

LETCHMORE

INFANTS' AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Newsletter



Week Commencing 08 December 2025

This week from the Headteachers-

Last Friday Reception enjoyed their first Inspirational Day of the year which was all about Celebrations a perfect party to celebrate the end of the topic. It was wonderful to see the children in their finest celebration wear as they walked through the gate in the morning. A huge thank you to the team for creating a day filled with awe and wonder.

This week has been full of Christmas fun with our Carol Services at the Church and a visit from the Pantomime. The children have wowed us with their confidence and their behaviour throughout. It was wonderful to see the joy on their faces watching Dick Whittington and joining in with the songs and chants.

We are looking forward to our last week of term which will include Nursery's Christmas Songs, Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas lunch and our class Christmas parties (we may even have a special visitor).



Mrs Jo Harding & Mrs Eleanor Williams
Co-Headteachers



Attendance

This weeks overall attendance is:
97.96%

The winner of this week's attendance award is Wren, Goldfinch and Greenfinch with 100%

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

Thought of the Week



This month's value:

Showing Courage

How do you show courage 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

Allergy menus for Christmas lunch

The Christmas lunch menu will be available on School Grid. This will be shown alongside your child's allergy menu and will allow you to choose any of the options from either menu. Please be aware that there may be elements of the Christmas menu your child will not be able to eat due to their allergy, however the cook will serve a version of the Christmas lunch with your child's allergy elements removed.

Last day of Term

Just a reminder that school finishes at **12.30pm** on the last day of term- **Friday 19th December**

Flu vaccination

Respiratory and flu-like cases are rapidly on the rise. We urge you to ensure your child receives the flu vaccination. You have a choice between the quick and painless nasal spray or the Injection which is porcine & gelatine free. This not only protects your children against being seriously ill but also protects vulnerable members of your family and community.

We have several community catch-up clinics available. Please use the link below to book an appointment.

[Vaccination UK Immunisation](#)

If you previously declined consent for your child when we visited the school, you **CAN CHANGE** your consent. Please call our office on 01462 427008, and we will book a clinic appointment for you.



DIARY Dates



December 2025

16/12/25

- 9:15am - 9:45am
- Nursery Christmas Songs
 - **Nursery**

17/12/25

- 8:30am - 3:00pm
- Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
 - **Whole School**

18/12/25

- 8:30am - 3:00pm
- Christmas parties and Santa visit
 - **Whole School**

19/12/25

- End of Term- finish 12.30pm
 - **Whole School**

19/12/25

- PTA Sale (details below)

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



January 2026

05/01/26

- 8:00am - 3:00pm
- Inset Day- school closed
 - **Whole School**

06/01/26

- 8:00am - 3:00pm
- First Day of Term
 - **Whole School**

08/01/2026

- All day
- Mobile Planetarium (in school)
 - **Year 2**

15/01/26

- 11:30am - 1:30pm
- Census Day Themed Lunch Menu
 - **Whole School**

15/01/26

- Parent Coffee Morning: Managing Big Feelings

19/01/26

- 9:00am - 11:30am
- Year 1 Commonwealth PE Event
 - **Year 1**

26/01/26

- 9:00am - 11:30am
- Year 1 Commonwealth PE Event
 - **Year 1**

16/02/26-20/02/2026 HALF TERM



PTA News



Christmas Bake Sale - Friday 19th December, 12:30pm

The PTA is delighted to announce that we will be holding a Festive Bake sale at the school on **Friday 19th December** starting at **12:30pm**, at **the school gates**, just in time for the children leaving school for the holidays. We will have a delicious range of treats on offer - cakes, biscuits, and festive goodies, and even reindeer food ready for Christmas Eve! Please come along and pick up a sweet treat and help us to raise funds for the school. We can't wait to see you there and share a little extra festive cheer.

Christmas Wish List - Final Week!

Once again, we wanted to share a huge thank you to everyone who has already purchased a gift from our **Christmas Wish List!** The Wishing Tree outside the school office is looking magical covered with baubles representing your generous donations. We are now in the **final week** of the Wish List. The last day to get your donations in is **Tuesday 16th December**, so that all gifts can be shared with the classes in time for their Christmas parties. If you'd like to take part, the links for each year group are below. Every item purchased from the teacher-curated Amazon Wish Lists goes straight back into enriching the children's experience at Letchmore.

Thank you for your kindness, generosity, and continued support - it truly makes a difference

[Nursery](#)

[Reception](#)

[Year 1](#)

[Year 2](#)

[SEN Hub](#)

Stikins Name Labels - School Code 11863


Some of you will already be aware of Stikins.co.uk, but for newer parents to the school who may not know, Letchmore is registered with their name-label scheme. If you choose to order labels from their website using our school code **11863** at the checkout, the PTA receives a small support payment from the company. This doesn't change the price you pay, but it does provide a helpful contribution to PTA funds. A useful reminder if you're updating uniform ahead of the spring term.



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

SURPRISED

Meaning:

Feeling shocked by something you didn't expect.

Can you think of a nice surprise and a not so nice surprise?

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 Albie for sorting by colour and shape.</p>	<p>Sparrow Tallulah for being creative with a range of materials.</p>	<p>Woodpeckers Ayat for super ball skills in the nursery playground</p>
<p>Starling Hermela for being a fantastic friend.</p>	<p>Wren Daisy - For being such a kind enthusiastic member of Wren class!</p>	<p>Kingfisher Nina Fox for always making the right choices. She listens carefully & takes a keen interest in our class learning.</p>
<p>Goldfinch Florence for fabulous work all week as well as beautiful singing.</p>	<p>Chaffinch Ella for using some excellent adjectives in her Christmas writing this week!</p>	<p>Greenfinch Erin for brilliant singing with all the actions at the church.</p>
<p>Snowy Owl Charlie for his lovely writing this week retelling the Little Red Riding Hood story.</p>	<p>Tawny Owl Rory for his amazing writing retelling the story of the first Christmas.</p>	<p>Barn Owl Evie for working so hard this week - listening carefully and contributing in lessons.</p>

Good Learning (Growth Mindset)

<p>Goldfinch Frankie for really applying himself in his Maths work this week.</p>	<p>Chaffinch Nia for using some lovely language in her Christmas writing this week!</p>	<p>Greenfinch Ronnie for lovely descriptive sentences about our Christmas picture.</p>
<p>Snowy Owl Sophia for her brilliant writing retelling the Little Red Riding Hood story.</p>	<p>Tawny Owl Jacob for working hard on his writing formation in he retelling of the Christmas story.</p>	<p>Barn Owl Dollie for trying so hard in her writing and maths this week.</p>



Values Champion



Hummingbird

Haris-Respect for sharing with his friends.

Sparrow

Tayo-Love and care for showing care towards others when playing.

Woodpeckers

Kenny-Togetherness and tolerance for sharing stories together.

Starling

Paisley - Courage- for being really brave and coming into the pantomime.

Wren

Matthew - Not giving up - Trying hard with his listening on the carpet, and remembering to put his hand up!

Kingfisher

Jake- Courage He sang beautifully during our concert & showed courage despite singing to a large audience.

Goldfinch

Poppy - For Pride in her beautiful singing at the Carol Service.

Chaffinch

Wilder (pride) for wanting to do as much writing as possible this week on his own!

Greenfinch

Arabella- Pride- for pride in her beautiful singing this week at the Carol Service.

Snowy Owl

Sarvesh for always listening and always trying his best.

Tawny Owl

Dominion for not giving up and always trying her best and helping around the class.

Barn Owl

Courage - to all the readers at our Carol Service. You were brilliant!



Sports Achievement



Starling

Filip for his fantastic dribbling of the football and using great control.

Wren

The whole of Wren class for their fantastic Santa Run last week.

Kingfisher

Ayat for trying so hard to dribble a football skilfully.

Goldfinch

Kabir, for his focus in sports - both in & out of school!

Chaffinch

Vasilion - for some excellent yoga this week!

Greenfinch

Annabelle for amazing focus and flexibility during yoga this week.

Snowy Owl

Theo for always listening well and trying his best in PE.

Tawny Owl

Olivia for achieving her gold award in gymnastics.

Barn Owl

George for pushing himself and setting a great example to others in PE this week.



Birthdays

Nursery-

Reception-

Billy 2nd December

Year 1-

Poppy 4th December

Beau-Rex 4th December

Year 2-

Violet-Rose 2nd December

Tate 3rd December

Jacob 5th December

Rory 6th December



Hudson received his stage 2 award and his 10 metre swimming badge! Amazing work well done!

Isobel in year 1 achieved her Rainbows silver award this week. Well done!



Sporting Shout Outs & Other Achievements



Olivia received her Level 2 Gold gymnastics award this Week. Congratulations!



Sophia received her Level 5 Pre Novice gymnastics award this week,. Well done!



Kabir passed his Karate grading last weekend and has achieved his yellow belt through the matsuri Dojo Stevenage centre. Amazing!



Ivy Harris, Kingfisher, got her level 4 Pre Novice Award from Marriott's Gymnastics Club. 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



**10% Sibling
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Christmas Sports Camps!

- Multi-Sports Camps are back!
- 29th & 30th December
- 09:00-13:00
- Longmeadow Primary School
- 5-13 Years



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