



Little Ealing
PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term | Friday 18th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely week it has been!

I have had the pleasure of accompanying our Year 6 children to **Condover Hall** for their residential trip this week. It has been wonderful to step away from school for a few days and see first-hand what an incredible experience the residential gives our children.

There has been so much joy in watching them throw themselves into new experiences – challenging themselves, encouraging their friends, overcoming a few nerves and having an enormous amount of fun along the way. Whether climbing, jumping, getting muddy or simply spending time together away from home, they have embraced the experience brilliantly.

These are the moments that school is about too – **memories for life!**

A huge thank you to the awesome staff team who accompanied the children. Residential are great fun, but they also mean being responsible for children 24 hours a day, keeping everyone safe, happy and organised (and locating a surprising number of missing socks!). Our staff have cared for the children brilliantly, joined in with the fun and somehow still found time to keep everyone back at home entertained with their daily ClassDojo posts.

And to our Year 6 parents and carers – **I hope the washing isn't too bad this weekend!**

Coming Up Next Week

Wednesday 23rd September – 9.15am – Prospective Parent Tour:

We will be welcoming prospective parents and carers whose children are due to start **Nursery or Reception in September 2027**.

If you, or anyone you know locally, is considering Little Ealing for their child next year, please contact the school office to book a place on one of our tours. We are always proud to show families around our school and give them the opportunity to see LEPS in action.

Wednesday 23rd September – 6.00pm – Year Ahead Meeting

Please come and join me and our Governors for our annual Year Ahead Meeting.

We will look back at some of the successes of the last academic year, share our priorities for the

year ahead and talk about how we can continue to work together as a school community to give our children the very best experience at LEPS.

We would love to see as many of you there as possible.

Thursday 24th September - PTFA Freshers' Night

Our PTFA are looking forward to welcoming all of our **Nursery and Reception parents**, as well as any other families who are new to Little Ealing this year.

This is a great opportunity to meet other parents, get to know people within the LEPS community and find out a little more about our PTFA. And this one is **adults only!**

It has been a fantastic week and I am looking forward to starting all over again on Monday.

For our Year 6 children, I suspect a very restful weekend is in order – and perhaps for the staff who accompanied them too!

Have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes

Emily Caldwell

Headteacher

upcoming **EVENTS NEXT WEEK**

For full details of the Autumn term diary dates, please [click here](#)

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SCHOOL VACANCIES

We currently have the following vacancy for a Teaching Assistant, please see [link](#) for further information.

Important Changes to Free School Meals

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What is changing?

From September 2026, free school meals will be available to all children in households receiving Universal Credit. The current transitional protection arrangements will end, and eligibility will need to be checked under the new national rules for the 2026/27 school year.

All parents must re-apply for free school meals for September 2026. Previous eligibility will not automatically continue under the new rules.

(This does not apply to children who receive UIFSM; Universal Infant Free School Meals, which are provided to all eligible age groups regardless of application.)

Why apply?

- You could be eligible for Free, healthy meals for your child.
- Applying helps the school identify children who may attract additional funding.
- This funding will be invested in your child's school to improve educational outcomes.
- annual eligibility checks will now take place.
- Applying now helps make sure your child's entitlement is correctly recorded for September 2026.



There will be two types of eligibility:

Targeted free school meals

- Children in households receiving Universal Credit with earnings of £7,400 a year or less.
- Children from households in receipt of Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less.
- Households qualifying for free meals because they are in receipt of support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Households in receipt of Income-related Employment and Support Allowance or the guarantee element of Pension Credit or families with no recourse to public funds (NRPF).

This gives entitlement to free school meals and may help schools receive additional pupil premium funding.

Expanded free school meals

- Children in households receiving Universal Credit with earnings above £7,400 a year.

This gives entitlement to free school meals only.