Weekly newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

This week I led the second of our three reception class open mornings both of which have been well attended. If you are a prospective parent or know someone who might be, do get them to sign up via our website, for our last reception open morning which takes place next week on Thursday 19th November.

On Wednesday, the whole school came together for a minutes silence and Remembrance. Matty and Mia read, For the Fallen by Laurence Binyon and the children, even our youngest, stood perfectly. It was lovely to see so many of our children in their group uniforms too, you may have spotted a lovely photos on our social media. Thank you for all the poppies and associated items that the children have purchased this year. I'll let you know in due course how much our community has raised.

We have had another great week of sport at The Lea with our cross country and basketball teams competing. Our cross-country team came second in the Harpenden small schools competition – well done to them all.

In light of recent news coverage on David Walliams, I thought it appropriate to let you know that we, as a staff community, took the decision a while ago to remove all David Walliams books from our library and classrooms.

Remember your odd socks for Monday and have a lovely weekend

Tracey Berry

FUNDRAISING

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

We have an Amazon wishlist Amazon.co.uk

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

November 2026

Mon 16	Odd Socks Day
Mon 16	Anti-Bullying week
Tue 17	Y5/6 Netball v Kings (H)
Wed 18	Y2 Castle workshop
Wed 18	Y5/6 A Christmas Carol at St Georges
Thur 19, 9:15	Reception Open Morning (for Sept 2027)
Thur 19	Y5/6 Boys Football v Kings (H)
Thur 19	Y1 Parent Consultations (rescheduled)
Mon 23	Maths week
Tue 24	Van Cols (individual/sibling photos)
Tue 24	Y5/6 Netball v The Grove (A)
Thur 26	Y5/6 Football v The Grove (A)
Mon 30	Jump Christmas visit
Mon 30	Y3 Dementia Cafe

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
Wed 9	Rotary Carol service
Wed 9	Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper day
Thur 10	Jump Christmas visit
Tue 15, 9:15 & 14:00	Y1/2 Christmas play
Wed 16	Y1-Y6 Panto
Wed 16	YN/YR Live Nativity
Fri 18, 13:15	End of Term

January 2027

Mon 4	**INSET Day**
Tue 5	Start of Term

For a longer term view of key dates please visit our school website at **https://lea-pri.herts.sch.uk/news-dates/calendar**

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE



Our attendance target is 97%.

Total attendance for last week was 97.57%.

SCHOOL NEWS

Odd Socks Day Anti-Bullying week starts on Monday 16th November, with Odd Socks Day. Children can come to school wearing odd socks, to celebrate what makes us all unique. The theme for this years Anti-Bullying week is "Break the Silence" and children will be taking part in a range of activities throughout the week around this topic.

Year 1 parent consultations The rescheduled parent consultations for Year 1 will take place on Thursday 19th November.

Van Cols Our school photographers will be here on Tuesday 24th November to take individual and sibling photographs.

Lunch menu on Arbor Please ensure that you check your child's lunch choice on Arbor. You can make a lunch choice for your child daily, weekly, or for the rest of this half term. You can also choose a home packed lunch if they are not having a school dinner. Please note that if a school meal has been chosen on Arbor and the meal prepared, and a packed lunch is then brought from home, you may be charged.

Wreath Making workshop Please see the Wreath Making workshop poster below, this is being organised by one of our parents and she will kindly donate £5 to the PTA for every Lea parent/carer who books.

SPORTS REPORT

Y5/6 Tag Rugby On Friday 6th November, the year 5 and 6 Tag Rugby team went to Harpenden Rugby Club to compete in a Tag Rugby festival. The representatives of team one were: Matty, Julen, Daniel A, Aiden, Cris, Harry W, Jackson, Bella and Maya. The representatives of team two were: Edward, Toby, William, Kiaan, Emmanuel, Isabella, Sophie and Penelope. Both teams played really well winning games, scoring lots of tries and shown great resilience, hard work and sportsmanship. Match Report written by: Matty, Cris, Julen, Edward and Toby

Y5/6 Cross Country On Wednesday 11th November, the cross country team went to Wheathampstead Wanderers ground to compete in the Cross Country event. The players involved were Esmee, Jess, Bella, Gabriella, Maya, Daniel A, Daniel M, Julen, Matty, Harry W, Ayla, Haveena, Sophie, Zoe, Onni, Edward, Isiah, Kiaan, Adam and Ruben. We came second overall out of the small schools which is really good. Match Report Written by: Jess, Esmee and Gabriella.

Y6 Basketball On Thursday 12th November, the Year 6 Basketball team went to Oaklands college in St Albans to compete in a Basketball competition. We played six games in total and improved every game we played, scoring some good baskets and we shown some great dribbling. The players involved were: Jessica, Alyssa, Mabel, Gabriella, Esmee, Daniel M, Daniel A, Callum, Julen and Cris.

TEAM POINTS

Emerald were the winning teams this week. Well done!

STARS OF THE WEEK

Nursery **Delilah**

For being helpful and always following instructions.

Reception **The Whole Class**

For using kind words when choosing their lunch.

Year 1 **Maxi**

For trying his best to use prosody when reading.

Year 2 **Albie**

For showing respect to teachers and classmates.

Year 3 **Ethan**

For really focusing on his sentence structure and word choice to create a fantastic piece of non-fiction writing.

Year 4 **Annabel**

For a thoughtful attitude to her learning and writing.

Year 5 **Cassius**

For a consistent positive attitude.

Year 6 **Alvina**

For really thinking carefully about her writing this week and producing some amazing narrative pieces.

Sports **Penelope (Year 5)**

For excelling in all sports and having a great understanding of all the rules.

Daniel M (Year 6)

For a fantastic attitude and great sportsmanship in all PE lessons, clubs and fixtures.

OUR CLASS WORD OF THE WEEK

Nursery	Reception	Year 1
rhyme	**monster**	**gadget**
Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
sturdy	**paragraph**	**imperative**
Year 5	Year 6	
malicious	**epiphany**	


Wreath Making
WORKSHOP
Join us for a festive evening of
wreath making, prosecco and nibbles.
SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 28TH
BATFORD
MEMORIAL HALL
7:30 – 10PM
SATURDAY
5TH DECEMBER
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