

LETCHMORE

INFANTS' AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Newsletter



Week Commencing 13 October 2025

This week from the Headteachers-

As we near the end of our first half term of this academic year, we would like to say how proud we are of all our children for how well they have settled into their new classes. It is wonderful to watch the growing confidence throughout the school.

Next week is jam packed with activities kicking off with the PTA Halloween Disco on Tuesday.

This is always a fabulous event and we love seeing the creative costumes children wear to attend. Over the years we have had a number of children who benefit from ear defenders when attending events such as this. Please can we ask that you provide these for your children if you feel they might need them. We do have a number in school but they often go missing when loaned out at events so we will not be able to provide them on this occasion.

We have reached the point in the term where children are ready for a break. They are tired and we can often see this in a shift in their ability to manage their big feelings, sometimes at school and often at home. Take some time this weekend to do something relaxing together, snuggle up with a book, watch a movie or go for an autumn walk.



Mrs Jo Harding & Mrs Eleanor Williams
Co-Headteachers



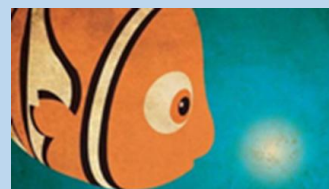
Attendance

This weeks overall attendance is:
98.66%

The winner of this week's attendance award is Tawny owl with 100%

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

Thought of the Week



"When life gets you down do you wanna know what you've gotta do? Just keep swimming!"

This month's value:

Enthusiasm and Happiness

What might 'enthusiasm' look like?

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

Individual School Photos

Just a reminder that school photos will take place during the day next Tuesday. Details on how to order will be brought home with students on the day so please check their bookbags.

World Mental Health Day

Thank you to everyone who contributed and dressed in yellow for World Mental Health day last Friday you managed to raise **£120** which will be used to support mental health and wellbeing resources for our children across the school.

Diwali & Bonfire Lunches

HCL will be having special Diwali and bonfire lunches on 20th October & 4th November. Please ensure you go onto Schoolgrid to select your child's meal choice. Menu's for these can be found below.

Poppy Appeal

We will be selling Poppies and merchandise to support the work of the Royal British Legion. Items will be on sale daily in each classroom from Monday 20th October 2025 through to Friday 7th November 2025.

Items available-

Stick on Poppies- any donation

Zip Pull- suggested donation 50p

Reflector Poppy- suggested donation 50p

Silicon Wristband- suggested donation £1.00

Snap Band- suggested donation £1.50



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Celebrating Black History Month in Stevenage!

October is Black History Month — a special time to celebrate and learn about the amazing contributions Black people have made to our country, our community, and the world!

This year's theme is "**Standing Firm in Power and Pride**", which highlights the profound contributions made by Black people be they leaders, activists, or pioneers who have shaped history while looking towards a future of continued empowerment, unity and growth.

Here in Stevenage, we're proud to be part of a diverse and welcoming community. Black History Month gives us a chance to learn about local heroes and discover new stories that might not always be in our history books.

Did you know that Stevenage Museum often holds exhibitions and events that celebrate local history and the stories of people from different backgrounds? Families can visit the museum to explore how our town has grown and how people from all over the world have helped make Stevenage the place it is today.

Across Hertfordshire, there are also brilliant events, workshops, and storytelling sessions where children can hear about inspiring people such as:

Mary Seacole, a nurse who cared for soldiers during the Crimean War.

Malorie Blackman, the author of the popular *Noughts and Crosses* books, who has inspired many young readers.

Marcus Rashford, a footballer who works hard to make sure all children have enough to eat and access to books.

In school, children will be reading stories, learning songs, or creating art inspired by Black artists and inventors. Every lesson helps us understand more about courage, kindness, and standing up for what's right.

Black History Month reminds us that **everyone's story matters** and that our differences make our community stronger and more interesting. So, let's celebrate together — by learning, listening, and sharing!



PTA News



Hello!

We hope you and the children have had a great week! Here are a few updates from the PTA.

🎃 Halloween Disco - Next Week!

It's nearly here! We can't wait to welcome everyone who has tickets to our **Halloween Disco next Tuesday**. There'll be lots going on, and we're just as excited as you are!

If you can no longer attend or would like to be added to the **waiting list for sold-out slots**, please email us at: pta@letchmore.herts.sch.uk

👜 Happy School Bag Collection - Monday 4th November

One of the ways we raise funds for the school is through **Happy School Bag** collections. These help us recycle and raise money at the same time!

You can donate:

- 👜 Clothes, handbags, belts
- 📺 Toiletries, souvenirs, unwanted gifts

(See the leaflet for full details.)

Please make sure everything is **usable, clean, and not damaged, wet, or ragged**. All donations should be **tied up in a bag** and dropped off **outside the hall at morning drop-off** on the day of the collection.

If you're having a clear-out, please keep any suitable items to one side — every little helps! More details and reminder leaflets will be shared soon.

💖 And Finally... Thank You!

A huge thank you to everyone who has volunteered or supported our events this term.



If you'd like to get more involved, come along to our **PTA AGM at Rump and Wade on Thursday 6th November at 8pm**, or join our "Friends of Letchmore PTA" WhatsApp group.

Even an hour of your time makes a big difference — and we're always grateful for any help you can offer.



What we collect



We accept:

- ✓ Adults and children's clothing
- ✓ Paired shoes
- ✓ Handbags, belts, hats, jewellery
- ✓ Toiletries, perfumes,
- ✓ Souvenirs, unwanted gifts



Please ensure that all items placed in the bags are in good REUSABLE condition. Please ensure that the bags remain dry on rainy days. Thank you

If unsure about anything,
please call us on 0170 868 5071

We do not accept:

- ✗ Uniforms, underclothing
- ✗ Bric-a-brac, toys, DVD'S, CD's
- ✗ Rugs, blankets, curtains, books
- ✗ Household linen, pillows, duvets
- ✗ DIRTY, DAMAGED, or WET clothes



CELEBRATION *Corner*

Star of the Week

<p>Hummingbird Alfie for choosing materials carefully for his artwork.</p>	<p>Sparrow Aya for creating super pictures using different materials.</p>	<p>Woodpeckers Chelsea for showing kindness to her friends and helping others.</p>
<p>Starling Zoe for her fantastic segmenting in phonics to spell words.</p>	<p>Wren Freddie, for always sitting and listening so well, and setting a good example.</p>	<p>Kingfisher Fin for fantastic blending in phonics !</p>
<p>Goldfinch Albert has been working so hard on his handwriting at school and at home. Well done!</p>	<p>Chaffinch Chin for holding the door open for everybody and for his perseverance during our archery session!</p>	<p>Greenfinch Arabella for working incredibly hard on her handwriting with Miss Carr.</p>
<p>Snowy Owl Lucas for his lovely work on Human and Physical geographical features.</p>	<p>Tawny Owl Dylan for working incredibly hard on his writing in his How to protect the Earth poster.</p>	<p>Barn Owl Loki for showing great perseverance and creating an excellent map of the UK.</p>

Good Learning (Growth Mindset)

<p>Goldfinch Kabir takes great pride in his work and is always working to be the best he can.</p>	<p>Chaffinch Maeve for great confidence when making her own number-line in maths!</p>	<p>Greenfinch Louis for fantastic effort with his writing this week. You worked incredibly hard to keep it on the line.</p>
<p>Snowy Owl Hope for her detailed work on Human and Physical geographical features.</p>	<p>Tawny Owl Delilah for taking pride her work and using fantastic adjectives in her writing.</p>	<p>Barn Owl Harry for his excellent use of adjectives in his 'Dear Earth' writing.</p>



Values Champion



Hummingbird

Jesse- Courage for joining in and exploring new activities.

Sparrow

Ivy- Enthusiasm and happiness for bringing a smile and showing enthusiasm.

Woodpeckers

Grayson-Independence Showing good self- help skills.

Starling

Isla- Enthusiasm and happiness. For taking part in all our learning with the biggest smile and trying her very best.

Wren

MK for always coming to school happy and full of enthusiasm!

Kingfisher

Lily- Enthusiasm & Happiness for sharing her autumn treasures with the class & speaking with confidence.

Goldfinch

Florence is always enthusiastic and happy and keen to answer questions.

Chaffinch

Ella for her enthusiasm and happiness every single day at school!

Greenfinch

Camilo for enthusiasm and happiness during all of our learning.

Snowy Owl

Theo for always being happy and trying his best in school.

Tawny Owl

Evie for showing the courage to try new things in sensory circuits.

Barn Owl

Sidney for his happiness and great enthusiasm when choosing to create a UK map.



Sports Achievement



Starling

Nell for doing super jumps in PE and getting into her bubble space so well.

Wren

For fantastic animal movements during P.E!

Kingfisher

Shahzadi for super movements in P.E and always finding a space sensibly.

Goldfinch

Marcus did a fantastic job of throwing and catching this week.

Chaffinch

Hallie for great control when throwing and catching this week in P.E!

Greenfinch

Muhammad for excellent concentration and skill in our archery session.

Snowy Owl

Lola for excellent throwing skills

Tawny Owl

Libby for her excellent chest pass in her lesson last week.

Barn Owl

Seb and Alex for working well together and demonstrating excellent chest passes.



Birthdays

Nursery-

Reception-

Year 1-

Max 7th October

Sebastian 8th October

Maeve 10th October

Year 2-

Kaylen 11th October

Sarvesh 13th October

Sporting Shout Outs & Other Achievements



Grace in Reception got her Core Level 10 medal and certificate in Gymnastics. Well done!



Jesse completed the Standalone 800m Fun Run on 5th October - his first ever race. He said it was hard but was really proud of himself for completing it. Congratulations!

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

**BONFIRE
NIGHT**
NOV 4th

BONFIRE BITES

Let's Gather
Round for
Bonfire
Goodies!



*Menus are subject to change due to supplier stock availability

**BONFIRE
NIGHT**
NOV 4th

MAIN MENU

Hotdog Banger (v)
topped with Cheese
and Fried Onions

or

Pizza Catherine Wheels (v)
served with Firecracker Wedges

or

Hot Potato
topped with Baked Beans (Free From*)

or

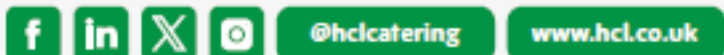
Filled Roll

SERVED WITH

Baked Beans and Corn

DESSERT

Hot Chocolate Sponge
and Chocolate Sauce



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



THE FESTIVAL OF *Lights*

DIWALI
OCT 20th

Light Up
Your Lunch
with Diwali
Delicacies!



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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



DIWALI
OCT 20th



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BE BRIGHT BE SEEN



Shine Bright as Car Lights



Be Safe Be Seen

During the dark Autumn and Winter months, pedestrians can often become invisible to drivers.

Always remember to be bright and reflective when walking, cycling or running at night.





LETCHMORE INFANTS' & NURSERY SCHOOL

OPEN EVENING

WEDNESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2025 4PM - 6PM



LETCHMORE
INFANTS' AND NURSERY SCHOOL



**NO BOOKING REQUIRED, JUST TURN UP TO SEE OUR SCHOOL AND MEET THE STAFF.
WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU.**



Almond Hill Junior School



OPEN EVENING

for families looking for a junior school place for September 2026
or for those looking to make an in year application.

Thursday 13th November 5.30-7.00pm

We have spaces across all year groups.

Please look at our website for further information about our school

www.almondhill.herts.sch.uk T: 01438 233660 E: admin@almondhill.herts.sch.uk





Halloween at church farm



Visit
Church Farm
Ardeley
*A real working
farm!*



- * Spooky Farm Trail to see the farm animals & Halloween Décor
- * Big Bale Play
- * Tractors & Digger Ride-Ons
- * Creepy Fairy Woodland Play
- * Spooky Photo Opportunities
- * Spot the Pumpkin & sweet treat prizes
- * Scarecrow Trail

- * Find the Spooky Fairy Doors
- * Find your unique Witch and Halloween name
- * Spooktacular Costume Stickers for the best dressed boys, girls & dogs
- * Halloween Activity Pack, 'I've Been to Church Farm' Sticker
- * Puzzles and Colouring-in fun
- * Farm Sensory Trail

Additional Activities

Pumpkin Picking & Carving

Trick or Treating in our Spooky Wood (4-6pm)

Horrid Hay Tractor & Trailer Rides

Eerie Egg Collecting

Ghoulish Goat Walking

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