



The Lea Primary School and Nursery

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

What a busy week we have all had. Year 3 & Year 5 had an amazing day on Tuesday with visits to the Natural History and Science Museums. They thoroughly enjoyed exploring the different areas of the museums, discovering new facts in the workshops and the subsequent follow up work back in school.

Also on Tuesday, Year 6 had a fantastic WW2 day, gaining an insight into what it was like to be a child during the war. In the afternoon they were given real money, pounds, shillings and pence, and had fun making various purchases in the shops. Bringing learning to life in this way really helps to embed understanding.

Our Year 4 class took part in the Harpenden Annual 'Peace One Day' event reading poems and reflecting on Peace alongside the other schools in Harpenden. A valuable endeavour in a challenging world.

Thank you to our parent volunteers who helped out at these events.

At the PTA AGM on Tuesday, our outgoing committee officially stepped down and a new one was elected. I would like to thank Lois, Jo, Elaine, Jack, Charlotte and Co for all that they have done over the last three years; for the fun events they have organised, the money they have raised and of course for the stunning KS1 playground that we now have. I can vividly remember standing with the committee at one of their first events which was also my first event too and all looking at each other hoping someone knew what to do! None of us did, but the committee all quickly learned and kept some fabulous traditions going such as the summer fete, Christmas film night and the rainbow raffle as well as adding The Colour Run which has been a wonderful fun family event – thank you.

Thank you too to Mariam, Reena, Nicholas and Jeremy for taking over the PTA baton. I know that the committee needs many more volunteers to make their events work. So please do make contact with them on leaschoolpta@hotmail.co.uk to let them know you can help.

A big well done to our girls Y5 & Y6 football team who won both their matches this week against Sauncey Wood and St Dominic's. It looks like we may have some real stars in the making.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

September 2026

Mon 28 Science week
Tue 29, 15:30 Y5/6 Girls Football v St Nicholas (H)

October 2026

Thu 1 National Poetry Day
Mon 5 Y4 Verulamium Museum
Tue 6, 15:30 Y5/6 Girls Football v Beech Hyde (H)
Fri 9 Y6 (selected pupils) Writing enrichment event at St Georges
12-23 Y4 Swimming
Tue 13 Y5/6 Mixed Tag Rugby
Mon 19 Harvest assembly
Wed 21 Language Day
Wed 21 Governors Day
Wed 21 Parent Consultations
Thu 22 Parent Consultations

26—30

Half Term

November 2026

2—6 Y5 Bikeability
Thu 5 Y5/6 Girls Football tournament at The Grove
Fri 6, 9:15 Reception Open Morning (for Sept 2027)
Tue 10, 9:15 Reception Open Morning (for Sept 2027)
Wed 11 Flu vaccinations
Thu 12 Y6 Basketball at Oaklands
Mon 16 Odd Socks Day
Mon 16 Anti-Bullying week
Thur 19, 9:15 Reception Open Morning (for Sept 2027)
Mon 23 Maths week

December 2026

Tue 1, 14:00 & 19:00 Y3/4 Christmas concert
Tue 8, 14:30 Reception Nativity
Thur 10, 09:00 Nursery Jingle and Mingle
Tue 15, 14:00 Y1/2 Christmas play
Wed 16 Y1-Y6 Panto
Fri 18 End of Term

January 2027

Mon 4 INSET Day
Tue 5 Start of Term

For other key dates please visit our school website at [Lea Primary School - Calendar](#)



SPOTLIGHT ON GOVERNORS

Our governors met this week to hear about the end of 2025-26 outcomes. Our statutory tests in reception, phonics, the Y4 multiplication check and of course Y6 SATs which were all very good. We also looked at attendance which showed a slight improvement on the previous year which we hope to replicate this year. We discussed how the new OFSTED framework does not map across from the previous framework and how grades for most school, including previous outstanding schools, are 'expected'. We also noted that our school finances are looking healthier and we are hoping to refurbish the KS2 toilets this year.

OUR CLASS WORD OF THE WEEK

Nursery

incredible

Reception

family

Year 1

sight

Year 2

traditional

Year 3

volcanologist

Year 4

tranquil

Year 5

gratitude

Year 6

lucrative

SCHOOL NEWS

Tissues

It is that time of year when coughs and sniffles arrive. Please could we ask parents to donate a box of tissues to their child's class. The quicker we can catch germs and bin them the less they spread.

Parking

Please could we remind parents and carers to drive carefully and park considerately. We have received complaints from our neighbours of parking across driveways and blocking access to properties, and even of parents being rude when asked to move their cars.

PTA committee

Thank you to those who attended the PTA AGM on Tuesday evening. We thank the previous committee for their hard work and fundraising success over the past three years. We are pleased to welcome a new committee:

Mariam (Y2) - Chair, Nicholas (R) - Treasurer, Reena (R) - Secretary, Jeremy (R) - Member

The new PTA committee will need help and support organising events for our children to enjoy. If you would like to get involved, please email leaschoolpta@hotmail.co.uk

Kindlink donations

Donations to our school can be made through Kindlink (please click on the Kindlink logo below). Donations can be a one off payments or monthly donations, all are welcome and are gratefully received.



TEAM POINTS

Ruby was the winning team this week. Well done!

STARS OF THE WEEK

Nursery

Sonny

For great listening this week and joining in at circle time.

Reception

Yusuf

For using kind words and good manners.

Year 1

Ilyana

For her fantastic, independent writing in her morning task.

Year 2

Kai

For trying his best in everything.

Hattie

For her lovely handwriting and working really hard in lessons.

Year 3

The Whole Class

For being such amazing volcanologists on our trip to the Natural History Museum.

Year 4

Ryan and Huxley

For some helpful and thoughtful contributions in RE.

Year 5

Adam

For taking responsibility for his own learning and showing excellent focus.

Year 6

Maya and Jessica

For always being fully involved in class and showing the school values.

Sports

Francie (Year 4)

For demonstrating some excellent Hockey skills during our lessons.

Kayson (Year 1)

For learning how to ride a pedal bike.



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Our attendance target is 97%.

Total attendance for last week was 96.97%.

SPORTS REPORT

Y5/6 Girls Football

On Wednesday, the year 5 and 6 Girls Football team played St Dominic's and Sauncey Wood (A). They won both games, The Lea 4 - St Dominic's 0 and The Lea 2- Sauncey Wood 1. The goal scorers were Jessica 3, Ayla 2, Esmée 1. Maya had an outstanding game, defending like a wall. Ayla did a great job at tackling. Jess got a great hatrick. We played really well and only conceded one goal thanks to Isabella. Written by: Maya and Jessica



The Lea Primary School & Nursery are looking for a school caretake/site manager.

We are on Moorland Road, Harpenden. AL5 4LE

Hours are 7:00-9:00am and 3:00-6:00pm

All year (not just term time) with 30 days holiday.

If you are interested, please see the following link.

[Teacher Recruitment, Hertfordshire UK - The Lea Primary School and Nursery: Site Manager](#)

If you have any questions, please give our School Business Manager a call on

01582 767939.

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