



Little Ealing
PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term | Friday 4th September 2026

Dear all

Welcome back

Whatever you all did over the summer to prepare your children for coming back to school – it worked! The starts of the day have been remarkably smooth and there has been a lovely, calm and settled feeling across the school. It has been wonderful to see the children coming through the gates, reconnecting with friends and staff and getting straight back into school life.

This week, and continuing into next week, classes have been spending time on a range of **wellbeing and transition activities**. After such a long summer break, we know how important it is to give children (and staff) time to reconnect, establish new relationships and routines, and feel that they belong in their new classrooms. A positive start creates strong foundations for the year ahead.

A particularly warm welcome to all our **new families joining us in Nursery and Reception**. You are right at the beginning of your Little Ealing journey and we hope that you and your children will be very happy here. We look forward to getting to know you over the weeks, months and years ahead.

Our new logo and website

Our new school logo and school website have now officially launched and you will gradually start to see the logo appearing across the school and on our communications. Over the summer, new door signs have been installed throughout the building, along with new signage around our school entrance. It is lovely to see the new identity beginning to come to life around LEPS and we will continue to introduce it across our school branding throughout the year.

Our first KS1 and KS2 assemblies

On Thursday, we held our first Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 assemblies of the year. We read the story *Our Classroom Home* and talked together about the kind of school we want Little Ealing to be and our values:

Be HONEST. Be KIND. Be RESPECTFUL.

- At the end of our assemblies, we reflected on six things that we want every child who walks through our gates to be able to say:

- **I belong here.**
- **People care about me here.**
- **I can learn here.**
- **I am safe here.**
- **I can be myself here.**
- **I can help to make LEPS a wonderful place for everyone else.**

These are important messages that we will return to throughout the year. We will all be looking out for children making good choices and showing us, through their words and actions, what it means to be **Honest, Kind and Respectful**.

Staffing news

We have some lovely news to share from over the summer.

A huge congratulations to Mrs Kaya, who welcomed a beautiful baby girl at the beginning of the holidays. Mum and baby are doing well and the family are enjoying getting to know their newest member.

We also have two newlyweds. Congratulations to **Miss Ross, who is now Mrs McDonald, and Miss Ashby, who is now Mrs Taylor**. Both celebrated their weddings over the summer and we wish them every happiness for their futures together.

We are also delighted to welcome some new members to the LEPS team. **Miss Bush** joins us as the Year 3 Leyborne Class Teacher, while **Mrs Fereday, Miss Green and Mrs Lennon** have joined our support staff team. We hope they will all be very happy at Little Ealing.

School communications

We are currently busy setting up our communication and learning platforms for the new academic year:

- **ClassDojo** – our main platform for communication with parents and carers.
- **Google Classroom** – used to share learning and resources with children.

We aim to share all the information you need to join the relevant platforms on **Monday 7th September**, both at our Class Meetings and through ParentMail.

Please make sure you are signed up to **ClassDojo**, as this will be our main method of day-to-day communication with families this year.

Morning drop-off arrangements

To help us keep children safe and ensure that the start of the school day runs smoothly, please follow the morning drop-off arrangements carefully. We operate a one-way system for parents and carers who walk their children into school.

Gate opening times

- **Weymouth Avenue Main Gate:** opens at **8.30am** and closes promptly at **8.38am**.
- **Hereford Road Gate:** opens at **8.30am** and closes promptly at **8.35am**.

Children arriving after the gate closes must enter through the school office with an adult and will be marked as late.

If you are walking your child into school

- Parents and carers who wish to walk their child into the school grounds **must enter through the Weymouth Avenue Main Gate** and **exit through the Weymouth Avenue Nursery Gate**.
- Please follow this one-way system at all times.
- There is no entry into the school grounds via the Hereford Road Gate.
- Once you have dropped your child off, please continue along the designated route
- Please do not walk against the one-way system or block pathways, as this causes congestion and makes it harder for children to move safely around the site. Please chat and walk to other parents.
- **Goodbyes should be brief, calm and positive.** A quick goodbye helps children to settle and keeps the flow of people moving, particularly for children who find separation difficult.

If you are using the Hereford Road Gate

The **Hereford Road Gate is a drop-off point only.**

- Parents and carers **must not enter the school grounds through this gate.**
- Please drop your child at the gate and allow them to enter the school independently.
- Please do not wait at the gate or attempt to follow your child into the school grounds.
- If your child needs you to accompany them into school, **please use the Weymouth Avenue Main Gate and follow the one-way system.**

Reception

Reception children should be dropped off at their **classroom doors.**

- **Bramley** families: After dropping off your child, please walk around the building and **exit via the Nursery Gate.**
- **Birkbeck and Blondin** families: After dropping off your child, please walk through the **Reception outdoor area** and continue to the exit gate.
- Please do not remain outside the classroom doors once your child has been handed over. This helps staff to welcome children safely and prevents congestion.

Year 1

Parents and carers may accompany children to the designated drop-off area.

Once you have said goodbye, **please keep moving and follow the one-way system.** Please do not remain in the area or gather with other adults, as this can quickly cause congestion.

Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6

Parents and carers may enter the school grounds via the Weymouth Avenue Main Gate only and must follow the designated one-way route.

- Please accompany your child only as far as the play frame, after the covered walkway.
- Say goodbye at this point and encourage your child to walk independently to their classroom.

- Please do not continue with your child to the classroom or wait in the playground.
- After saying goodbye, continue along the one-way route and exit via the Weymouth Avenue Nursery Gate.
- If children bring scooters, they must walk them through the playground and park them independently

Please remember

- **Weymouth Avenue = entry and one-way drop-off route.**
- **Hereford Road = drop-off only – parents cannot enter the school grounds.**
- **Nursery Gate = exit for parents using the one-way system.**

We appreciate your cooperation in following these arrangements. They are in place to keep children safe, reduce congestion and help all children have a calm and positive start to the school day.

Dates for your diaries

Below you will find our dates for the autumn term. We hope sharing these at the very beginning of the year will help families plan ahead. Occasionally circumstances mean that dates have to change but we will always do our best to keep to the dates communicated.

Class meetings – Monday 7th September

Our Class Meetings on Monday are for families in **Years 1 to 5**.

Please remember to book your preferred slot through ParentMail **by 10am on Monday**, when the final lists will be printed.

On Monday afternoon, please collect your child as usual and then walk around to the **main school entrance** where you will sign in before making your way to your child's classroom.

At the end of the meeting, please return to the main entrance and sign out. If your child is attending **Little Runners**, please then walk around to the usual collection point on Hereford Road.

These meetings are a really useful opportunity to meet your child's teacher, understand the routines and expectations for their new year group and hear about some of the learning and opportunities ahead.

Thank you

It has been a genuinely lovely start to the new academic year. Thank you for the part you have played in making it feel so calm and positive. There is lots ahead of us this term and I am excited to see what this year brings.

For now, I think everyone deserves a restful weekend after our first few days back!

Have a wonderful weekend.

Emily Caldwell

Headteacher

Autumn Term Diary

Monday 7th September - All Reception children to attend school

Monday 7th September - Years 1 - 5 Class Meetings

Monday 14th September - All Nursery children to attend school

Monday 14th - Friday 18th September - Year 6 residential

Wednesday 16th September - 8.45am - Parent Coffee morning to meet School Counselling Service

Wednesday 23rd September - 9.15am- School Tour for prospective parents

Thursday 24th September - PTFA Freshers Night - 6.00pm - more details to follow

Thursday 1st October - 9.15am - School Tour for prospective parents

Friday 2nd October - Radbourne Class Assembly - 9.00am

Monday 5th October - Flu Vaccinations - more details to follow

Wednesday 7th October - 9.15am - School Tour for prospective parents

Wednesday 7th October - 8.00pm - PTFA AGM

Friday 9th October - 9.00am - Rathar Class Assembly

Tuesday 13th October - 9.15am - School Tour for prospective parents

Friday 16th October - Redwood Class Assembly - 9.00am

Friday 16th October - Wear Red Day - Stop Racism

Tuesday 20th October - 6.00pm - School Tour for prospective parents

Thursday 22nd October - PTFA Quiz Night - more details to follow

International Mental Arithmetic Olympiad Achievement

On 26 July 2026, Max represented the United Kingdom at the International Mental Arithmetic Olympiad in Porto, Portugal.

The competition brought together 234 children from 14 countries, with only 7 children representing the UK. Max competed in the 6-year-old category, which was the youngest age category in the competition.

we are very proud that Max achieved 3rd place in his category!

It was a fantastic experience for him and a great opportunity to challenge himself, meet children from around the world and represent the UK internationally.

Max really enjoyed the experience and is keen to continue learning and developing his mental arithmetic skills.

Well done Max!

