

# Weekly newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers

As September comes to a close, it's hard to believe that I've been at The Lea for a whole month. I'm getting into the swing of 'The Lea way' of doing things now and feeling less of a newbie!

This week, Year 6 and Year 4 have been busy out and about again visiting Crucial Crew and Verulamium respectively. Year 6 have learned about personal and online safety and how to respond to hazards that can occur at home and outdoors, from house fires to flood water all in a controlled and safe environment. They had lots of fun and also learnt a lot too.

Year 4 had some hands-on experience discovering how the Romans were engineers. They also marvelled at the mosaics, explored the Roman amphitheatre and imagined what the entertainment would have been like then, compared to now. How lucky we are to have such amazing history on our door step.

Thank you to 'Babcia', Lewis's grandmother, who came in this week to talk to the children about the toys that she used when she was their age. They had a wonderful afternoon listening, asking questions and recording their learning.

And finally, a big thank you to our amazing outgoing PTA committee → who have led the fundraising at The Lea for that last couple of years and a big welcome to the new committee, who are taking over the baton. It was lovely to see a good turn out to the AGM on Tuesday and we look forward to some familiar events returning and maybe a new one here and there.

Have a lovely weekend.

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



### DATES FOR THE DIARY

#### October 2023

Mon 2, 7-8:30pm	Governors Resources Mtg
Wed 4, 9-10am	Nur/Rec Learn & Share Morning for parents
Thu 5, 3-4pm	Y5/6 Girls Football v Crabtree
Tue 10, 11:45am-3pm	Y5/6 Girls Mixed Tag Rugby
Wed 11	Y2 Harvest Assembly
Wed 11, 9:10-9:40am	Y2 Harvest Assembly
Thu 12	Y5 Trip to Science Museum
Fri 13, 3-4pm	Y5/6 Girls Football v Sauncey
Wed 18	International Day
Wed 18, 3:40-7pm	Parents evening
Thu 19	International Day
Thu 19, 3:40-7pm	Parents evening
Mon 23 - Fri 27	Half Term

#### November 2023

Wed 1, 9:10-10:15am	Reception Open Morning
Thu 2, 12:30-3:30pm	Y5/6 Basketball
Wed 8	Individual photos
Thu 9, 9:10-10:15am	Reception Open Morning
Thu 9, 9:30am-1pm	Y5/6 Girls Football Tournament
Mon 13, 3-4pm	Y5/6 Netball v St Nicks (H)
Tue 14, 9:10-10:15am	Reception Open Morning
Tue 14, 1:15-3pm	Cross Country
Thu 16, 7-9pm	Governors FGB Meeting
Fri 17	Flu vaccinations: Rec-Y6
Fri 24, 9:10-10:15am	Reception Open Morning
Mon 27, 12:30-3pm	Y4 Singing at Memory Cafe

#### December 2023

Wed 6	Rotary Carol Concert
Tue 19	Panto
Wed 20	Term Ends (1.15pm)

#### January 2024

Thu 4	Inset Day
Fri 5	Start of Term
Mon 15, 7-8:30pm	Governors TLC Meeting
Mon 22, 7-8:30pm	Governors Resources Mtg

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

### SPORTS REPORTS

#### Football

On Wednesday afternoon the Year 5/6 girls football team went to Roundwood Primary School to compete in the first round of league fixtures.

It was the first time these girls have all played together and they adapted brilliantly to their positions and improved each game they played. We played three games, winning one and losing two.

Well done to all the girls who represent the Lea in a positive manner!

#GoTeamLea



### WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Our attendance target is 97%. Total attendance for last week was 95.45%.

### LETTERS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

Noah's Ark holiday camp at The Lea - Whole school  
Y5/6 Girls football match v Roundwood - selected pupils  
Year 5 trip to Science museum - Year 5  
Toys workshop - Year 1

## SPOTLIGHT ON GOVERNORS



We held our first TLC (Teaching Learning & Curriculum) committee meeting on Monday night. It was an opportunity to get some of the 'beginning of term' admin out the way and start looking into the school's improvement priorities for the year ahead in more depth.

## PTA

Thanks so much to all of you that came along to our AGM on Tuesday night. It was so great to see so many there and even greater to have four new people step up to be on our committee!

**We wanted to give a warm welcome and a big thank you to Lois Geach and Caroline Flanagan for being Co-Chairs, Jack Frost for the role of Treasurer and Jo Ruskin as our new Secretary.**

We really appreciate your willingness and enthusiasm to keep the events and fundraising for the school going and look forward to seeing what you have planned!

Download:

[The minutes from the AGM](#)  
[Treasures annual report](#)

## 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.

<u>Nursery</u> incredible	<u>Reception</u> grapheme	<u>Year 1</u> fiction
<u>Year 2</u> indignant	<u>Year 3</u> despair	<u>Year 4</u> various
<u>Year 5</u> chronological	<u>Year 6</u> dubious	

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## AWARDS

Team Points

**Sapphire** was the winning team this week. 96 children were awarded their bronze certificate for 25 team points. Well done!

The Lea Superstars**Nursery****Rachel**

For amazing us with her ballet performance!!

**Reception****Hugo**

For kindly looking after our class book corner.

**Year 1****Pippa**

For a fabulous potato story.

**Isabella**

For excellent understanding in maths.

**Year 2****Jackson**

For super work in RE and excellent contributions in class.

**Year 3****Daniel A & Mabel**

For writing a fantastic version of The Spider and The Fly with some lovely word choices.

**Year 4****Whole Class**

For representing our school in such a fantastic way on our trip to Verulamium and for being excellent Roman soldiers in our Roman Army battle training this week.

**Year 5****Joni**

For a confident and positive start at the Lea.

**Asher & Noah C**

For designing a great 'Recipe for Inclusivity' together.

**Year 6****Oliver**

For being a great role model in Y6.

**Bea**

For writing a fantastic, authentic diary from our WW2 day.

## DONATIONS

Donations to our school can be made via the [online KindLink page](#). These can be a one off payment or monthly donations. All are welcome and gratefully received.

