

# LETCHMORE

INFANTS' AND NURSERY SCHOOL

## Newsletter



Week Commencing 03 November 2025

### This week from the Headteachers-

It's been wonderful welcoming all the children back and hearing about all their adventures over the half term break - and the excitement of Firework Night!

It's the start of probably the busiest term of the year, full of fun with lots of exciting events to look forward to including our Remembrance walk, stay and play sessions, Panto visits, Church performances and lots more. We will update you all with details of each event when they are finalised.

If any parents are able to accompany us on our Remembrance walk on Monday 10th, please email your class email account as we need lots of volunteers to safely get all the children to the memorial and back.

Wishing you all a lovely restful weekend and look forward to seeing you all again on Monday.



Mrs Jo Harding & Mrs Eleanor Williams  
Co-Headteachers



### Attendance

This weeks overall attendance is:  
**98.16%**

The winner of this week's attendance award is Starling, Wren, Greenfinch, Barn owl and Snowy owl all with 100%

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

### Thought of the Week

"The funny thing is"  
said the mole...



"the finest act of  
kindness can save  
a life."

This month's value:

*Togetherhness & Tolerance*

*How important are these two words for us in school?*

## 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

### Letchmore Food Bank

We are collecting donations to help make up food parcels for our school community.

If you are able to contribute, we would be very grateful for any of the following items, which can be dropped off in the donations trolley out in the playground before and after school:

#### Food items:


Cereal or cereal bars, tinned soup, dried pasta or noodles, rice, tinned tomatoes or pasta sauce, tinned beans or spaghetti, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tea, coffee, sugar, tinned fruit, desserts or jam, crackers, biscuits and treats, UHT milk, UHT fruit juice or squash, crisps, and baby formula.

#### Non-food essentials:

Toiletries (toilet paper, shower gel, shaving gel, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste).

Household items (washing-up liquid, washing powder),

Baby goods (baby wipes, baby food).

 Pre-used carrier bags are also very useful for packing up parcels.

 Please note: we cannot accept perishable or fresh goods, or any items containing nuts.

Thank you for supporting the Letchmore Food Bank — your kindness and generosity make a real difference to our school community.

## Children in Need - Friday 14th November

Next Friday, we'll be supporting BBC Children in Need - a fantastic charity that helps children and families all across the UK.

This year's theme is "Wear Spots!", so come to school dressed in your spotty clothes, Pudsey ears, or anything bright and cheerful! You could wear a spotty T-shirt, spotty socks, or even decorate your own top with dots!



Parents can make donations via our JustGiving page using the link below. Please be aware that we can not accept cash donations.

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/jo-harding-9?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/jo-harding-9?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)

Let's fill the school with spots, smiles and kindness as we help raise money for Children in Need! 🍷 🧸

## Wear it Blue day for Diabetes Awareness

On Thursday 27th November, we'll be supporting World Diabetes Month by taking part in Wear Blue Day.

Children are invited to come to school dressed in something blue - this could be a blue top, blue socks, or even a full blue outfit! 💙



World Diabetes Month helps raise awareness about diabetes — a condition that affects how the body uses sugar for energy. Many children and adults live with diabetes every day, and this special day helps us learn more about it and show our support for them.

Parents can make donations via our JustGiving page using the link below. Please be aware that we can not accept cash donations.

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/jo-harding-10?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/jo-harding-10?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)

All donations will go towards raising awareness and supporting those affected by diabetes. Let's turn the school blue and show our support for World Diabetes Month! 💙 🌍

## Have your say on walking, wheeling and cycling in Stevenage!

The Highways Implementation Team at Hertfordshire County Council want to make it easier, safer, and more convenient for people to walk, wheel and cycle in Stevenage.

They'd like to know:

Can you easily find your way when walking, wheeling or cycling?

Are there enough signs to help you?

Are there paths that need better maintenance, such as improved lighting or resurfacing?

Do the walking and cycle paths cover the right areas of Stevenage?

You can respond at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/stevenagesignage](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/stevenagesignage) by:

Completing a short online survey, and

Marking locations on an interactive map and detailing issues like poor lighting or signage.

**The survey and map will be live until Sunday 30 November 2025.**

Your feedback will help to make walking, wheeling and cycling safer and more enjoyable for everyone.



# PTA News



## Hi from the PTA!

We hope you've had a great week so far — we just wanted to share a few updates from the PTA.

### **Happy School Bag Collection - Drop-off 10th November**

By now, your child should have brought home a *Happy School Bag* in their book bag (it's a bright, colourful one!).

All donations need to be tied up securely in a bag and dropped off **outside the hall at morning drop-off on the day of the collection.**

If you're mid-clear-out and can spare any of the items listed on the bag, please pop them to one side — every donation helps raise funds for the school!

### **Christmas Cards & Autumn Term Activities**

Each year, the PTA and school work together to create Christmas cards designed by the children, which you can purchase to send to friends and family.

We're working to a fairly tight timeline this year, so please look out for card proofs and order instructions coming home in the next week or so.

We also have a few more fun activities planned for the rest of the autumn term — and even some in the pipeline for spring! We'll share more details soon once everything's confirmed, so please keep an eye out for updates

### **PTA AGM**

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our PTA AGM last night at *Rump and Wade*. We're so lucky to have such a dedicated group of PTA members and "friends of" helpers supporting the school.

Congratulations to all committee members, especially those newly elected! Over the next week or so, we'll be sharing updated information so you can see who's who on the committee and how to get in touch with them.



As always, thank you for your time, effort, and support. If you'd like to get involved or have any questions, please feel free to reach out via WhatsApp or email.

**The PTA Team**

# 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



# PASTORAL *News*

EMOTION  
OF THE   
*Week*

## Happy

Meaning:

Feeling full of joy

What things make you feel happy?

Please discuss this emotion with your child at home.



If you would like more information on this, it can be found in Mrs Wordsmiths 'The Big Book of Feelings' which is the resource we use in school.

# CELEBRATION *Corner*

## Star of the Week

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| <p><b>Hummingbird</b><br/>Jesse for practising his mark making and drawing a spiral.</p>        | <p><b>Sparrow</b><br/>Rosalia for listening carefully at story time.</p>                             | <p><b>Woodpeckers</b><br/>Bonnie for making up super games/stories in the role play area.</p>                                      |
| <p><b>Starling</b><br/>Myla for her fantastic writing this week.</p>                            | <p><b>Wren</b><br/>Malachi - Helping his friend up when he had fallen and making sure he was ok.</p> | <p><b>Kingfisher</b><br/>Aurelia for super concentration and effort during our handwriting &amp; phonics whole class learning.</p> |
| <p><b>Goldfinch</b><br/>Helena wowed me with her independent writing this week. Keep it up!</p> | <p><b>Chaffinch</b><br/>Beau-Rex for some great learning about Guy Fawkes this week!</p>             | <p><b>Greenfinch</b><br/>Ebenezer for excellent participation in whole class learning this week.</p>                               |
| <p><b>Snowy Owl</b><br/>Ocean for her lovely writing about The Great Explorer.</p>              | <p><b>Tawny Owl</b><br/>Theo for his excellent writing this week.</p>                                | <p><b>Barn Owl</b><br/>Ollie for working hard in his handwriting this week and generally being a great helper!</p>                 |



## Good Learning (Growth Mindset)



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| <p><b>Goldfinch</b><br/>Hope has completed some absolutely fantastic Independent writing. Well done!</p>            | <p><b>Chaffinch</b><br/>Ronnie for trying his best with his sentence writing this week!</p> | <p><b>Greenfinch</b><br/>Kaius for amazing independent writing this week using great adjectives!</p> |
| <p><b>Snowy Owl</b><br/>Kaylum for his lovely handwriting and spelling for his writing about The Great Explorer</p> | <p><b>Tawny Owl</b><br/>Naria and Milka for their excellent VCOP sentences.</p>             | <p><b>Barn Owl</b><br/>Anastasia and Seb for producing an excellent explorer's packing list!</p>     |



## Values Champion



### **Hummingbird**

Isabelle-Rose-Enthusiasm and happiness for joining in and making new friends.

### **Sparrow**

Maryella- Kindness showing kindness and looking after the baby dolls.

### **Woodpeckers**

Gus- Independence for taking care and looking after his belongings.

### **Starling**

Harper- Tolerance and Togetherness. During CIL she interacts so positively with peers is very kind and always keen to listen.

### **Wren**

Freddie Casey - Enthusiasm and Happiness Always trying his best with a smile on his face!

### **Kingfisher Willow**

Tolerance and Togetherness. During CIL she interacts so positively with peers always **keen to listen**.

### **Goldfinch**

Michal for showing the value of togetherness by playing with his friends and including everyone.

### **Chaffinch**

Ire (togetherness and tolerance) for encouraging others to join in with what she was doing in own-learning!

### **Greenfinch**

Ivy (togetherness and tolerance) for always including everyone in your games and being a good friend.

### **Snowy Owl**

Jay for working well in a group in our continuous provision.

### **Tawny Owl**

Jacob for always helping to sort out all of our work books. You are a superstar!

### **Barn Owl**

Alba for always showing togetherness and tolerance with her friends.



## Sports Achievement



### **Starling**

Grace for her brilliant balancing, throwing and catching the beanbag.

### **Wren**

Alba - Excellent balancing with her bean bag during P.E!

### **Kingfisher**

Dougie for super throwing and catching of a beanbag!

### **Goldfinch**

Franco showed some excellent strength in our gymnastics and yoga session this week.

### **Chaffinch**

Zara for creating a brilliant travelling and balancing sequence in gymnastics!

### **Greenfinch**

Arabella for strong balances in gymnastics this week.

### **Snowy Owl**

Noah for his excellent running skills in the Golden Mile.

### **Tawny Owl**

Ronnie for his excellent running skills in the Golden Mile.

### **Barn Owl**

Finley for pacing himself and completing an excellent 'golden mile'.



## Birthdays

**Nursery-**

**Reception-**

CJ 30<sup>th</sup> October

Jake 31<sup>st</sup> October

**Year 1-**

Kiaan 1<sup>st</sup> November

**Year 2-**

Olivia 1<sup>st</sup> November

## Sporting Shout Outs & Other Achievements



On Sunday, Ollie took part in the St John Ambulance badger of the year competition for Hertfordshire and he won the title 'Young badger of the year 2025 for Hertfordshire'. Well done Ollie!

The St John Ambulance badger of the year is an award for a child in the 5-10 year old Badgers program who has demonstrated exceptional dedication to first aid, healthy living, safety and communication skills. The role involves representing their local group at events, acting as a positive role model for other young members and embodying the values of the St John Ambulance program.



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



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](http://www.almondhill.herts.sch.uk) T: 01438 233660 E: [admin@almondhill.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@almondhill.herts.sch.uk)**





# Meet father christmas church farm ardeley

Selected dates in December

## Festive Farm Entry includes

Christmas Activity Pack \* Festive Woodland  
Walk the farm & see the farm animals

## Meet Father Christmas

Father Christmas in his outside grotto  
(includes a quality toy)

Meet the Elves

Write a letter to Father Christmas

Write a wish for the Wish Tree

Bag up reindeer food & carrot to take home to Rudolph

## Additional Activities

Santa Paws – bring your beloved pooches to meet  
Father Christmas include treat & toy

Harvest your Own Christmas Tree

Festive Tractor & Trailer Ride

Feed the farm animals

Book online [www.churchfarmardeley.co.uk](http://www.churchfarmardeley.co.uk)

*This is an outdoor event so plenty of  
fresh air. Wrap up warm & wear wellies!*

**CHURCH FARM, ARDELEY**  
A Free Range Experience

# Share your views on walking, wheeling and cycling in Stevenage

If you use footpaths and cycle paths in Stevenage, wherever you need to go, we would like to hear from you!

Are paths well signed and maintained? Do they take you where you need to go? What improvements would you like to see?

There's two ways to tell us:

1. Complete a short survey, and
2. Mark locations on an interactive map to tell us about issues like poor lighting or signage



Scan the QR Code here



[hertfordshire.gov.uk/stevenagesignage](https://hertfordshire.gov.uk/stevenagesignage)

Please respond by **Sunday 30 November**

