b>          Summer holiday: 22 July 2022 - 31 August 2022</p>
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