



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Investigators (Y4) have been thoroughly enjoying their intensive swimming lessons this week and the adults attending have been impressed by their focus and improvement already. Swimming is a life skill that can bring so much fun and enjoyment when mastered but also, after hearing about some of the tragedies in water over the summer, is a life-saving skill too.

We were also incredibly lucky this week to have Maddie Perry visit from Watford FC women's team. Maddie gave a wonderful assembly to the children and delivered a strong message on resilience, perseverance and how most things that you really want, must be worked hard for.

There is so much media attention on how children are less resilient and independent now than ever before, so we are always looking for inspiring speakers and ways to improve both skills in school. We can all support building resilience and independence though by building in opportunities for children to solve and complete tasks completely on their own. Simple tasks to start off with so children are successful and then more challenging to build that resilience and independence. With half term on the horizon, this could be an opportunity to plan in some help around the home, changing a bed or just getting pillowcases off maybe!

Have a wonderful weekend
Tracey Berry



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Our attendance target is 97%.

Total attendance for last week was 98.52%.

THE LEA PTA

You can buy tickets for the Fireworks Night on Sunday 1st November at Harpenden Rugby Football Club, using The Lea's dedicated link: [Buy now – HRFC Fireworks – Harpenden Rugby Football Club](#) which means that 25% of ticket sales comes back to the Lea School Association to support the school. There is an Early Bird discount available until midnight on 23 October – don't miss out! Please share with friends & family.

Further details can be found on the poster at the end of this newsletter.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

October 2026

Mon 18—Fri 23	Y4 Swimming
Mon 19	Harvest assembly
Tue 20	Y1 History of Toys workshop
Wed 21	International Day
Wed 21	Governors Day
Wed 21	Parent Consultations
Thu 22	Parent Consultations
26—30	Half Term

November 2026

Mon 2—Fri 6	Y5 Bikeability
Thu 5	Y5/6 Girls Football tournament at The Grove
Fri 6, 9:15	Reception Open Morning (for Sept 2027)
Fri 6, 11:30	Y5/6 Tag Rugby at Harpenden Rugby Club
Tue 10, 9:15	Reception Open Morning (for Sept 2027)
Tue 10	Y6 Remembrance LIVE event
Wed 11	Remembrance Day
Wed 11	Flu vaccinations
Wed 11	Y5/6 Cross Country
Thu 12	Y6 Basketball tournament at Oaklands College
Fri 13	Children in Need
Mon 16	Odd Socks Day
Mon 16	Anti-Bullying week
Wed 18	Y2 Castle workshop
Thur 19, 9:15	Reception Open Morning (for Sept 2027)
Mon 23	Maths week
Tue 24	Van Cols (individual photos)

December 2026

Tue 1, 14:00 & 19:00	Y3/4 Christmas concert
Tue 8, 14:30	Reception Nativity
Wed 9, 09:00	Nursery Jingle and Mingle
Tue 15, 14:00	Y1/2 Christmas play
Wed 16	Y1-Y6 Panto
Fri 18, 13:15	End of Term

January 2027

Mon 4	INSET Day
Tue 5	Start of Term

SCHOOL NEWS

Inspiring Our Pupils: Awe & Wonder with Watford FC! We were delighted to welcome Maddie Perry from Watford FC Women to The Lea this week as the first visitor in our exciting new 'Awe & Wonder' assembly programme! Maddie shared her journey as a professional footballer, inspiring pupils with her passion, hard work, determination and resilience. A fantastic role model, she encouraged our children to dream big, believe in themselves and never give up on their goals.



Can you help us inspire our children? We'd love to hear from anyone who knows someone who could inspire our pupils through an assembly. Whether they have an unusual job, remarkable talent, sporting achievement or inspiring personal story, we want to broaden horizons and spark curiosity. If you know someone who could be a great visitor, please contact Miss Weston. We'd be very grateful for your suggestions!

Harvest Festival Our Harvest assembly takes place on Monday (19th October), this will be for pupils only. We are supporting The Kings Pantry foodbank and thank you for your kind food donations, We will continue to accept donations until next Wednesday (21st).

Poppy Appeal We will be selling poppies at our parent consultations next week, so please bring some spare change!

Parent consultations If you haven't already booked a parent consultation on Arbor, please do so before bookings close on Sunday 18th October, at 11pm.

Secondary school applications Year 6 parents and Carers, reminder that the deadline to apply for a Secondary School place is Saturday 31st October.

The Lea Club Holiday club Noah's Ark are running their holiday club over October half term. Bookings are now open on Arbor. You will need to ensure that there are funds available in the After School Club account on Arbor. If you pay through tax-free childcare, please raise this so it can be processed in time, before half term.

Nursery Jingle and Mingle Please note change of date from Thursday 10th to Wednesday 9th December.

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

Emerald was the winning team this week. Well done!

STARS OF THE WEEK

Nursery

Sienna

For growing in confidence and fantastic listening.

Reception

Hugo

For being polite to adults.

Year 1

Karter

For working hard to add expression when reading to an adult.

Year 2

Badiya and Alissa

For taking pride in the presentation of their work.

Year 3

Theodor

For being focused and making lots of contributions in all lessons this week.

Year 4

The Whole Class

For a confident and determined start to our swimming lessons!

Year 5

Khadija

For showing excellent focus across all subjects.

Year 6

Alyssa

For showing great determination and perseverance in working hard to understand and master long multiplication.

Harry H and Daniel S

For showing fantastic effort and determination in their writing this week.

Sports

Ilyana (Year 1)

For trying her best in all PE lessons.

Daniel A (Year 6)

For excelling in all sports and always having a fantastic attitude to his learning.

OUR CLASS WORD OF THE WEEK

Nursery

Reception

Year 1

Autumn

Healthy

Consequences

Year 2

Year 3

Year 4

Astonished

Wept

Discernible

Year 5

Year 6

Bewildered

Derogatory

FIREWORKS NIGHT

Sun 1st Nov @ Harpenden Rugby Football Club



Early Bird discount available
until midnight 23rd Oct

Don't
miss out!

Buy tickets via our link



buytickets.at/hrfc/2437687/r/lea



Big fireworks



Fairground



Food & drinks



Shuttle from town



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to support the Lea!

Please share with friends, family & any local WhatsApp groups!



The Mayor of Harpenden's CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGN COMPETITION

Are you a budding Harpenden artist aged 4-11?
Would you like to design the Town Mayor's official
Christmas Card and turn on Harpenden's Christmas
Lights with the Mayor?

Then get creative and send in your design on
A4 paper (with your name, age and school on
the back) and deliver or post to: The Mayor's
Secretary, Harpenden Town Council, Town
Hall, Leyton Road, Harpenden, AL5 2LX by
Friday 6 November.
Good Luck!

Are you looking for work?

We are looking to recruit Cleaning Operatives in the local area.

Shift times:

15.15 - 18.30 , Monday to Friday at £12.71 per hour



If you believe you are the right person
for this role, please contact **Recruitment.**

on **01753 323 227**

or email

recruitment@haywardservices.co.uk