

# Weekly newsletter




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Dear Parents and Carers

On Monday, 60 children from Y4, Y5 & Y6 went off to the O2 to sing in the Young Voices Choir – the largest choir in the world!

The children had the most amazing experience travelling past the Olympic Park, seeing some of the London sights and skyline, experiencing being in such a huge arena and then singing with over 8,000 other children. I was so impressed with how they coped with sitting for quite long periods of time and the long day but I'm sure it will be a day they will remember for the rest of their lives.

A big thank you must go to Mrs Hills, who organised the event, gave up many lunch times to practise the songs and made sure the children were so well prepared. Also thank you to the teachers and volunteers who looked after the children on the day and night!

The cold weather has been a challenge for everyone this week but thank you for sending your children in with coats, hats and scarves so they have been able to enjoy the sunshine, get some fresh air and keep active.

Have a wonderful weekend.

**Tracey Berry**  
**Head Teacher**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTIFICATIONS AND SCHOOL EVENTS

#### Lunch orders on Arbor

Please select your child/rens lunch via the Arbor app/parent portal. When selections are not made, this takes up valuable time for staff and interrupts learning.

#### Uniform

Please ensure that all uniform is clearly named, as it makes it easier to return lost property to the rightful owner.

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

#### January 2024

Mon 22, 7-8:30pm

Mon 29, 7-8:30pm

Tues 30, 6-7:30pm

Governors Resources Mtg

Governors TLC Meeting

PTA committee meeting

#### February 2024

Tue 6, 12:30-4pm

Mon 19 - Fri 23

Tue 27, 3:30-6pm

Thu 29, 7-9pm

Y5/6 Mixed Tag Rugby

Half Term

Y3/4 Rapid Fire Cricket

Governors FGB Meeting

#### March 2024

Tue 5, 1:15-3:45pm

Thu 7, 7-9pm

Thu 14, 9:30-3:30pm

Wed 20, 1:30-4pm

Tue 26

Thu 28

Y5/6 Boys Football

In-house Governor Training

Y5/6 Hockey Competition

Y5/6 Netball Rally

Spring Music Festival

Term Ends (1:15pm)

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

### LETTERS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

Woburn Safari Park trip - Year 1

Chiltern Open Air Museum trip—Year 3

Staffing update—Year 2

### WEEKLY ATTENDANCE



Our attendance target is 97%. Total attendance for last week was 95.8%.

### Our Class Word of the Week

Talk to your child about this word and what it means. Try to use it in everyday conversation at home.

Nursery  
**Cottage**

Reception  
**Prevent**

Year 1  
**Forgive**

Year 2  
**Brittle**

Year 3  
**Commotion**

Year 4  
**Melancholy**

Year 5  
**Procrastinate**

Year 6  
**Encroach**

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### PTA

Hello from your PTA!

We hope you've all had a good start to the new year.

Caroline has stepped down from the PTA committee, because she has started a new job in the school office. We would like to say a big thank you for all your help & support and wish you well in your new role.

The Bingo night has been postponed, however, we are busy finalising dates for upcoming events and also planning the school "Disglow's". We are looking forward to sharing the details very soon. All information will be posted on the PTA notice board.

The next PTA meeting is on 30th January at 6 pm. We are hoping that a few more parents will join us. New volunteers & new ideas are always welcome.

We will be needing prizes for various events over the coming months. If anyone is looking for a new home for any unwanted Christmas gifts, we will happily accept donations.

Finally, please sign up for your school lottery <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/the-lea-primary-school-and-nursery>

We hope you all have a great weekend.

Lois, Jo & Jack

### AWARDS



#### Team Points

**Saphire** was the winning team this week. Well done!

#### The Lea Superstars



#### Nursery Griff

For great focus and learning this week. Well done!

#### Reception Lucy and Nam Nam

For working hard, especially in handwriting sessions.

#### Year 1 Ryan

For excellent art home learning.

#### Florence

For explaining the use of a number line perfectly.

#### Year 2 Cassius

For being a good role model.

#### Lenny

For working hard on his handwriting and amazing us.

#### Year 3 Alfie

For doing some fantastic research about volcanoes and sharing his knowledge with the class.

#### Nelly

For making a fantastic effort with her writing this week.

#### Year 4 William B

For developing his year 4 learning behaviour, being engaged and successful.

#### Year 5 Zaran

For showing great concentration and focus in music.

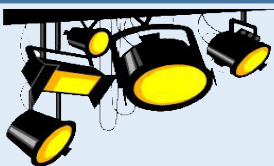
#### Year 6 Archie

For showing great resilience and effort with his learning.

#### Sports Maya (Y3)

For demonstrating some excellent dribbling and control with the ball in Football.

### SPOTLIGHT ON GOVERNORS



This week, Mr Ashman, one of our co-opted governors came into school to discuss and look at our current ICT set-up and the resources we have available. Our Chair of Governors, Mr Goodwin, also visited as part of his weekly catch-ups with Mrs Berry.

**JESSOPS**  
image is everything

# Rotary **YOUNG** **PHOTOGRAPHER** COMPETITION

**Deadline 18th February**



**Calling all young photographers**

Express yourself by putting your photography skills to the test at the annual Rotary Young Photographer competition. (Up to the age of 17)

Email: [youngphotographer@rotaryinharpenden.org.uk](mailto:youngphotographer@rotaryinharpenden.org.uk)

<http://rotaryinharpenden.org.uk/rih-photo-comp>

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# St Albans & District Foodbank

**We are open for food collection at  
the following times and locations:**

## St Albans

**Vineyard Church**, 7 Brick Knoll Park, AL1 5UG **Monday** 10:00-12:00

**Christ Church**, 3 High Oaks, AL3 6DJ - **Tuesday** 1:00-3:00

**Cottonmill Community Centre**, Old Oak, Cottonmill Lane, AL1 2EF - **Wednesday** 1:00-3:00

**Caledon Community Centre**, Caledon Road, London Colney, AL2 1PU - **Friday** 10:00-12:00

**Jubilee Centre**, 10-12 Catherine Street, St Albans, AL3 5BU - **Saturday** 10:00-12:00 from 13th January 2024

## Wheathampstead

**Hilldyke Community Centre**, 17 Hilldyke Road, AL4 8TU - **Thursday** 12:30-2:30

## Harpenden

**Crabtree Church**, 139 Crabtree Lane, Harpenden, AL5 5RD - **Friday** 1:00-3:00

## Redbourn

**Redbourn Parish Centre**, The Park, Redbourn, AL3 7LR - **Monday** 2:00-3:30 from 8th January 2024

To donate food to us please visit our website:

[www.stalbansdistrict.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food](http://www.stalbansdistrict.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food)

Please call **01727 613019** - option 1 or email  
[info@stalbandsdistrict.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@stalbandsdistrict.foodbank.org.uk)  
for more information

Charity Number: 1158917



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### Need advice and support for your family?

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|  Relationship support        |  Money advice               |
|  Parenting Advice & Courses |  Services for Young People |
|  Emotional & Mental Health  |  SEND Local Offer          |
|  Staying healthy            |  Search local services     |
|  School attendance/anxiety  |  and much more             |



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