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LEPS Newsletter

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A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS

RECEPTION & YEAR 6

Heights & Weights
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Monday 12th January

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YEAR 4

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Dear all,

Welcome back to the Spring term 2026! I hope you all had an enjoyable and restful winter break and were able to spend some special time together. It has been lovely to welcome the children back this week, refreshed and ready to learn.

We started the term with a thoughtful Monday assembly. We began by looking at a photo of a bare tree and talked about how we are all feeling coming back to school. We then looked closely at how buds start to appear and how before we know it, we will begin to see the blossom on the trees. In the same way, we discussed how we will grow and change this term. We reflected on how a new term or year is a perfect opportunity to make choices about how we behave, how we work and how we treat each other. Everyone gets to choose the attitude they want to have. It was wonderful to hear so many children talking about working hard, persevering, being resilient, being kind and respectful and making positive choices this term.

The Spring term is always an exciting time in school. It offers valuable opportunities for growth and development as we build on the progress made during the autumn term, while also embracing new learning and fresh beginnings. We remain committed to ensuring the term is engaging, nurturing and successful for every child and we look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you to support your children's learning and wellbeing.

International Day

Next week we will be celebrating International Day and I would like to thank all the families who have already offered to support this by sharing something with the children. We are very much looking forward to celebrating the richness and diversity of our school community together.

Cold Weather

As the weather continues to be cold, please ensure that children come to school appropriately dressed for winter conditions. This includes warm coats, hats, scarves and gloves, as children will continue to go outside during playtimes unless the weather is extreme. Please also make sure footwear is suitable for cold and wet conditions. Labelling items is always helpful, as it makes it much easier for us to return lost property to its owner.

Contact Details

Please can we ask that you ensure your contact details are up to date with the school office. Having the correct information allows us to keep you informed about important notices and upcoming events.

Nursery and Reception Applications – September 2026

A reminder for parents and carers with younger children that Nursery and Reception applications for September 2026 are due on Thursday 15th

ADMISSIONS REMINDER

The deadline for Nursery applications is 15th January 2026.

If you wish to apply for a space in our Nursery for September 2026, please visit the [admissions section](#) on our website, the application form can be found [here](#).

Alternatively, a copy of the application form can be collected from the school office.

January 2026. If you require any support with the application process, please contact the school office. We would not want any siblings to miss out on a place in our nursery or reception for September 2026.

Dates for Your Diaries

We have put together a Spring term calendar of key dates which you will find below. Throughout the term, we have planned a range of class meetings to keep parents and carers informed and to share important information about statutory assessments taking place in the Summer term 2026. These sessions are designed to help you understand how best to support your child at home and we encourage you to attend where possible.

Thank you, as always, for your continued commitment and support of Little Ealing Primary School. We are very much looking forward to a positive, productive and enjoyable Spring term together.

Here's to a fantastic Spring Term 2026!

Emily Caldwell

Headteacher

National Child Measurement Programme 2025/26

On Monday the 12th of January, our school will be participating in the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP).

The programme helps monitor children's health across the country by measuring the height and weight of children in Reception and Year 6 to assess growth and trends in childhood health.

Parents of children in the relevant year groups should have received a Parentmail with more detailed information.

The measurements will be taken by trained healthcare professionals in a respectful and confidential.

manner. Once complete, you'll receive your child's results, along with advice on any next steps if necessary. Your child's privacy will be maintained throughout.

We encourage participation in this important programme, which supports healthier lifestyles for our children.

Thank you for your support!



Oracy Owl Question of the Week

What are you looking forward to learning this year?

- 🌟 I'm looking forward to learning about...
- 🌟 I'd like to find out more about...
- 🌟 Something I find challenging and I want to get better is...
- 🔍 What are you looking forward to?
- 🔍 What you're saying is...



Important Dates & Holidays

Date	Time	Who is it for?	Description
Tuesday 13 th January 2026	ALL DAY	All children	International Day – all children are invited to dress up to reflect their cultural heritage. Throughout the day the children will take part in activities related to different parts of the world.
Thursday 15 th January 2026	7.30pm	Year 6 Parents/Carers	Information about Year 6 End of Year SATs - ONLINE ZOOM Meeting
Friday 23 rd January 2026	6.30 – 8pm	Year 5 and 6	Year 5 and 6 Disco – PFTA event – details to follow
Tuesday 27 th January 2026	9am	Darwin Parents/Carers	Darwin Class Assembly – parents and carers invited to watch and stay for a cup of tea or coffee in the canteen afterwards
Friday 30 th January 2026	6.30 – 8pm	Year 3 and 4	Year 3 and 4 Disco – PFTA event – details to follow
Tuesday 3 rd February 2026	9am	Dorset Parents/Carers	Dorset Class Assembly – parents and carers invited to watch and stay for a cup of tea or coffee in the canteen afterwards
Friday 6 th February 2026	6.30 – 8pm	Year 1 and 2	Year 1 and 2 Disco – PFTA event – details to follow
Monday 6 th – 13 th February 2026	ALL WEEK	All children	Children's Mental Health Week
Friday 13 th February 2026	ALL DAY	All children	Wear your PJs to school – be cosy and comfortable to celebrate the end children's mental health week
Tuesday 10 th February 2026	9am	Devonshire Parents/Carers	Devonshire Class Assembly – parents and carers invited to watch and stay for a cup of tea or coffee in the canteen afterwards
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
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	ALL DAY	All children	Red Nose Day – details to follow about this fundraiser
Tuesday 24 th March 2025	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
Wednesday 25 th March 2026	6.15pm	Musicians	End of Term Music Concert
Tuesday 25 th February 2025	8.30am	All children	Bags2School – please drop off any bags at the beginning of the school day
Monday 3 rd March	ALL DAY	All children	Class Photos – choose your favourite outfit and brush your hair how you like it best!
Friday 27 th March 2026	Usual times for each year group	ALL	End of Term Collection
Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April 2026	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

Computing @ LEPS News

Staying Safe Online in the New Year

As we begin a new year, we would like to remind families how important it is to help children stay safe when using the internet and digital devices. Online safety is an ongoing focus at school, and we encourage parents and carers to continue these conversations at home.

Key Stage 1 – Learning the SMART Rules

In Key Stage 1, children are learning about the SMART rules for staying safe online. These simple rules help our youngest pupils understand how to use the internet safely and responsibly:

- **S – Safe:** Keep personal information private
- **M – Meet:** Do not meet anyone you only know online
- **A – Accept:** Do not open messages or links that make you feel unsure
- **R – Reliable:** Not everything online is true
- **T – Tell:** Always tell a trusted adult if something worries you

Through stories, discussions, and age-appropriate activities, children are learning that they should always ask an adult for help if they are unsure about anything they see or hear online.

Key Stage 2 – Creating Strong Passwords

In Key Stage 2, children are developing a deeper understanding of online safety, with a particular focus on password security. Pupils are learning how to create strong, safe passwords to protect their online accounts.

We teach children to create passwords using:

- **3 random words** (not linked to their name or school)
- **Numbers**
- **Symbols**

For example:

TigerMoonPencil!47

This approach makes passwords much harder to guess while still being memorable. Children are also reminded never to share passwords with friends and to tell a trusted adult if they think their account is not secure.

How You Can Help at Home

- Talk to your child about what they do online
- Encourage them to follow the SMART rules
- Help them practise creating strong passwords
- Remind them to speak to an adult if something online makes them feel uncomfortable

By working together, we can help children build good habits and stay safe online throughout the year.

Miss Meyer and Miss Stickland

Computing Leads

The greatest gift of all: playing with you!



All children need to play. It is their way of learning skills and helps them to release their emotions. Regularly playing with your child will help you to feel closer. It will also encourage them to cooperate more and you will feel more energised!

How can parents help?

I know most of you might feel exhausted at the end of the day, especially with how strange things might be right now, maybe working from home or more anxious thoughts and pressures with the pandemic and current lockdown. However, all you need is 10 mins of play, which will help both you and your child to let out some of the stress accumulated from your day. Can you try any of these at some point in your day?

- If your child is feeling over-excited and needs to let off some energy, how about taking him to a quiet, safe space and letting him spin around while you spot him?
- If she is having difficulty falling asleep at night, you could say goodnight to each part of her body.
- If he needs some help calming down, perhaps you could blow bubbles together and see how long you can keep them in the air before popping.
- Play football together by blowing a cotton ball around through straws.
- If she is finding a situation difficult, use stuffed animals to act it out.

Finally, I always suggest following your child's lead and joining them in their favourite game: let them teach you how to play!

Sometimes we could all do with someone to talk to.

If you would like to meet Elita Bartholomew Matthew for a confidential and non-judgemental chat about you, your child, or any other worries, they are available on Wednesdays from 9-10am.

You can call/text 07469701260 or email elita@schoolsounsellingpartnership.co.uk

PTFA - Upcoming Events

PTFA Yr 5-6 Disco - Fri 23rd Jan - 6-8.30pm

Summer Fete - Sat 6th June - 12-4.30pm

PTFA Yr 3-4 Disco - Fri 30th Jan - 6-8.30pm

PTFA Netball - Children - Sun 7th June - TBC

PTFA Yr 1-2 Disco - Fri 6th Feb - 6-8.30pm

PTFA End of Year Party - Fri 10th Jul - 6-8.30pm

PTFA Netball - Adults - Thurs 4th June - 7-9pm

If your child is unwell with vomiting and/or diarrhoea

Please can we remind parents & carers that the school policy on vomiting and/or diarrhoea is that a child must be off for 48 hours from the last episode. This is for infection control, and based on guidance from the Department of Health.

Thank you for your co-operation.

