

Weekly newsletter



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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

It was lovely to meet parents, especially some of our new parents on Tuesday at the Meet the Head meeting. Parents were able to hear about what has been happening at The Lea over the last year, the outcome of our statutory assessments and what our focus is for the next year. If you weren't able to come along, the PowerPoint is on our website. For me it was so very interesting to see how the types of questions being asked about our technology and its use, have changed significantly over the last few years. It used to be that I would be quizzed on how good and up to date our hardware was, how many devices do we have and how often children had access to them? Now the questions are very much around how are you limiting the access and reducing screen time?

As some of you will know, government guidance now is to reduce screen time in early years and as often happens, I am expecting that this will filter into KS1 & KS2 eventually too. So, at The Lea we are already looking at reducing screen time, whenever we can and how we can utilise our library even more for research. There is definitely an appetite for change and achieving an appropriate balance between technology and traditional resources that we are considering across all our year groups. We want to make sure children are ready and able to use technology when it is needed, and they are safe on line but we also want children to be independent thinkers and not addicted to their screens.

In other news, our Y5 & Y6 girls footballers won their first match at Manland last night. They gelled well together as a team and showed great sportsmanship. Our after-school clubs have started this week so please remember, if your child is not attending a club that they are signed up for, do let us know, especially if they have been in school that day.

I hope that you all have a great weekend.

Tracey Berry

DATES FOR THE DIARY

September 2026

Tue 22	Flu vaccinations
Tue 22	Y6 WW2 workshop
Tue 22	Y3 Natural History Museum
Tue 22	Y5 Science Museum
Tue 22, 19:45	PTA AGM
Wed 23, 15:30	Y5/6 Girls Football v Sauncey Wood (A)
Thur 24	Y4 Peace Day
Mon 28	Science week
Tue 29, 15:30	Y5/6 Girls Football v St Nicholas (H)

October 2026

Mon 5	Y4 Verulamium Museum
Tue 6, 15:30	Y5/6 Girls Football v Beech Hyde (H)
12-23	Y4 Swimming
Wed 21	Parent Consultations
Thu 22	Parent Consultations

26—30

Half Term

November 2026

2—6	Y5 Bikeability
Fri 6, 9:15	Reception Open Morning (for Sept 2027)
Tue 10, 9:15	Reception Open Morning (for Sept 2027)
Wed 11	Flu vaccinations
Thur 19, 9:15	Reception Open Morning (for Sept 2027)

December 2026

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](#)



The Lea Primary School & Nursery are looking for a school caretaker/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 think you might be interested please go to [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 767 939



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Our attendance target is 97%.

Total attendance for last week was 97.99%.

OUR CLASS WORD OF THE WEEK

Nursery

pattern

Reception

Year 2

existence

Year 5

vying

Year 3

kerfuffle

Year 6

anecdote

Year 1

represent

Year 4

scrutinise

SCHOOL NEWS

PTA AGM— 7:45pm Tuesday 22nd September

Reminder: As you know, the current PTA committee are stepping down at the AGM on Tuesday. All parents and carers are invited to attend. We hope that a new group of parents will form a new committee and bring fresh energy and new ideas to keep the fun activities and fundraising going. It's a vital part of our school's success as well as a great sense of achievement for the volunteers. We need at least 3 volunteers to fill the key positions of Chair, Treasurer and Secretary, without these, the charity behind the PTA will fold and all the amazing school events and fundraising will not happen. If you'd like to join the new PTA committee but can't make the AGM, please email leaschoolpta@hotmail.co.uk

Yr4 On line History Workshop

On Wednesday, Year 4 took part in a National Archives workshop called 'Treasures'. They were able to look and learn about the National Archives in London, with a focus on what is 'Treasure' and what makes it special. They acted as detectives to find clues about different artefacts, including a telegram from the moon landing in 1969 and a Great Seal used by Elizabeth I! The children really enjoyed the learning, commenting "I really enjoyed looking at the different types of Treasures!", "My favourite artefact was the quill!" and "I loved looking at the things from the past!". Well done, Year 4.

Raring2go! St Albans & Harpenden You may find the following e-magazine useful [Raring2go! St Albans & Harpenden](#)

SPORTS REPORT

Y5/6 Girls Football

On Thursday, the year 5 and 6 Girls Football team went to Manland to compete in the first league game of the year. We played some excellent attacking Football which resulted in a 2-1 win. Well done girls!

TEAM POINTS

Ruby was the winning team this week. Well done!

STARS OF THE WEEK

Nursery

Jude

For a confident start to Nursery and always setting a good example.

Reception

The Whole Class

For engaging well with their new Phonics learning.

Year 1

Eleanor

For working hard to write a capital letter in drawing club.

Year 2

Bonnie M

For working really hard in all subjects and for always trying her best.

Year 3

Hugo

For having a growth mindset, even when things get tough, he doesn't give up.

Year 4

Sofia and Azmina

For demonstrating a confident and sensible attitude to learning.

Year 5

Penelope

For increasing in confidence and sharing brilliant ideas in class often.

Year 6

Kira

For always showing school values and being helpful around the class.

Sports

Gabriella (Year 6)

For trying her best in all sports.

Kiaan (Year 5)

For showing an excellent attitude in PE lessons and clubs this week.

KINDLINK DONATIONS

Donations to our school can be made via the [online KindLink](#) page.

These can be a one off payment or monthly donations.

All are welcome and gratefully received.



HARVEST

SATURDAY

3RD OCTOBER

12:00 – 17:00

FEST



Celebrate the season at Oaklands College's autumn festival. A family-friendly afternoon filled with activities, entertainment, and seasonal fun.



HARVEST FEST

- Farm and Zoo Visits
- Tractor Rides
- Kids Fun Area
- Scarecrow Walk
- Clothes Donation Point for Help for Homeless
- Food Donations for St Albans and District Council
- Performances throughout the Day

This event is open to the public and suitable for all ages. Come along and enjoy a vibrant celebration of autumn.



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Parents and Carers talk about self-harm and recovery

Please join us at an information session to learn more about self-harm and get practical ideas and strategies to help your child towards recovery

Where: Online over Zoom.

When: Tuesday 6th October, 7pm to 9pm

For more information or to book your place:

Call: 01992 58 69 69

Email: contact@carersinherts.org.uk

Go online: www.carersinherts.org.uk/events



About Carers in Hertfordshire

We are a charity that provides information, advice and support to unpaid carers - people looking after a partner, relative or friend, who is ill, elderly, has a physical or learning disability, or misuses substances.

We support carers of all ages - young people and adults - living, working or caring in Hertfordshire. Our services are free to carers and bereaved carers, who can access support for three years after the death of the person they looked after.

We provide services to carers to help them with their caring role or have a break from caring, to improve their health and wellbeing, and to have a voice in shaping health and community services.

We are partly funded by Hertfordshire County Council and the NHS in Hertfordshire. In partnership with them and other local organisations we work to ensure unpaid carers are identified, informed, supported and heard.

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Our support for parents and carers.

We have a team of Carer Engagement Workers who can provide advice and information and also support you to speak up.

We also:

- Give you a chance to meet and talk to other parents, carers and staff who understand;
- Give you the opportunity to represent your views to the authorities that commission and manage Children and Young People's Mental Health Services (CYPMHS) in Hertfordshire;
- Provide free training and learning opportunities; and
- Offer a Carers' Passport Discount Card that gives savings in shops, restaurants and other venues (contact us to apply for one today!)

