

LETCHMORE

INFANTS' AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Newsletter



Week Commencing 01 December 2025

This week from the Headteachers-

The run up to Christmas is always very busy at school and this year is no exception. We had our first Governor Visit Day on Wednesday. The focus was on aspects of our School Development Plan - attendance, school council, subject leadership and extra-curricular activities. It was a positive day, and we were so proud of all the staff and children involved. On Tuesday we held our annual Santa Run, this was a great event and although a little muddy the children looked like they had a blast.

Christmas is in full swing at Letchmore with our Carol Services next week at Holy Trinity and our Pantomime visit at school on Wednesday. If your child wears ear defenders when attending shows or busy places please provide a named pair on the day of the panto.

Have a wonderful weekend.



Mrs Jo Harding & Mrs Eleanor Williams
Co-Headteachers



Attendance

This weeks overall attendance is:
97.27%

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

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

Thought of the Week

ALL OUR DREAMS
CAN COME TRUE
IF WE THE COURAGE
HAVE
TO PURSUE THEM
-WALT DISNEY



This month's value:

Showing Courage

What does it mean to show courage?

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

Dates for Your Diary

Starting this week, we will be including a *Dates for Your Diary* section in our newsletter. All additional information about upcoming events will continue to be sent to the relevant parents and carers by email beforehand. We hope this new section helps to make managing your diaries a little easier.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's Poppy Appeal. We are delighted to share that together we raised **£321.72** for *The Royal British Legion*! Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated.

Letchmore Enrichment Calendar

Please find our new Enrichment Calendar attached below. It highlights all the exciting events and activities we offer alongside — and in addition to — our everyday curriculum. We were amazed by just how many opportunities take place throughout the year to enrich the learning experiences of all our students, and we're sure you will be too.



Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term

We have lots of exciting events planned over the coming term. Please find a list of dates for your diary. Full information will be sent out about each event nearer the time. If you have any queries please do speak to your child's class teacher.

Monday 8 th December	Christmas Carol Concert at Holy Trinity- Wren, Greenfinch and Tawny Owl
Tuesday 9 th December	Christmas Carol Concert at Holy Trinity- Kingfisher, Goldfinch and Barn Owl
Wednesday 10 th December	Panto (in school)
Wednesday 10 th December	APDR parent consultations 3.30-5.30 (invite only)
Friday 12 th December	Christmas Carol Concert at Holy Trinity- Starling, Chaffinch and Snowy Owl
Tuesday 16 th December	Nursery songs in the Main hall 9.15-9.45am
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinners
Thursday 18 th December	Class Christmas parties and Santa visit
Friday 19 th December	End of term 12.30pm

Monday 22nd December – Friday 2nd January 2026 Christmas holidays

Monday 5 th January 2025	Inset day (School closed for staff training)
Tuesday 6 th January 2026	1 st day of term for students
Thursday 8 th January	Mobile Planetarium
Thursday 15 th January	Census day themed lunch
Monday 19 th January/ Monday 26 th January	Y1 Commonwealth PE event
Tuesday 10 th February	Reception Superheroes Inspirational day

Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February 2026 Half Term



Letchmore Enrichment Calendar

January

- Online safety coffee morning
- Year 2 Stargazing evening
- Nurture café visit
- Happy bag collection
- Year 2 Planetarium visit
- Year 1 Commonwealth Games schools Sporting Futures Activity



February

- PTA Fund-Raisin challenge
- Mental Health week
- Reception Superhero Inspirational Day
- Whole school Basketball enrichment day

March

- Stay and Play sessions
- Nurture afternoon tea
- Rocksteady concert
- World Down Syndrome day
- Comic relief
- Nurture coffee afternoon
- Book swap day
- Mother's day present room
- Spring decoration project
- Letchmoreish delight
- World book day
- Reception Jump into a book day
- British Science Week



April

- Year 2 'Great Fire of London' Inspirational day
- Easter disco
- Easter/Spring decoration challenge

May

- Happy Bags collection
- Parent reading workshops
- School class photos
- VE day celebrations
- Nurture show and tell
- Year 1 'Dinosaur' Inspirational day
- Year 2 Commonwealth Games infant school competition



June

- Thank a teacher/staff member day
- Year 2 STEM discovery trip
- Cystic fibrosis awareness day
- Nurture graduation
- Father's day present room
- Sports days
- Stay and play sessions
- Reception end of year performance

July

- Year 2 Leavers disco
- Year 2 Leavers performance
- PTA Summer Fair
- Rocksteady concert
- Year 1 End of year of performance
- Reception 'Explorers' Inspirational day
- Nursery end of year performance
- Mini Olympics
- Skip to be Fit challenge
- Year 1 Local area geography visits



September

- SENCO coffee afternoon
- Year 1 'Toys' Inspirational day
- Road safety awareness/Travelwise week



October

- Individual school photos
- Poppy Appeal and Remembrance assembly
- Nurture afternoon tea
- Halloween disco
- Harvest Festival
- Wear yellow day- World Mental Health
- Year 2 fencing workshop
- Year 1 Archery workshop
- Reception dance workshop
- Superhero sport enrichment day
- Recycling week

November

- Christmas decoration project
- Year 1 'Circus' Inspirational day
- Children in Need
- Diabetes awareness month and on uniform day
- Year 2 Arctic explorer workshop and inspirational day
- Nurture café visit
- Remembrance day memorial walk
- Reception 'Celebration' inspirational day
- Nurture show and tell
- Happy Bag collection
- Prospective parents open evening

December

- Reverse advent calendar
- Santa run
- Christmas carol service
- Christmas dinner and jumper day
- Christmas parties and Santa visit
- Panto
- Christmas Nursery songs performance
- PTA Christmas cards and gifts
- Christmas wishlist
- Let's get making week
- Christmas decoration home challenge



All Year

- Wraparound care provider
- After school clubs
 - -Archery
 - -Football
 - -Dance
 - -French
 - -Gymnastics
 - -Tennis
- Rocksteady Band Lessons and concerts
- Ocarina lessons and peer concerts
- Themed lunch days- Halloween, bonfire, Diwali, harvest, Hannukah, Easter, Eid, census, burger etc
- Letchmore food bank
- Pre-loved uniform sales



PTA News



Hi from the PTA!

We hope you've had a great week so far, just a few quick updates from us.

Christmas Wish Lists

Thank you to everyone who has already purchased a gift from our Christmas Wish List! The wishing tree outside the school office is filling up beautifully with baubles representing your generous donations. There is still time to take part, the Wish List will remain open until **Friday, 12th December**. If you'd like to contribute, please check your inbox for the email containing full details and links. By purchasing an item from the Amazon Wish List created by our teachers, you'll be directly supporting the school and helping enhance the children's experience. Each donated item will be celebrated with a new bauble on the wishing tree, adding even more sparkle throughout the season. Thank you for your kindness and continued support.

Pre-Loved Uniform


As we head into winter (and as uniform items inevitably go missing or get a little worn!), please remember that the PTA has a large collection of excellent quality pre-loved uniform available. Before buying new, feel free to get in touch and we'll happily check what sizes we have on hand. For any questions or to enquire about pre-loved uniform, you can reach us at pta@letchmore.herts.sch.uk

As always, thank you so much for your ongoing support, it really does make a difference.

The PTA Team



PASTORAL *News*

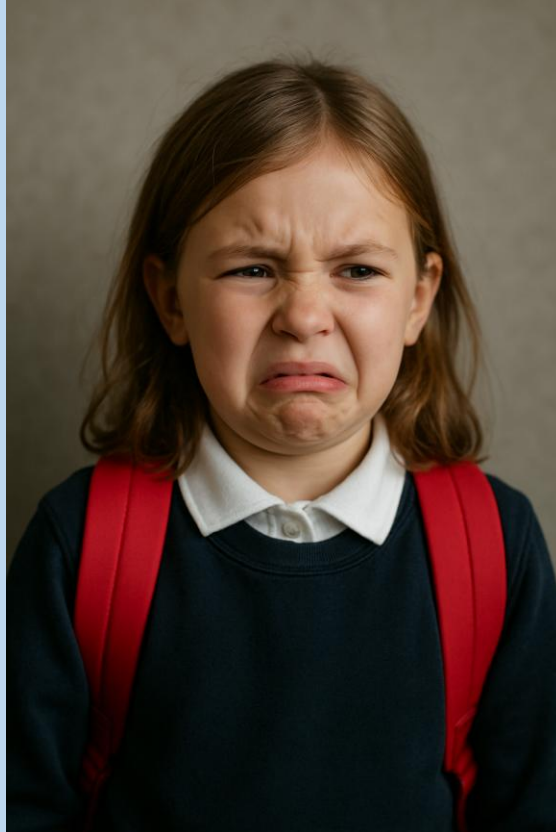
EMOTION
OF THE 
Week

Disgust

Meaning:

A strong, yucky feeling you get when you, see, smell, taste or touch something unpleasant or that makes you feel sick.

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

<p>Hummingbird Isabelle-Rose for listening to others and following instructions.</p>	<p>Sparrow Ivy- Dancing and singing the Christmas songs.</p>	<p>Woodpeckers Jude for good listening at carpet time.</p>
<p>Starling Isla for her fantastic handwriting this week she has tried so hard.</p>	<p>Wren Alba, for consistently showing fantastic learning behaviours, and all round great attitude!</p>	<p>Kingfisher+ Eden for super blending in his reading . It was lovely to hear him read so confidently.</p>
<p>Goldfinch Betsy for always doing her best and answering lots of questions.</p>	<p>Chaffinch Chin for some incredible reading to move up in his reading level!</p>	<p>Greenfinch Lorin for fantastic work on her writing this week.</p>
<p>Snowy Owl Ananya for her excellent writing and spelling.</p>	<p>Tawny Owl Orla for her excellent writing this week.</p>	<p>Barn Owl Sophia for excellent effort in her 'Little Red Riding Hood' writing.</p>

Good Learning (Growth Mindset)

<p>Goldfinch Teddy for challenging himself in the Santa Run to do more laps.</p>	<p>Chaffinch Beau-Rex for some great independent fact-family learning this week!</p>	<p>Greenfinch Ryder for excellent knowledge of 3D shapes and their properties.</p>
<p>Snowy Owl Hugo for his lovely writing about keeping Bjorn cool this week.</p>	<p>Tawny Owl Freddie for his lovely Northern Lights picture.</p>	<p>Barn Owl Loki - for taking great care when creating his Northern Lights calendar.</p>



Values Champion



Hummingbird

Alfie- Courage for exploring activities independently and working things out.

Sparrow

Abdullah- Respect for listening to others.

Woodpeckers

Lennon- Responsibility for tidying away equipment and helping.

Starling

Harry - Courage for overcoming his worries about writing.

Wren

Stingy, for the value of courage. Always being brave enough to have a go!

Kingfisher

Dougie-Not giving up
He really impressed us during the Santa run. Even when he got tired he didn't give up!

Goldfinch

Courage: Marcus for being brave when his first tooth fell out.

Chaffinch

Vasilion for showing pride at completing his maths learning all on his own!

Greenfinch

Louis for not giving up-
Louis is working incredibly hard on his handwriting

Snowy Owl

Jaxon - pride for his excellent story writing this week.

Tawny Owl

Olivia for helping to keep the class tidy.

Barn Owl

Bernardo - Courage. For sharing his experiences with his classmates.



Sports Achievement



Starling

All of Starling class for a fantastic Santa run, they were all amazing.

Wren

CJ - for controlled and careful dribbling of the ball during P.E.

Kingfisher

Everyone in Kingfisher Class for being superstars during the Santa run!

Goldfinch

Lennie for excellent running in the Santa Run.

Chaffinch

Amelie for showing great effort during the Santa run this week!

Greenfinch

Mohamed for excellent running in the Santa Run.

Snowy Owl

All of Snowy Owl for excellent running in the Santa Run.

Tawny Owl

Ollie, Sophie and Kaylen for being amazing Sports Leaders at the Santa Run.

Barn Owl

Harry for setting a great example to others on the Santa Run.



Birthdays

Nursery-

Reception-

Year 1-

Jenson 27th November

Arthur 28th November

Elia 29th November

Year 2-

Sporting Shout Outs & Other Achievements



Gracie received her Level 3
Bronze Gymnastics Award
Congratulations!



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



18th November 2025

Dear Parent

If you wish to order milk from January 2026, please find below a guide on how to do this. The price for the milk for the Spring term will be 34p per day. When you go onto the online system, it will calculate the number of days and therefore advise you how much to pay. You can choose half termly, or termly. (This is subject to change).

Please visit our website www.dairylink-uk.com.

- You will need to click on the 'order milk' tab, register with us, add your child/children on the 'children' tab. (Please check your spam folder should you not receive your confirmation email).

OVER 5 CHILDREN

- Click on the 'payments' tab and you can then select as many terms or half terms as you wish to pay.

UNDER 5 CHILDREN

- Please input their date of birth and the system will take the order without paying for the milk. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS WILL NEED TO BE PAID FOR FROM MONDAY OF THE WEEK OF THEIR 5TH BIRTHDAY.** You will need to order the milk by Monday 1pm the week before the free milk expires.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS CHILDREN

- If your child receives free milk under the FSM scheme then please contact the school, you do not need to register online.
- Please ensure you enter the correct class/year that your child is in and you need to enter your child's new class if they have moved up.

The deadline for the milk order is Monday 29th December at 1pm. After this time, the system will stop receiving orders for Monday 5th January, and you will not be able to get milk for that week. Therefore, please make sure you order by this date and time. The system works by ordering before Monday 1pm which would then ensure your child has milk for the following Monday onwards (i.e. a week later). If you miss the Monday deadline, then your child's milk won't be added for a week after the oncoming Monday, so if you order on a Tuesday, for example say Tuesday 30th December, your child's milk will start on Monday 12th January.

If you need anything further, please contact Stephanie at stephanie.griffiths@dairylink-uk.com or on 01785 286823.

Yours sincerely

Barbara Griffiths
DairyLink UK Ltd



JOIN US FOR A WRAPAROUND CARE

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday 12th December
2025

- CANDY CANE FISHING CHALLENGE
- REINDEER SNOWBALL PICK UP
- SNOWMAN PING PONG
- CHRISTMAS BELL LIMBO
- REINDEER RACING
- BUILD A CHRISTMAS TREE
- REINDEER ANTLER TOSS
- MUSICAL CANDY CANE COLLECTION
- SNOWMAN ARCHERY



Note: To secure your child's place, please book them onto the wraparound care session. If we offer both breakfast and after-school provision, this session will take place in the evening; however, if we only provide breakfast club, the session will take place in the morning.



SANTA'S
PHOTO BOOTH
AVAILABLE
WITH PROPS
INCLUDED

BOOK
NOW!

