

# LETCHMORE

INFANTS' AND NURSERY SCHOOL

## Newsletter



Week Commencing 29 September 2025

### This week from the Headteachers-

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended our nursery welcome meetings this week.

We would also like to extend a huge thank you to those parents and carers who have volunteered to support at the Halloween Disco later this month. Without these hugely successful PTA events we would not be able to afford our Year 2 Leavers Events, Animal Visit Days, Panto experiences etc. Not to mention the furniture and resources that the PTA have made possible over the years.

As the weather changes can we ask that parents ensure children bring coats, hats, gloves and boots as appropriate. Lots of our learning happens outside so we want everyone to be able to enjoy this.



Wishing you all a restful weekend.

**Mrs Jo Harding & Mrs Eleanor Williams**  
Co-Headteachers



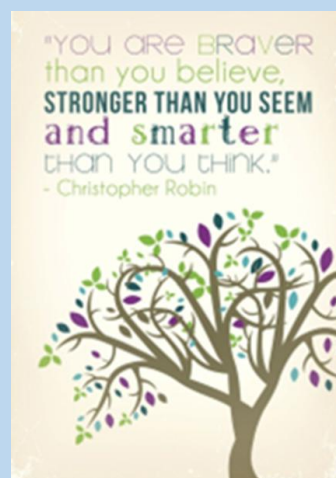
### Attendance

This weeks overall attendance is:  
**98.91%**

The winner of this week's attendance award is shared between Hummingbird, Kingfisher, Starling and Wren classes who all had **100%**

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

### Thought of the Week



This month's value:

*Love & Care*

*Show someone you love them this weekend*

## 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

### Food safety

Please be reminded that Grapes need to be cut into 4 pieces length ways if they are in your children's lunchboxes. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Parent Consultations

Parent consultations for the Autumn term are taking place on **Tuesday 7th October** and **Thursday 9th October** between **3.30-6.30pm**. These meetings provide you with the opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher. All consultations will be held in person in the main School Hall. You can book one appointment with your child's class teacher for your preferred date using the Arbor Parent Portal.

If your child is in a class with teachers who job share please only book on **ONE** of the days.

For Kingfisher class Mrs Hackett will attend on Tuesday and Mrs Vosper on Thursday  
For Starling class Miss Tabinor will attend on Tuesday and Mrs Thorpe on Thursday

Bookings are **OPEN NOW** and will close on **Monday 6th October** at **3pm**. Should you wish to make any changes after this date please contact the school office.

Please visit your Arbor Parent Portal account to book your appointment.

If your child receives SEND support the SENCO's will not be booking separate appointments. Instead they will endeavour to join the meeting with your child's class teacher. Mrs Benson (Early Years - Nursery and Reception) will be attending on Tuesday 7th October and Miss Hewett (KS1- Years 1 & 2) will be attending on Thursday 9th October. If you have any concerns please email [admin@letchmore.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@letchmore.herts.sch.uk) and someone will be in touch to discuss.

There will be a creche facility available during the parent consultations.

## Head Injury Notification

If your child has a minor head injury at school, we have a statutory obligation to let you know. You will receive an email with the time of the incident and some guidance on what to look out for at home.

Please don't be alarmed if you receive this notification—if we had any concerns about your child, we would contact you directly by phone.

At the end of the day, your child's class teacher will also be able to provide you with any further information.

## Flu Vaccinations

Please be reminded to complete the online form for the Flu Vaccination even if you do not wish for your child to be vaccinated.

Please find attached the E-consent letter for your child's Flu vaccination taking place on **Thursday 9th October** for this coming winter. Please note that you can consent for either the Flu nasal spray, OR the non-gelatine IM Flu vaccine. Please make sure you complete the form online as soon as you can. The portal will close 48 hours ahead of the Flu session.

<https://bed.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/hertfordshire>

Flu can be very unpleasant for children and can sometimes cause serious problems, such as pneumonia. Children can catch and spread flu easily. Vaccinating them also helps protect others who are at higher risk of getting seriously ill from flu, such as babies and older people.

The School Immunisation team will be coming into the school to deliver the vaccine. Please be aware that children can NOT receive this vaccination with their GP unless they are clinically vulnerable.

Please could we ask that the consent form is completed as soon as possible.

## Early Collections

If you need to collect your child from school before the end of the day, please can we ask that you email the school office on [admin@letchmore.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@letchmore.herts.sch.uk) to notify us of the reason and the time so we can both record their absence correctly and ensure that they are ready for collection. If we are unaware of the collection this will cause a delay whilst trying to get your child ready to leave.

## Changes in Collection

Any change in collection from those listed on your child's Arbor record will require written authorisation to be emailed to [admin@letchmore.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@letchmore.herts.sch.uk) before we can allow them to leave. For safeguarding reasons no student will be released before we receive this.

Please ensure you contact as early as possible to allow us to notify the class teacher and make sure you provide them with the agreed password on their record. Lastly, we will not release a student to anyone under the age of 16.

## Mobile Phones

Please be reminded that we are a MOBILE FREE SITE. Please ensure you have turned off your phone and put it away prior to entering the school grounds otherwise a member of staff will ask you to do so. Thank you for your cooperation.





# THE FESTIVAL OF *Lights*

**DIWALI**  
OCT 20<sup>th</sup>

Light Up  
Your Lunch  
with Diwali  
Delicacies!



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\*Menus are subject to change due to supplier stock availability



# Happy **DIWALI**

## **MAIN MENU**

Creamy Chicken Curry  
served with Brown and White Rice

or

Carrot Biryani (Ve) (Free From\*)

## **SERVED WITH**

Raita and a Mixed Salad

or

Topped Jacket Potato

or

Filled Roll

## **DESSERT**

Turmeric and  
Orange Shortbread



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# PTA News



Thanks to everyone who has answered the call for help for the Halloween disco. We hope we have replied to everyone now who has offered. We have lots more activities coming up so if you haven't been able to help this time, please do join the "Friends of Letchmore PTA" WhatsApp group and, even if it is just an hour, your help will be gratefully accepted.

## Halloween Disco! - Tues 21st October

Well done to all of you who hopped on your broomsticks and got tickets before the cauldron of tickets started to empty. At the time of writing this, there are still a few tickets left, so why not zoom over to Arbor and grab the final few. It is a brilliant event and allows all the children to mix and have fun together.

So just as a reminder, there will be 3 sessions of one hour long to choose from, starting at 3:30pm, 4:30pm or 5:30pm. Tickets are available on the school Arbor site for £6 per child, including a goody bag.

If you can no longer attend, or want to be added to a waiting list for the sold-out slots, just email us at: [pta@letchmore.herts.sch.uk](mailto:pta@letchmore.herts.sch.uk)

## Parents evening.

As you hopefully know, there are two parents evenings planned on Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th October. At these events we normally have a pre-loved uniform stall. We're looking for some help to run the stall on these two days. If you have some spare time in the afternoon or early evening, please do get in touch with us and see how you can help out.

## Date for the diary.

Thursday 6th November is the PTA AGM. In last week's newsletter, we highlighted all the roles that are available on the committee, but it's more than that. If you are interested in coming along to find out more about the PTA, what they do, and how you can help, please do come along to Rump & Wade, High Street, for an 8.00pm start



# CURRICULUM NEWS & PUPIL VOICE

This week's curriculum news is brought to you by Starling Class

This week we have been learning dinosaur poems and exploring words that rhyme. We have been finding out about the number 2 using the number houses. In phonics we have been learning the phonemes i,n,m,d and helping Robot Rick to blend the sounds. We had fun in our first P.E lesson and practised making spaces and travelling. The children have settled well into Reception and are making lots of new friends. They have had lots of fun exploring indoors and outdoors.

**Pupil Voice-**  
I know that 1 and 1 is 2 – Rosie  
Swamp and chomp rhymes - Rehan



# CELEBRATION *Corner*



## Star of the Week



### **Hummingbird**

Sai for sharing with his friends.

### **Sparrow**

Rosalia for super singing.

### **Woodpeckers**

Lola for using her imagination in the role play area.

### **Starling**

Rehan for his brilliant blending and segmenting in phonics.

### **Wren**

Ronnie for excellent segmenting and blending in phonics this week.

### **Kingfisher**

Kayla for her excellent enthusiasm and blending skills in phonics.

### **Goldfinch**

Michal for always having lovely manners, especially in the register!

### **Chaffinch**

Eli for always being very helpful and sensible!

### **Greenfinch**

Eliana for always trying her best and listening beautifully during whole class learning.

### **Snowy Owl**

Bella for trying really hard when logging in and out of Purple Mash.

### **Tawny Owl**

Freddie for his excellent maths skills this week.

### **Barn Owl**

Yasin for always being cheerful and offering his help around the classroom.



## Good Learning (Growth Mindset)



### **Goldfinch**

Ronnie for some lovely writing on his Dogger Poster. Well done!

### **Chaffinch**

Emilia for some great independent writing this week!

### **Greenfinch**

Erin for making a fantastic missing poster for Dogger. You wrote lots of brilliant sentences.

### **Snowy Owl**

Florence for following instructions to complete a challenge on Purple Mash.

### **Tawny Owl**

Duncan for his excellent use of language and passion for learning.

### **Barn Owl**

Sidney for working hard to produce an excellent map of the local area.



## Values Champion



### **Hummingbird**

Edan for concentrating on an activity.

### **Sparrow**

Siyana for perseverance when climbing in the nursery garden.

### **Woodpeckers**

Ollie for enthusiasm and bringing a smile to nursery.

### **Starling**

Rosie - Love and care - for being so helpful and taking care of our classroom.

### **Wren**

Alba - Enthusiasm & Happiness  
Approaching all her learning in such a joyful way.

### **Kingfisher**

Nicholas - Enthusiasm for sharing his super subitising skills in our maths learning.

### **Goldfinch**

Neave for showing Love and Care to a friend when they were upset.

### **Chaffinch**

Tyler for helping his friend to put on his shoe!

### **Greenfinch**

Annabelle- love and care For looking after a friend who was upset and giving her a teddy to make her feel better.

### **Snowy Owl**

Dhillon showing love and care and helping a friend to put on their painting apron.

### **Tawny Owl**

Elsie - Pride  
Taking pride in the classroom and her work.

### **Barn Owl**

Keya for showing love and care by helping to make a new joiner feel welcome in the class.



## Sports Achievement



### **Starling**

Teddy for doing super listening in PE and creating a safe space to move.

### **Wren**

Willow & Stingy for excellent listening and demonstrating in PE this week.

### **Kingfisher**

Isabelle for showing excellent skills in our lesson , listening well to instructions.

### **Goldfinch**

Poppy for following along carefully with our Yoga positions.

### **Chaffinch**

Wilder for some excellent P.E this week!

### **Greenfinch**

Ronnie for great dribbling and rolling in PE.

### **Snowy Owl**

Aairah for showing excellent ball control in PE.

### **Tawny Owl**

Freya and Theo excellent teamwork and ball skills.

### **Barn Owl**

Jasmine and Nivashini for excellent ball control with their feet in PE.



## Birthdays

## Sporting Shout Outs & Other Achievements



### **Nursery-**

### **Reception-**

Denver 25<sup>th</sup> September

Paisley 25<sup>th</sup> September

Elsie 25<sup>th</sup> September

Sam 28<sup>th</sup> September

Harry 29<sup>th</sup> September

### **Year 1-**

### **Year 2-**

Noah 25<sup>th</sup> September

If you have any achievements you would like us to share  
please email [admin@letchmore.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@letchmore.herts.sch.uk)