

# Weekly newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term - I hope you all had a good half term break. We had our first open morning tour for prospective parents of children who will be joining our reception class in September 2024 this week. Our Y6 children did an amazing job of showing them around and were great ambassadors for the school. If you know of anyone looking for a reception place, please encourage them to book onto one of our open mornings using the school website.

In other news, our basketball team came 5th out of 16 teams at the district tournament yesterday! Another amazing achievement for competitive sports at The Leas - well done to the team and coach Jo Weaver and year one have been painting pebbles today linked to their class book Petra. Look out for these parents, they are delightful.

Have a good weekend all, enjoy the fireworks and stay safe.

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTIFICATIONS AND SCHOOL EVENTS

#### Parking

As some of you will be aware, there was a significant collision this morning outside school on Moorland Road. Fortunately no one has been hurt, however two cars have been damaged and one of the large wooden bollard has been knocked over.

There is a lot of traffic around school at drop off and pick up so I would request that everyone driving takes extra care and considers whether the drive to school is absolutely necessary or, if you do need to drive, could you park further away from school and walk a little way.

I would also like to remind everyone of our self-imposed **one-way system** that we would ask all drivers to adhere to i.e. **up Moorland Road, right into Rye Hill and right down Westfield Drive back to Westfield Road.**



Your support in keeping everyone safe coming to and from school is very much appreciated.

#### Violin

Congratulations to Clara M in Yr6 who has passed her Grade 2 violin with merit.

#### School Administrator

The Leas is looking for a School Administrator. Please share the following link with anyone who may be interested:

[Teacher Recruitment, Hertfordshire UK - School Office Administrator](#)

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

#### November 2023

Wed 8	Individual photos
Thu 9, 9:10-10:15am	Reception Open Morning
Thu 9, 9:30-1pm	Y5/6 Girls Football Grove
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 in Harpenden
Mon 27, 7:30-9:30pm	PTA Xmas Wreath W'shop

#### December 2023

Mon 4, 9:30-10am	Nursery Nativity
Tue 5, 9:30-10am	Reception Nativity
Wed 6	Rotary Carol Concert
Thu 7, 2-3pm	Y1 & Y2 Production
Tue 12, 7-8pm	Y3 & Y4 Christmas Concert
Wed 13	Christmas Jumper Day
Wed 13	School Christmas lunch
Tue 19	Panto
Wed 20	Term Ends (1.15pm)

#### January 2024

Thu 4	Inset Day
Fri 5	Start of Term
Mon 15, 7:00-8:30pm	Governors TLC Meeting
Mon 22, 7-8:30pm	Governors Resources Mtg

#### February 2024

Tue 6, 12:30-4pm	Y5/6 Mixed Tag Rugby
Mon 19 - Fri 23	Half Term
Tue 27, 3:30-6pm	Y3/4 Rapid Fire Cricket
Thu 29, 7-9pm	Governors FGB Meeting

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

Y5/6 Girls Football tournament - selected pupils

### WEEKLY ATTENDANCE



Our attendance target is 97%. Total attendance for last week was 95%.

### 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.

## 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> gather	<u>Reception</u> squelch	<u>Year 1</u> addition
<u>Year 2</u> efficient	<u>Year 3</u> transfixed	<u>Year 4</u> venture
<u>Year 5</u> tension	<u>Year 6</u> contemplating	

W<sub>4</sub>, O<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>1</sub>, D<sub>2</sub> of the W<sub>4</sub>, E<sub>1</sub>, E<sub>1</sub>, K<sub>5</sub>

## SPORTS REPORTS

### Football

On Tuesday afternoon the year 5 and 6 girls played their final two league games of the season.

The first game was a tough game against a very strong opposition, the girls lost 3-0 but performed brilliantly and never gave up.

Our final game saw a very exciting end to end game but neither team could find the back of the net.

The girls have played brilliantly throughout with a good team spirit, and we will take that into the girls' tournament next Thursday!

### Basketball

On Thursday afternoon the year 6 Basketball team went to Oaklands College to compete in the Harpenden Schools games Basketball competition.

We played three group games, winning 1, losing 1 and drawing 1.

We finished 2nd in our group which meant we was through to play the 5th and 6th play-off game where we won 12-8!

We finished 5th out of 16 schools which is a great achievement and every player gave 100% with a good attitude on and off the court!

Well done!



#GoTeamLea

## AWARDS



### Team Points

**Sapphire** was the winning team this week. 4 children were awarded their bronze certificate for 25 team points and 58 children received their silver certificates for 50 team points. Well done!



### The Lea Superstars

**Nursery** **Sonny**  
For great maths learning this week.

**Reception** **Riyaana**  
For excellent effort in her reading.

**Jakob A**  
For super effort in his handwriting.

**Year 1** **Jade**  
For super reading everyday.

**Elodie**  
For incredible progress in writing.

**Year 2** **William**  
For using interesting words in his writing when describing the animals that were on his train!

**Year 3** **Alvina**  
For being kind and helpful to her learning partner.

**Harriet**  
For being kind and supportive to her PE partner.

**Year 4** **Whole Class**  
For fantastic progress in their swimming.

**Year 5** **Matty**  
For displaying great focus and enthusiasm in music.

**Olivia**  
For always showing us great speaking, listening and writing skills in French.

**Year 6** **Teddy**  
For a great start to the new half term.

**Sports** **Marci**  
For excellent defending throughout the girls Football league games with a positive, determined attitude!

## PTA

Hello from your PTA!

We hope you all had a nice half term. It's been lovely to see and hear all about your children's fundraisers for Challenge 2023. If you haven't already, please bring any sponsor money to school on Monday. We look forward to sharing the total amount raised with you next week!

We raised £181.30 for non-uniform day, a big thank you for all your kind donations.

This year, we have decided to use [www.mychildsart.co.uk](http://www.mychildsart.co.uk) for Christmas cards. Today, we have sent home artwork sheets to be designed by your child and then returned to school no later than Friday 17th November. Please follow the guidelines attached. The top section of the sheet is only to be filled out by a parent/carer. Once all artwork has been returned and is ready, we will send home a unique portal code for you to then log in and order cards and/or other personalised items printed with your child's artwork.

A few reminders: Your school lottery, the more people who sign up, the bigger the prizes and more money for our school. Only 8 days to go until our first draw, click the link to sign up and be in with a chance of winning £25,000!! <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/the-lea-primary-school-and-nursery>

There are still tickets available for our wreath making workshop, please book soon to avoid disappointment. We have limited spaces available.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/thelea/index.cfm>

Upcoming events, including a festive family movie night and our annual rainbow raffle, more information in next week's newsletter.

Follow our Instagram for all PTA news @theleapta

Finally, we hope you all have a great weekend!

Learn · Enjoy · Achieve  
THE LEA

YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

**WIN** **WIN**

**SUPPORT OUR LOTTERY**

**It's A WIN-WIN Situation!**

**BOOST School Funds  
WIN up to £25,000**

**BUY TICKETS**

**TICKETS  
£1 EACH**

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older.

For the best printed results, we recommend full coverage designs that use bold coloured felt-tip pens.

## Do Use...

- Felt-Tip Pens
- Poster Paint
- Bold Colours
- Your Imagination

## Don't Use...

- Light Colours
- Crayons
- Pencils
- Metallic Pens
- Collage
- Glitter

## Examples to help you avoid disappointing results!

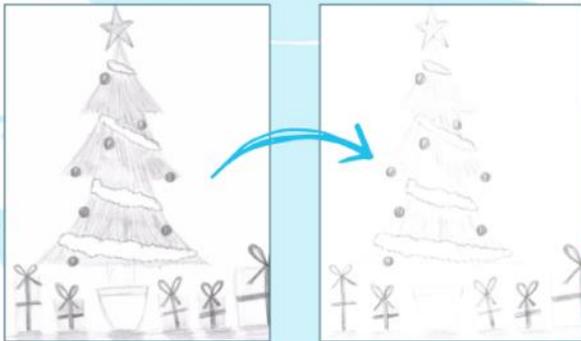
### Pencils:

**Problem** Both coloured and graphite pencils give variable results and are often barely visible on the printed products.

**Solution** For line drawings we recommend black felt-tip pen, but for the best results go wild with full coverage designs using bold colours!

Original

Printed



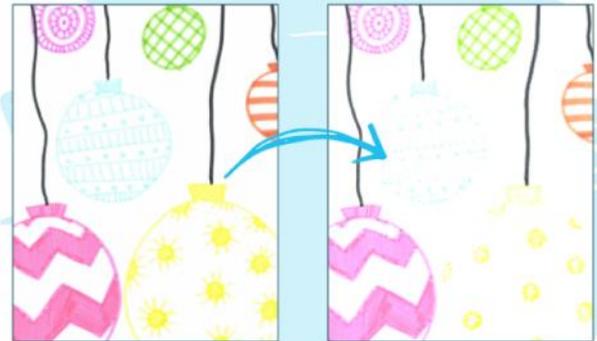
### Light Colours:

**Problem** Heat based production processes lighten the appearance of printed colours, producing a poor quality finished result.

**Solution** Stick to colours from a bold palette – this problem is particularly notable with light blues and yellow so avoid these where possible.

Original

Printed



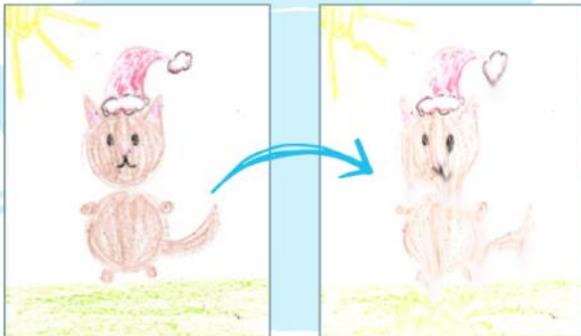
### Crayons:

**Problem** The slippery surface of the crayon often causes it to smudge during the roller-fed scanning process.

**Solution** Felt-tip pens are safest but for younger children using paint, choose poster paint over watercolours and powder paints with a chalky texture.

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Printed



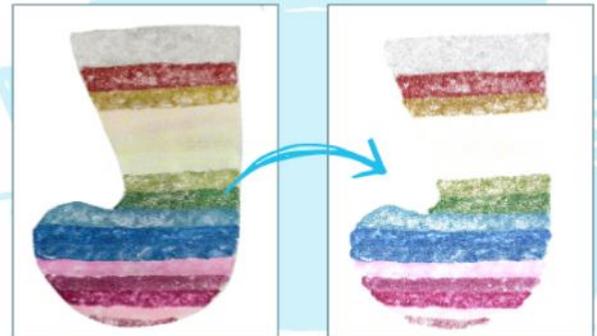
### Glitter:

**Problem** Scanning the artwork into our system causes the colour to change due to the reflection.

**Solution** Do not use reflective materials such as glitter, shiny stickers and sequins as this ruins the look of the artwork.

Original

Printed



# Christmas Wreath Workshop

Hosted by local business the Grove Studio

Get into the festive spirit and join us at The Lea Primary  
School on:

Monday 27th November 7:30 - 9:30 pm

Tickets £19 each will include your wreath, tea/coffee and a mince pie. Refreshments, including mulled wine, will be available to purchase on the night.

Only 40 places available so be quick to grab a ticket online!

[pta-events.co.uk/thelea](http://pta-events.co.uk/thelea)

# Can you help?

The Harpenden Trust's single annual fund-raising project - The Christmas Appeal - is just around the corner!

Last year the annual appeal envelopes raised £60,000 to help those in our town who are in need of support in one way or another.

The Appeal envelopes are delivered and collected back by an army of more than 200 volunteers.

But we need a few more people in some areas to join the team. Please think about whether YOU can help.

If you can, then every house in every road will have the familiar purple envelope drop onto the doormat. Thank you.

Call us on **01582 460457**

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Stonemason Close Hollybush Lane  
Moreton End Lane (part) Moreton End Close  
Sun Lane area Manland Way Barton Close  
Waveney Road Hickling Way Breadcroft Lane



# Want to know more about sleep?

ASK US THE  
QUESTIONS YOU  
WANT ANSWERS TO

 **03303 530 541**  
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm  
Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am



# Public Health Nursing 5-19 Team Newsletter

## Welcome Back!

We hope you all had a relaxing summer break! We are looking forward to supporting lots of children and young people throughout the new school term.

### How to Contact Us:

0300 123 7572 (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm)

Our referral website, which also has information about our service:

<http://ow.ly/eeWe50KI1qW>

Please see use this link to see information about our online workshops which you can book without a referral.

<http://ow.ly/Qn9G50KI17f>

Health for Kids is a fun & interactive website for parents and children to access health information,

[www.healthforkids.co.uk](http://www.healthforkids.co.uk)

## Meet A Team Member

Hello, I'm Shannon, a Children's Wellbeing Practitioner in the school nursing team. Children Wellbeing Practitioners provide 1-1 self-help interventions for anxiety, low mood, and behavioural difficulties.

Our interventions offer support for mild difficulties and are based on Cognitive Behavioural Therapy principles. This empowers children and young people with tools for good emotional health and wellbeing.

Our appointments are either in school or online. You can make a referral to us using the school nurse referral form at the link above.



## Measles

Measles in England and Europe has recently increased. Measles is a serious disease and 1 in 15 children go on to develop complications which can include meningitis and blindness. 1 in 5 children require hospital treatment.

There is no medical treatment for measles; vaccination is the best protection against becoming seriously unwell. The combined Measles Mumps and Rubella (MMR) offers the best protection for children and adults, the vaccine is free and available at your GP.

Children are given their first dose at 1 years old and their second dose at 3 years 4 months as part of the pre-school booster. But it's never too late to receive the vaccination, and this includes adults. The MMR vaccine is proven to be a safe and effective vaccine.

If you have any questions please contact your GP or visit the [NHS website](#).



## Healthy Lunches

A healthy nutritious packed lunch will help your child to make the most out of their learning, helping them to concentrate throughout the school day. A healthy lunch does not have to be complicated or expensive - for example, use leftovers from dinner, and switch crisps for cucumber or carrot sticks.

[This link](#) will take you to some useful packed lunch ideas!



## School Readiness

We know it can sometimes be daunting for children starting school.

The Health Visiting Under 5's webpage has lots of help and information about school readiness, and how you can help your child with the skills they need to settle into learning and socialising in their new school.

<https://healthforunder5s.co.uk/category/ready-for-school/>



## Dental Check ups

Children and young people are entitled to free regular dental check ups and treatments. This includes orthodontic treatment if needed.

If children are not yet registered with a dentist, it is important to register as soon as possible. Please see the link below of dentists taking new patients currently:

[www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/dentists/how-to-find-an-nhs-dentist/](http://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/dentists/how-to-find-an-nhs-dentist/)

Children should brush their teeth twice per day for 2 minutes, using a fluoride toothpaste. Toothbrushing is the best prevention against tooth decay.





Hertfordshire  
**Family Centre  
Service**



## Want to know more about the Public Health School Nursing team in Hertfordshire?

### Check out our platforms:



<https://www.hertsfamilycentres.org/info-and-advice/parents-and-mums-to-be/school-nurses.aspx#>

[www.hct.nhs.uk/our-services/school-nursing](http://www.hct.nhs.uk/our-services/school-nursing)



**07480 635 050**

Confidential text message service ran by the school nursing team for 11-19 year olds. Text in any health and wellbeing concerns



**@hct\_schoolnursing**

**@teenhealth.hct**



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[www.healthforkids.co.uk/hertfordshire](http://www.healthforkids.co.uk/hertfordshire)



[www.healthforteens.co.uk/hertfordshire](http://www.healthforteens.co.uk/hertfordshire)



**School nursing duty number**

**0300 123 7572**

9am – 5pm Monday to Friday  
(excluding bank holidays)

# WOODWIND ACCELERATE AFTERNOON

SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER 2023 | 2.00 - 5.00PM

**CALLING ALL YOUNG WOODWIND PLAYERS!**  
YEARS 5-11 INCLUSIVE | PLAYING AT GRADE 3 STANDARD OR ABOVE

- A fantastic FREE opportunity to explore aspects of solo performance, technique and chamber music
- Players will hone and develop the aspects of playing which they enjoy while also tackling the areas where an extra boost or additional help might be useful
- There will be the chance to play to Purcell's instrumental tutors as well as take part in informal discussions and chamber music sessions



**ONLINE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS EVENT, PLEASE VISIT:**  
[WWW.PURCELL-SCHOOL.ORG/WOODWIND-ACCELERATE-AFTERNOON](http://WWW.PURCELL-SCHOOL.ORG/WOODWIND-ACCELERATE-AFTERNOON)

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2023**

**THE PURCELL SCHOOL, ALDENHAM ROAD, BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE WD23 2TS**