

LETCHMORE

INFANTS' AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Newsletter



Week Commencing 22 September 2025

This week from the Headteachers-

We have had a wonderful week at school with the children immersed in their learning. On Friday Year 1 had their first Inspiration Day of the year where they learnt all about toys past and present. We were wowed on the morning gate by the wide range of fabulous costumes.

You may have noticed our new signs around the school asking everyone to keep the site phone-free. Recently, we have seen more parents and carers arriving while on phone calls, FaceTime, or sending voice notes. Like other local schools, we kindly ask that you put your phones away while on the school grounds. This helps us ensure everyone's safety and means your child has your full attention when leaving school. We also ask that you please speak kindly and respectfully to our staff. Unfortunately, there have been a few occasions where members of our team have experienced disrespectful or intimidating behaviour, which is unacceptable.



Thank you very much for your understanding and support.

Mrs Jo Harding & Mrs Eleanor Williams
Co-Headteachers



Attendance

This weeks overall attendance is:
98.42%

The winner of this week's attendance award is Chaffinch and Barn owl both with 100%

Please be aware that we have taken into account illness and exceptional circumstances.

Thought of the Week



This month's value:

Pride

How can you take pride in doing?

LATEST NEWS



For all the news on this weeks events in school follow the link below to our 'Latest News' page-

[Letchmore Infants' and Nursery School - Latest News](#)

DIARY DATES



To view the latest calendar please follow the link below-

[Letchmore Infants' and Nursery School - Calendar](#)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please only email your child's class email with non-urgent enquiries relating to your child. These emails are not monitored throughout the day and replies could take up to 72 hours due to the teachers being in class, training or in meetings. Anything urgent or relating to a child's absence should be sent to

admin@letchmore.herts.sch.uk

Below is a list of the class email addresses-

nursery@letchmore.herts.sch.uk

wren@@letchmore.herts.sch.uk

goldfinch@letchmore.herts.sch.uk

greenfinch@letchmore.herts.sch.uk

tawnyowl@letchmore.herts.sch.uk

starling@letchmore.herts.sch.uk

kingfisher@letchmore.herts.sch.uk

chaffinch@letchmore.herts.sch.uk

snowyowl@letchmore.herts.sch.uk

barnowl@letchmore.herts.sch.uk

Old Town Improvements- Construction Dates

The first phase will be delivered at the northern end of the High Street from **Thursday 9th October** to **Thursday 6th November**.

On **Monday 13th October**, a road closure will come into place on the section of the High Street from the mini roundabout with Walkern Road to the junction with Basils Road. This is expected to remain for four weeks until **Thursday 6th November**. All other entry points into the High Street will remain open, but during this closure, most buses will divert northbound along Church Lane and southbound along Primett Road.

After Thursday 6th November, this closure will be removed as works pause for the Christmas trading period.

They do not anticipate any significant delays to traffic in the area because of this closure but would advise you to be aware of the works, especially if your journey currently passes through this area.

Following the Christmas break, work will resume in the new year to deliver the remainder of the scheme subject to the completion of further required statutory processes. Further details on this will be sent in due course.



**BURGER DAY
OCT 2ND**

**Buns of
Fun with a
Chocolatey
Finish!**



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Menus are subject to change due to supplier stock availability. * Free from the key 14 allergens and plant based/vegan

BURGER DAY
OCT 2ND

MAIN MENU

Chicken Fillet Burger

or

Beef Burger

or

Quorn Pattie Burger (V)

or

Jacket Potato (Free From*)

with Various Toppings

or

Roll with Various Fillings

SERVED WITH

Baked Potato Wedges

Sweetcorn

Coleslaw

DESSERT

Chocolate Sponge
with Chocolate Custard



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Harvest Lunch

Discover the flavours of the season and where your food comes from!

6th OF OCT



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Harvest Lunch

6th OF
OCT

MAIN MENU

Harvest Roast Chicken
or
Vegetable Wellington (v)

both served with

Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy (Ve)
or
Plant Sausages & Gravy (Free From*)
or
Topped Jacket Potato
or
Filled Roll

SERVED WITH

Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta
Broccoli
Roasted Root Vegetables

DESSERT

Apple Streusel Cake & Custard (v)



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PTA News



First of all, a big thank you to everyone that answered our appeal for help for the Halloween Disco. We were touched to have quite a few volunteers offer to help, and a particular shout out to this year's Reception parents who were exceptionally supportive! We hope that the engagement boost can help us keep maintaining the wonderful activities throughout the year.

Halloween Disco! -Tuesday 21st October

It's time to dust off those broomsticks and creepy costumes, prepare yourselves for some spooky tunes and wicked moves! We are very pleased to announce the Halloween Disco 2025 will be held on Tuesday 21st October.

There will be 3 sessions of one hour long to choose from, starting at 3:30pm, 4:30pm or 5:30pm. Tickets will be available on the school Arbor site next week for £6 per child including a goody bag. Please note that due to space limitations, tickets are only available for attending one session per child, and only for children currently attending Letchmore. An email with full information will follow next week before tickets open.



If you would like to attend with (school) friends/classmates, we recommend agreeing on a preferred session beforehand so each can book quickly before the session sells out.

Win £1000 Aldi gift card with the School Lottery

Did you know that you can support the school year-round by playing the School Lottery? Tickets cost just £1 a week, with up to £25,000 in prize money every single week.



Right now, you could also win a £1000 Aldi Gift card if you buy entries into the monthly superdraw, or have an entry included for each £1 weekly ticket you have. To sign up go to yourschoollottery.co.uk/play and search for **Letchmore**



PTA News



PTA Annual General Meeting - Thursday 6th November, 8pm, Rump & Wade.

As a registered charity, we need to fulfill certain obligations, including our AGM where we elect committee members and present reports from the last year of what went on, and how funds were spent. We need a quorum of parents to attend for it to be valid, so we would appreciate any and all support to come along, meet the committee and have a nice evening. There is no obligation to volunteer or to elect into the committee! We will send more information closer to the time, but for now, please save the date: 8pm, Thursday 6th November at the Rump & Wade (Cromwell Hotel).

PTA Committee Elections

Each year, the PTA has at its core a wonderful group of volunteers to help organise the many fundraising events and activities throughout the year. This is the PTA committee team, who work together to build a wonderfully strong community feel and help enrich the children's school experience.

These elections are not competitive - there's plenty of roles to go around! As mentioned in the past, we are currently very short on committee members so would greatly appreciate any volunteers for any of the positions, including:

- (Co-) Chair
- (Co-) Treasurer
- (Co-) Secretary
- (Co-) Preloved uniform officer
- General Committee members

If you can commit an hour or two in a week, you can make a big difference!





LETCHMORE INFANTS' & NURSERY SCHOOL PTA

HALLOWEEN DISCO

TUESDAY, 21ST OCTOBER

3:30, 4:30 OR 5:30PM

SPOOKY COSTUMES ENCOURAGED!

TICKETS INCLUDE A SNACK BAG. PIZZA & REFRESHMENTS WILL BE
AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE AT THE END OF EACH DISCO.

£6/TICKET ON ARBOR

SALES CLOSE 10TH OCTOBER!

CELEBRATION *Corner*



Star of the Week



Hummingbird

Haris for counting the conkers carefully.

Sparrow

Tayo for making up stories with the animals.

Woodpeckers

Pennell for super drawings of her family.

Starling

Denver for fantastic listening and contributing during whole class learning.

Wren

Edward for excellent listening during whole class learning

Kingfisher

Everly for lovely concentration and listening during our class learning.

Goldfinch

Franco, for coming in with a big smile every day and working really hard.

Chaffinch

Amelie for always being super sensible!

Greenfinch

Kaius for amazing choices in own learning.
Louie for brilliant contribution in class all lessons.

Snowy Owl

Kaylum for his lovely poster with great ideas.

Tawny Owl

Jacob for his amazing place value maths skills this week.

Barn Owl

Alex for working really hard and using some lovely adjectives and verbs in his writing.



Good Learning (Growth Mindset)



Goldfinch

Lennie, for working hard to improve his letter formation.

Chaffinch

Nia for some super maths learning this week!

Greenfinch

Ivy for writing super sentences about the owl babies.
Mohamed for taking his time and creating some incredible art work.

Snowy Owl

Ananya for her lovely poster using adjectives to describe animals and places.

Tawny Owl

Zheysmika and Ronnie for their amazing Georgia O'Keefe flower drawings.

Barn Owl

Jassa for his enthusiasm and effort in Maths.



Values Champion



Hummingbird

Respect

Rory for looking after his belongings and tidying away the nursery equipment.

Sparrow

Enthusiasm

Tallulah for exploring a range of activities in the nursery.

Woodpeckers

Love and care

Mattias for always showing love and care towards others.

Starling

Paisley (Love and care) for being kind and caring to everyone in Starling class and also taking care of our class.

Wren

Cici (Love & Care) for showing care and concern for her peers and making sure everyone has their turn.

Kingfisher

Luca (Love & Care) for being super helpful in Kingfisher classroom and always looking out for his peers.

Goldfinch

Isabella (Love & Care) For always looking after her friends and helping them.

Chaffinch

Beau-Rex (Love & Care) for being super supportive to his friend during P.E!

Greenfinch

Iona (Love and Care) for always looking after her friends.
Elia (Love and Care) for always being very supportive and playing beautifully with her friends.

Snowy Owl

Oliver for always making sure our classroom is ready for the morning.

Tawny Owl

Freya for always being ready to learn and for being the first to put her hand up in class to answer questions.

Barn Owl

Angie for showing love and care in her role as a classroom monitor.



Sports Achievement



Starling

Cuba for his fantastic jumping across the tyres.

Wren

Freddie R for superb listening and following the rules in our team games this week.

Kingfisher

Pauline for fantastic listening & following instructions during our lesson.

Goldfinch

Teddy for some excellent ball dribbling skills in PE this week.

Chaffinch

Vasilion for some super listening and concentration in P.E this week!

Greenfinch

Lola for excellent jumping technique.
Ryder for excellent listening and ball skills in PE.

Snowy Owl

Hugo for being amazing when we are running our Golden Mile.

Tawny Owl

Milka for her excellent running in the Golden Mile.

Barn Owl

Ugom and Evie for working together so well in PE and showing excellent ball control.



Birthdays

Sporting Shout Outs & Other Achievements



Nursery-

Reception-

Year 1-

Year 2-

If you have any achievements you would like us to share
please email admin@letchmore.herts.sch.uk



Library Adventure with Hertfordshire Libraries

This autumn Hertfordshire Libraries are encouraging all Reception children to have their own library card. Our special 'My First Library Adventure' promotion gives your child the chance to win one of 50 personalised signed books by author-illustrator Ged Adamson ('The Elephant Detectives'). Plus two children will win a special library visit with Ged Adamson for their whole class!



It's easy for your child to take part. They just need to visit a Hertfordshire Library twice by 21 December 2025 with their special 'My First Library Adventure' bookmark which they were given at school. For each step of the Adventure they will collect a sticker to celebrate their progress.

	<p>Complete your Library Adventure To enter the Prize Draw</p> <p>Who is your favourite author/illustrator? Ged Adamson. For your class at school. Plus 50 lucky winners get a personalised signed Ged Adamson book.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Each time you borrow a book from the library, you get a sticker to put on your bookmark. ★ To be eligible for the prize draw, you need to have your own library card and a library address. (If you don't have a library card, you can get one at the library or online.) ★ Spend time at the library borrowing and reading books together. Don't forget to read to your child. ★ See your classmate and teacher for more information. <p>Get more information at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries</p>	<p>Visit one:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • your child either joins the library or shows us their library card. (For new members we will need to see proof of a parent/carer's name & address) • choose and borrow 1 or more books • ask library staff / volunteers for the first 2 sticker on your bookmark <p>At home: enjoy sharing the book(s) together</p> <p>Visit two:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • return the book(s) to the library • collect more 2 more sticker, tell us about your favourite book, and enter the prize draw
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Children love to choose their own books, and it's free to join and borrow books from the library – just remember to bring them back on time or renew them if you want them for longer. Using the library regularly can help save money as you are borrowing and not buying, which is environmentally friendly too.

In your local library you will find thousands of books to choose from so there is always something new to discover!

- picture books – to enjoy together
- beginning to read titles - to build your child's confidence as they learn to read
- information books – to spark their interest in learning about the world
- eBooks and eAudiobooks (including picture books) online and via the BorrowBox app – www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/ebooks

When you visit the library, please ask for a 'My First Day at School' certificate too. We look forward to presenting your child with theirs to celebrate this special milestone.



www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries



SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER 2025



FAMILY FUN RUN



Sign up today to run or walk the 1.8K with family and friends. Every finisher gets a medal, plus great prizes for the best fancy dress!

HATFIELD HOUSE
GREAT NORTH RD, HATFIELD, AL9 5HX



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DAVID SEAMAN MBE STARTS OFF THIS YEAR'S RACE!



WRIGHTS

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BAKING SINCE 1838

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special days for seriously ill young adults