

# Weekly newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers

Today's newsletter marks the end of another great half term. It was great to have Year 5 and 6 children back in classrooms this week following the flood and they have loved having their own spaces to learn in again. Thank you once again to parents who helped support us with the move. Sadly, that won't be the end of the situation. Over the summer holidays, all contents of both classrooms will have to be removed once more so that permanent replacement works can take place – another call to help will be sent out for this! The hall flooring is also expected to be replaced over the summer holiday.

Given the scale of these works and the space taken up by moved furniture we have sadly had to make the difficult decision to cancel our planned holiday camps run by Fun Fest – both next week in half term and in the summer holiday. We can only apologise for any inconvenience caused by this.

Across the rest of the school, it was lovely to hear so many great stories from the Year 6 children about their experience on residential last week – it definitely created some lasting memories for them.

Speaking of lasting memories, our key stage two children all participated in musical BeatBoxing workshops yesterday and the feedback was incredible. It was great to see so many give it a go and I couldn't believe how much talent was out there! At the other end of the school, our Reception children presented a wonderful class assembly on Wednesday morning. I was very impressed with how much they have learned and how well they presented.

It has been a busy half term for everyone and I hope you are all able to spend some quality time together as a family next week. Have a great half term holiday and see you on **Tuesday 6th June**.

**James Berry**  
**HeadTeacher**

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### May 2023

Mon 29 - Fri 2 Half Term

### June 2023

#### Mon 5

#### Inset Day

Tue 6, 11:30am-3pm Y3/4 Tag Rugby  
Thu 8, 12-4:30pm Rounders Tournament  
Wed 14, 9-9:30am Y4 Class Assembly  
Wed 14, 12-2:45pm Y3/4 Tri Golf  
Thu 15 Governors Day  
Thu 15 Kwik Cricket Festival  
Fri 16, 8-10:30pm PTA Social at the Red Cow  
Tue 20 Class Photographs  
Tue 20, 9-10am Nur new parent info session  
Wed 21, 9-9:30am Y5 Class Assembly  
Thu 22, 7pm Governors FGB Meeting  
Fri 23 PTA Non-Uniform Day  
Fri 23, 9am-2:30pm World Games Day  
Fri 23, 3:30-5:30pm PTA Summer Fair  
Tue 27, 9-10am New Rec Parent Induction  
Thu 29, 3:30-6pm District Sports  
Fri 30 Sports Day  
Fri 30, 3-5pm PTA Picnic on the Field

### July 2023

Tue 4 Rec Bike Morning at The Oval  
Tue 4 SATS results day  
Fri 7 Herts School Games  
Sat 8, 2-4pm PTA Shed Clear Out  
Mon 10 Y6 Dress Rehearsal (am)  
Tue 11, 1:30-2:30pm Y6 Performance  
Wed 12, 7-8pm Y6 Performance  
Thu 13 Transition Day  
Thu 13, 3:30-5pm PTA KS1 Disco  
Fri 14, 6-8pm PTA KS2 Disco  
Wed 19, 9-10am Y6 Leavers Assembly  
Thu 20 Term Ends (1:15pm)  
Fri 21 Occasional Day

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

Non School uniform day - whole school  
The Lea Club Inset day - whole school  
Y5/6 Rounders tournament - selected pupils  
Y3/4 Tag rugby festival - selected pupils  
Registration for violin lessons - Y3 & 4

## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE



Our attendance target is 97%. Total attendance for last week was 96.8%.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTIFICATIONS AND SCHOOL EVENTS

### Fun Fest Holiday Club - Cancelled

Unfortunately, due to the flood damage and the need to replace the hall flooring, Fun Fest will be unable to run their half term and summer clubs at The Lea as planned. Huge apologies for any inconvenience.

### Warmer Weather

With the arrival of the warmer weather parents should take extra care to protect children at school during the summer months.

Their skin is much more sensitive than adult skin.

Parents should apply sunscreen before school to areas not protected by clothing, such as the face, ears, feet and backs of hands:

- a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 30 to protect against UVB
- at least 4-star UVA protection

Children should wear wide brimmed sun hats at school.

### School of BeatBox

On Thursday, KS2 had a fantastic time with the incredibly talented UK Beatboxing champion, Danny Ladwa. The children were mesmerised and enthused by his phenomenal talent and had a lot of fun learning some sounds and rhythms.

If your child is a budding beatboxer or would like to try it out, Daniel runs online beatboxing classes for 5 to 12 year olds on Wednesdays from 5pm-6pm. If you're interested please see [this website for further information](#).



## Our Class Word of the Week

Talk to your child about this word and what it means. Try to

Nursery  
shadow

Reception  
protect

Year 1  
explain

Year 2  
fond

Year 3  
jolt

Year 4  
stupefy

Year 5  
precision

Year 6  
disrepute

use it **W, O, R, D, s** of the **W, E, E, K, s** in

## SPORTS REPORTS

### Cricket

On Tuesday some of our Year 5/6 girls went to Clarence Park to take part in a girls cricket competition. They played 3 games, winning 1 and losing 2. The girls developed in confidence with each game and demonstrated some fantastic fielding and batting. Well done!



### Chess

Also on Tuesday, some of our pupils took part in a chess tournament held at Crabtree school. The Lea played some excellent games and came 6th place overall. Great work!

### Football

On Wednesday afternoon the Year 3/4 girls football team went to Sauncey Wood to compete in the girls Football tournament. They played 5 games, winning 2 and only narrowly losing the other 3. The girls played well for the first time playing with each other and demonstrated some excellent football skills and team work. We are really proud of them all!



#GoTeamLea

## SPOTLIGHT ON GOVERNORS



This week the Resources Committee met on Monday evening to review the schools draft budget for the new financial year. This was positively discussed and approved and shows the school is in a stable position for year ahead.

## EXTERNAL NOTICES

### Harpenden in Bloom

There are now four more Children's Harpenden in Bloom Competitions to enter; something for everyone whether you enjoy gardening, science and nature, arts and crafts, construction, recycling, or simply want to have a go at growing a sunflower! See posters at the end of this newsletter or visit their website:

[www.harpenden.gov.uk/green-spaces/harpenden-in-bloom-competitions](http://www.harpenden.gov.uk/green-spaces/harpenden-in-bloom-competitions)

## AWARDS



### Team Points

**Sapphire** was the winning team this week. 42 children were awarded their bronze certificate for 25 team points. Well done!



### The Lea Superstars

#### Nursery

#### Annika

For great mark making and name writing.

#### Reception

#### Freya

For settling into reception.

#### Huxley

For writing excellent sentences.

#### Francie

For helping her friends to draw their favourite animals.

#### Year 1

#### Haveena & Kiaan

For great contributions in our PSHE lesson this week.

#### Year 2

#### Theo

For fantastic map skills.

#### Year 3

#### Isla

For fantastic sportsmanship, resilience and focus at the Y3&4 football tournament.

#### Gabe

For always listening to feedback and using suggestions given to him to improve his writing.

#### Year 4

#### Matty

For fantastic progress in your learning especially your maths.

#### Hayden

For working so hard in your learning in and out of school especially in your timetables.

#### Year 5

#### Teyanna

For always reliably participating in lessons and sharing her knowledge with the class.

#### Iddrisu

For being inclusive, kind and thoughtful when working with others.

#### Year 6

#### Whole Class

For showing great resilience and independence while at PGL.

## Half Term

HAVE A LOVELY HALF TERM BREAK.

SEE YOU ALL BACK AT SCHOOL ON  
TUESDAY, 6TH JUNE

## PTA

**Summer Fair - 23 June****Help Needed**

Please see Summer Fair poster for more information on this term's summer fair! [Click here](#) to sign up to help.

**Summer Fair Raffle Donations**

We're looking for prizes for the raffle which will be held at the Summer Fair on Friday 23rd June. If you are a parent or relative who has a small business and would like to donate a prize such as a gift voucher, please email the PTA at [leaschoolpta@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:leaschoolpta@hotmail.co.uk). All donors will be featured in our online interactive brochure and promoted on social media.

**Dates for your diaries this term:**

- **Friday 16th June, 8pm 'til late**  
Social for parents at the Red Cow
- **Friday 23rd June, 3.30-5.30pm**  
Summer Fair
- **Friday 30th June, 3-5pm**  
Afternoon picnic on the field for Mr Berry's farewell
- **Saturday 8th July, 2-4pm**  
PTA Shed clear out and sort, help wanted please!
- **Thursday 13th July, 3.20-5pm**  
KS1 Disco
- **Friday 14th July, 6-8pm**  
KS2 Disco/festival





# THE LEA ASSOCIATION Summer FAIR NEWSLETTER



FRIDAY 23rd JUNE  
3:30-5:30  
WE NEED YOUR HELP!



THIS YEAR WE AIM TO MAKE THE SUMMER FAIR EVEN BIGGER AND BETTER THAN LAST YEAR! WE RELY ON THE SUPPORT OF ALL OF YOU, WHETHER THAT'S VOLUNTEERING ON THE DAY, DONATING SOMETHING (SWEETS, CAKES, A BOTTLE), BUYING RAFFLE TICKETS OR SIMPLY COMING ALONG FOR THE DAY.

INFORMATION WILL BE SENT AROUND YOUR YEAR GROUPS AS WE ASK FOR AS MANY VOLUNTEERS AS POSSIBLE TO HELP RUN ALL THE STALLS.

## BBQER NEEDED!!

WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOURSELF AS A 'PITMASTER' ?

A LOVER OF GRILLING, FLIPPING AND SKEWERING?

PLEASE CONTACT THE PTA NOW IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE SUMMER FAIR.

3 PM SET UP TILL 5:30.

[LEASCHOOLPTA@HOTMAIL.CO.UK](mailto:LEASCHOOLPTA@HOTMAIL.CO.UK)

## RAFFLE ORGANISER NEEDED!

PERSON OR PERSONS NEEDED TO HELP ORGANISE OUR RAFFLE THIS YEAR.

WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO TARGET LOCAL BUSINESSES FOR DONATIONS TO OUR RAFFLE?

PLEASE CONTACT

[LEASCHOOLPTA@HOTMAIL.CO.UK](mailto:LEASCHOOLPTA@HOTMAIL.CO.UK)

IF THIS IS AN AREA WHERE YOU COULD HELP

## DONATIONS

ON THE DAY WE KINDLY ASK FOR DONATIONS OF:

- BOOKS AND TOYS,
- BAGS OF SWEETS
- BOTTLES
- BOXED CAKES AND TREATS

## SET UP AND CLEAR AWAY

IF YOU COULD SPARE ANY TIME ON THE MORNING OF FRIDAY 23RD JUNE FROM 9:15 OR AFTER THE FAIR AT 5:30 THEN PLEASE DO LET US KNOW.





## in St Albans, Harpenden and the villages



You can apply to close your road up to 8 times a year to let residents gather and children play together.

- Give children the freedom to be outdoors & active and make friends on the street.
- Give neighbours a space to meet and build a supportive community.



Find out more on our website or a book one of our  
**Free Online Information Sessions**

Tues 13th June 8.00pm

or

Fri 16th June 10.30am



[www.sustainablestalbans.org/playing-out](http://www.sustainablestalbans.org/playing-out) | [playingout@sustainablestalbans.org](mailto:playingout@sustainablestalbans.org)



# HARPENDEN IN BLOOM 2023

## MAKE A SCARECROW FROM RECYCLED MATERIALS COMPETITION



**Can you make a scarecrow out of recycling? Perhaps an old woolly hat on its head and bottle top for a nose?**

**This competition, open to 4-16 year olds, is perfect for creative eco-warriors! Simply send us a photo of your scarecrow so we can see how creative with recycling you are!**

**The winners will be presented with a certificate and a special prize by The Mayor of Harpenden.**

**The small print...**

Scarecrows can be created out of any materials but must use as many recycled products as possible.

Photographs should be submitted with your name, age, school, recycled materials used and your adult's name, phone number and email address.

All entries, and enquiries, should be sent to: Harpenden Town Council, Town Hall, Leyton Road, Harpenden, AL5 2LX\*.

Tel: 01582 768278. Email: [harpenden.town.council@harpenden.gov.uk](mailto:harpenden.town.council@harpenden.gov.uk)

Entries from schools, clubs and groups are welcome but children must design and create the scarecrow.

Information about this and other Harpenden in Bloom competitions can be found on our website: [www.harpenden.gov.uk](http://www.harpenden.gov.uk)

**Competition  
deadline  
23rd June!**



# HARPENDEN IN BLOOM 2023

## MULTI HEADED SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

**How many heads can you  
grow on your sunflower?**

**Seeds are available from  
the Town Hall - let us know  
if you would like to collect  
some.**



**This competition, open to 4-16 year olds, is perfect for  
green fingered gardeners! Simply send us a photo of your  
plant growing and tell us how many heads it has.**

**The winners will be presented with a certificate  
and a special prize by The Mayor of Harpenden.**

**The small print...**

**Sunflowers must be grown in Harpenden; in your own garden,  
allotment, a container, school or other group's garden.**

**Photographs should be submitted with your name, age, school, number  
of flower heads and your adult's name, phone number & email address\*.**

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**Competition  
deadline  
8th September!**

\*By entering this competition, you are agreeing that we can keep your name and contact details for the duration of the Harpenden in Bloom competitions. You can read about our adult / children privacy policy on our website: <https://www.harpenden.gov.uk/the-council/key-financial-and-statutory-documents>



# HARPENDEN IN BLOOM 2023

## TALLEST SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

**Can you grown the tallest  
sunflower in Harpenden?**

**Seeds are available from the  
Town Hall - let us know if you  
would like to collect some.**

**This competition, open to 4-11  
year olds, is perfect for green  
fingered gardeners!**

**Simply send us a photo of your  
entry and tell us how tall it is.**



**The winners will be presented with a certificate and a special  
prize by The Mayor of Harpenden.**

**The small print...**

**Sunflowers must be grown in Harpenden; in your own garden,  
allotment, a container, school or other group's garden.**

**Photographs should be submitted with your name, age, school, height  
of plant and your adult's name, phone number and email address\*.**

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# HARPENDEN IN BLOOM 2023

## CREATIVE CONTAINER COMPETITION



**Can you grow tulips in your teacups  
or water lilies in your wellies?**

**This competition, open to 4-16  
year olds, is perfect for green  
fingered creative minds! Simply  
send us a photo of your plants  
growing in your unique and  
creative container.**

**The winners will be presented with a certificate  
and a special prize by The Mayor of Harpenden.**

**The small print...**

**Planters / containers can be anything you choose and contain any type  
of growing plant.**

**Photographs should be submitted with your name, age, school and your  
adult's name, phone number and email address\*.**

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