Weekly newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

The Year 6 (supported by Year 5) end of year production is always looked forward to as one of the highlights of the year and, of course, this year was no different. The class of 2026, showed their thespian prowess and resilience in bucket loads, and despite the heat gave three amazing performances this week, that just got better and better.

It was wonderful to see all the children move out of their comfort zone and perform on stage. To learn lines, songs, directions and choreography. To be acclaimed and to be proud of what they have achieved and I hope they take that acclamation with them and remember that when things are difficult, make us nervous or even scared we can be resilient because at the end, you can feel proud of what you have achieved. Well done Year 6 – you are and were amazing!

Thank you to Miss Weston, Mrs Dada, Miss Gregory and Mrs Davenport for making the magic happen. I know that this production was adapted and added to with skill and creativity – well done!

Thank you also this week to our fantastic PTA, who as I write this are setting up for the Summer Fair. They have raised many thousands of pounds for the school over their 3 year tenure and we are extremely grateful for all the events, books, supplies, etc that they have been able to provide and of course for the magnificent KS1 playground that we now have. As you will know, the current team are stepping down and we are looking for a new group of volunteers. If you are interested, do get in touch with one of the PTA members or myself.

Have a wonderful weekend.
Tracey Berry

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Our attendance target is 97%.

Total attendance for last week was 96.55%.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

July 2026	
Tue 14	Y4 Bhaktivedanta Manor
Wed 15	Y3 Roald Dahl Museum
Fri 17, 9am	Leavers Assembly
Tue 21	Talent Show
Wed 22, 1:15	End of Term
September 2026	
Tue 1	**INSET day**
Wed 2	**INSET day**
Thur 3	Start of Term
Tue 22	Flu vaccinations
Tue 22	Y6 WW2 workshop
Thur 24	Y4 Peace Day
October 2026	
12-23	Y4 Swimming
26—30	**Half Term**
November 2026	
2—6	Y5 Bikeability
Wed 11	Flu vaccinations
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

HELLO FROM THE PTA COMMITTEE

Summer Fair

By the time you read this, we hope you have enjoyed/ are enjoying the Summer Fair! Thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered, donated raffle prizes, helped organise the event, and to our staff for their support. We are grateful for all the help that made the event possible and look forward to sharing the total amount raised soon.

New PTA Committee Needed

As a reminder, the current PTA committee will be stepping down this summer. If you are interested in supporting the school and helping to keep the PTA running and its charity status active, please complete the following form: The Lea PTA Interest Form

Thank you

Lois, Jo, Jack, Elaine and Charlotte

FUNDRAISING

If you would like to support the school, donations are always gratefully received and incredibly appreciated.

Kindlink donations Kindlink Donation Form App

Amazon wishlist Amazon.co.uk

NOAH'S ARK NURSERY

Noah's Ark are running their popular holiday club during the Summer Holidays, from Monday 3rd to Friday 28th August, plus the INSET days of 1st & 2nd September. Bookings for the Summer Holiday Club are now open on Arbor. Further information of how to book for the INSET days will follow.

Funds will need to be available in the After School Club TLC account on Arbor.

TEAM POINTS

Sapphire are the winning team this week, Well done!

STARS OF THE WEEK

Nursery **Evie**

For independent learning in Nursery this week and engaging in all of the activities.

Reception **Ashtyn**

For amazing progress in her phonics and reading.

Year 1 **Alissa**

For creating a brilliant poster in science on how to look after our planet.

Year 2 **Ryan**

For creating a great poster on saving our planet.

Year 3 **Laurie**

For always working hard in all subjects.

Year 4 **Rea**

For working really hard to learn her spellings this year.

Year 5 **The Whole Class**

For great teamwork and confidence in the school play.

Year 6 **The Whole Class**

For delivering a fantastic performance of 'Pirates of the Currybean' showing incredible confidence, teamwork and enthusiasm through-out the production. We are so proud of you!

OUR CLASS WORD OF THE WEEK

Nursery	Reception	Year 1
island	**nestled**	**donations**
Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
sanctuary	**desolate**	**glacial**
Year 5	Year 6	
obnoxious	**debacle**	

SCHOOL NEWS

Message from Mrs Hills and Mrs Cross

Dear Parents and Carers, I have loved teaching at The Lea and being part of the community for the last 18 years. I feel the time has come to take a risk and try a new path! I am looking forward to being a Year 6 teacher in a new setting, where I can use all the skills and experiences The Lea has given me. I will miss our lovely children and staff and the musical adventures we have had together. Love From, Mrs Hills

Dear Parents and Carers, You may have heard that I have decided to take a little break! I am hoping that the next year or so will be full of adventures and moments that I can treasure in years to come. Plans are set to include a lot of travelling to far-flung places, which I am very excited about! Of course, I will miss our *amazing* children and dedicated staff. There has always been a different challenge or 'something new' to do at our school, which makes it feel like yesterday that I first walked through those doors. We have a fabulous school community here and I feel privileged to have been a part of it. I wish you all the very best for the future. Kindest regards , Mrs Cross

After School Clubs

Reminder that there will be no after school clubs running next week, they have finished for this term. Noah's Ark/The Lea Club will be running as normal. Information regarding clubs for the Autumn term will be sent out before the end of term, and bookings will open in September. We would like to thank Mr Hay, a parent volunteer who has run a cross country running club on Friday mornings for the last few years.

Free School Meals

You may be aware that from September 2026, the eligibility criteria for Free School Meals (FSM) will be changing. From the start of the new school year, all parents & carers who are in receipt of Universal Credit will be eligible for Free School Meals, regardless of the amount received.

Applying takes around 5 minutes, and you will need your National Insurance number. Applications can be made using the following link: Free school meals and other benefits | Hertfordshire County Council You do not need to reapply if if your child is already receiving Free School Meals. Applications for the new school year can now be made.

We encourage you to apply even if you have previously been told you were not eligible. Not only will your child receive a hot, nutritious meal at lunchtime, but the school will also receive additional funding to support pupils. If you require any further information or support with your application, please contact the school office.

RNLI

Year 1 and 2 enjoyed an assembly from the RNLI who came in to teach them about water safety. The children wore red and yellow to show their support of the RNLI. The RNLI is a charity that helps people to be safe at sea, it is completely run by volunteers. KS1 are raising funds for the RNL, if you would like to donate, please see the following link The Lea Primary School and Nursery is fundraising for RNLI - Royal National Lifeboat Institution

Library Books

All library books must be returned by the end of next week, 17th July 2026.

Harpenden Lions Highland Gathering

HARPENDEN LIONS CLUB HIGHLAND GATHERING

A Scottish themed family fun day out

Rothamsted Park, Harpenden, AL5 2LX

Sunday 12 July 2026 - 10:30am to 5pm

Pipe Bands; Highland Dancing; Highland Games; Stalls; Food; Bar;
Ferret Races; Archery; Scouts Cannon Races & Tug-of-War;
Live Music and Dance; Children's Races; Go Karts

have a go at Haggis Hurling and Caber Tossing! (open to all including children)

STEP BACK IN TIME WITH PRINCE RUPERT'S BLUECOATS

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Adults £10 on the gate (£8 advance purchase), accompanied 16s & under free

Online ticket sales: www.harplions.com or use the QR code below

Helpline: 0345 833 7426 (message line) email: info@harplions.com

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