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LEPS Newsletter

Friday 13th February 2026

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A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS

RECEPTION

Trip to Cecil Sharp House - Tuesday 3rd March 2026

YEAR 1 - 6

LEPS Talk

YEAR 2

Our History topic about holidays

Trip to Cecil Sharp House - Thursday 5th March 2026

Case of Hand, Foot & Mouth

YEAR 6

SATs Revision Books

ISS

Change to menu

Dear all

As we reach the end of half term, it has been wonderful to focus on positive messages around health and wellbeing this week for Children's Mental Health Week. Taking time to reflect, connect and talk openly about how we feel has been a powerful reminder of how important it is to nurture not just academic success but the whole child which is a key focus at LEPS.

Monday's Whole School Assembly – Children's Mental Health Week

On Monday, we launched Children's Mental Health Week in assembly, focusing on this year's theme, This is My Place. We talked with the children about the places where they feel they truly belong and what belonging means – feeling comfortable, safe, accepted and included. These are values we nurture every day at LEPS.

As part of our reflection, we introduced an exciting LEPS Logo Design Competition, inviting pupils to create a new logo that represents how our school makes people feel happy, safe and included.

Designs must include the school name and a rainbow, and should use colours, symbols or drawings that reflect friendship, kindness, happiness and creativity. All entries should be hand drawn on plain white paper and returned to class teachers by Friday 27th February.

At home, you may wish to talk with your child about where they feel a sense of belonging and what makes LEPS special to them. We look forward to seeing their creativity shine.

Devonshire Class Assembly – Theme: Food Journeys

This week, Devonshire presented a lively and informative assembly about Food Journeys, helping us to think carefully about where our breakfast comes from and the journey food takes before it reaches our tables.

They confidently involved the audience and demonstrated strong Oracy skills, including the technique of nesting – taking time to think independently before sharing ideas. We were also treated to four catchy songs about bananas, harvest, milk and food journeys which brought energy and enjoyment to their important message.

Devonshire encouraged us all that next time we go shopping, we should take a closer look at our food labels and consider where our food comes from. A simple but powerful reminder for us all. Well done to Devonshire for an engaging and thought-provoking assembly.

End of the Half Term

Thank you for your continued support this half term. The parents who have reached out to me and to members of staff with positive messages, it does mean a great deal. The world of education is not without its challenges at the moment but knowing we have such a strong and supportive community

behind us makes everything feel that little bit lighter. We are very grateful.

The children have enjoyed a fantastic half term filled with rich learning and memorable experiences. On my walk around school yesterday, I had the pleasure of listening to a class debating whether it is better to be a child or an adult. The vocabulary they used, the clarity of their thinking and the confidence in expressing their ideas brought me so much joy. I love seeing the world through their eyes - they remind us every day to lift the weight from our shoulders and to find moments of fun and curiosity.

I hope you are all able to do just that over the half term break - whether for the whole week, a day or simply a few precious moments.

Over the holiday, the children are invited to get creative by designing a new school logo. Please see the ClassDojo post from this week with information about it. After half term, I will also be seeking your feedback and thoughts on our school values. I am very much looking forward to hearing your ideas and continuing to shape our school together.

We have so much to look forward to next half term and I am excited to share it all with you.

Wishing you all a lovely and restful week.

Emily Caldwell

Headteacher

A message from Pupil Parliament

A huge thank you to all our families for supporting **Children's Mental Health Week – Dress to Express Day** today! We've been blown away by your generosity and are delighted to share that we raised **£345** to support the ongoing counselling provision in school through *The Space*.



It was wonderful to see so many bright colours, fun outfits and happy faces around school – we hope you all enjoyed dressing up as much as we did! Thank you again for helping us support such an important cause.

Safer Internet Day 2026

On Tuesday, we marked Safer Internet Day 2026 with a whole-school assembly, joining schools nationwide to celebrate the largest global online safety campaign. This year's theme, *"Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI,"* focused on helping children understand how to use AI technology safely and responsibly. We then continued this focus throughout the week in our Computing lessons.

In Computing, children explored the theme in age-appropriate ways. Key Stage 1 pupils learned about voice assistants and discussed how to use them safely. Key Stage 2 pupils focused on chatbots, considering their benefits as well as the potential risks of AI technology.

AI is increasingly part of everyday life, from voice assistants and chatbots to the content we see online and tools used for homework. While AI offers many benefits, it is important that children understand possible risks, including misinformation, scams and misuse.

We encourage families to continue these conversations at home. You might ask your child:

- What do you enjoy doing online?
- Have you used AI tools?
- Do you have any worries about AI?
- Who would you talk to if something online concerned you?

By working together at school and at home, we can help ensure children stay safe and confident online.

Thank you to Mr Black for leading the Safer Internet Day Assembly.





We're celebrating International Mother Language Day

NEW DEADLINE OF 24th FEBRUARY

We'd love to hear all our different voices!

At Little Ealing Primary School we want to celebrate all the many languages our pupils speak.

It's easy to take part: children just need to make a short film of themselves talking, reading, or even singing in their home language. Two or three minutes is all we need, so a short story, poem, song or nursery rhyme would be perfect. Parents are invited to join in with their child too if they like!

Entry details: send by email, stating the child's **name** and **class**, to Mme Woolley at mfl@leps.org.uk. The film must be in **landscape**, not portrait. The deadline is **Tuesday 24th February**. A good way to send large files is to use <https://wetransfer.com/>

And we want food photos too!

We would also like children to share a picture of themselves making a **favourite food dish** from their home culture. Please use the email address above to send in the food photo, remembering to include the child's **name** and **class**, the name of the dish, the country it originates from and the recipe with the main ingredients.

The language recordings and food photos will be shared on the French part of the school website on Friday 27th February.

Any questions, contact: Mme Woolley, French Specialist Teacher, LEPS (mfl@leps.org.uk)



Important Dates & Holidays

Date	Time	Who is it for?	Description
Monday 16th – Friday 20th February 2026		ALL	Half Term – School Closed for all Pupils
Monday 23 rd February 2026	8.30am	All children	School opens for all pupils – Spring Term 2 Breakfast club and before school clubs as usual
Thursday 26 th February 2026	9am	Parents/Carers	Parent Workshop - Topic: Dyslexia at LEPS
Friday 27 th February 2026	ALL DAY	All children	International Mother Language Day
Monday 2 nd – Friday 6 th March 2026	Throughout the week	All children	Book Week – the children will take part in a variety of activities to promote their love of reading
Wednesday 4 th March 2026	ALL DAY	All children	Book Day DRESS UP - all children are invited to dress up as their favourite Book Character
Thursday 5 th March 2026	5pm	Year 4 Parents/Carers	Information about the Year 4 Times Tables Check—ONLINE ZOOM MEETING
Tuesday 10 th March 2026	9am	Carlyle Parents/Carers	Carlyle Class Assembly – parents and carers invited to watch and stay for a cup of tea or coffee in the canteen afterwards
Tuesday 10 th March 2026	3 – 6pm	Buttercups	Termly Reviews – parent teacher individual meetings – details will follow
Tuesday 10 th March 2026	4.00 – 6.30pm	Reception to Year 6	Termly Reviews – parent teacher individual meetings – details will follow
Wednesday 11 th March 2026	3 – 6pm	Ladybirds	Termly Reviews – parent teacher individual meetings – details will follow
Thursday 12 th March 2026	3 – 6pm	Caterpillar	Termly Reviews – parent teacher individual meetings – details will follow
Thursday 12 th March 2026	3.30 – 6pm	Reception to Year 6	Termly Reviews – parent teacher individual meetings – details will follow
Tuesday 17 th March 2026	9am	Coningsby Parents/Carers	Coningsby Class Assembly – parents and carers invited to watch and stay for a cup of tea or coffee in the canteen afterwards
Wednesday 18 th March 2026	8.45am	Reception	Reception Parent Meeting – Information about the end of Reception expectations
Thursday 19 th March 2026	8.45am	Year 1	Year 1 Parent Meeting – Information about the Year 1 Phonics screening
Thursday 19 th March 2026	3.30 – 6pm	N to Y6	PP and SEND Termly Reviews – parent teacher individual meetings – details will follow
Friday 20 th March 2026	9am	Parents/Carers	Parent Workshop - Topic: Mental Health and Wellbeing at LEPS
Friday 20 th March 2026	ALL DAY	All children	Red Nose Day – details to follow about this fundraiser

Wednesday 25 th March 2026	6.15pm	Musicians	End of Term Music Concert
Friday 27 th March 2026	Usual collection time	ALL	End of Term Collection - Usual times for each year group
Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April 2026		ALL	Easter Holidays
Monday 13 th April 2026	ALL DAY	All children	INSET DAY - School closed for all pupils
Tuesday 14 th April 2026	ALL DAY	All children	School opens for all pupils – Summer Term 2026
Tuesday 21st April 2025 * NEW DATE *	9am	Clovelly Parents/Carers	Clovelly Class Assembly – parents and carers invited to watch and stay for a cup of tea or coffee in the canteen afterwards



Oracy Owl Question of the Week

***This week's assembly was
Children's Mental Health Week.***

What are some small things that help us feel better on a difficult day?

- One small thing that helps me is...
- When I feel worried or upset, I like to...
- Something that helps me feel calm is...
- This helps because...
- If someone else is having a difficult day, I could...

Talk Tactics

Instigate

Present an idea or open up a new line of inquiry



Build

Develop, add to or elaborate on an idea.



Summarise

Identify and recap the main ideas



5 ways to wellbeing