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LEPS Newsletter

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A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS

WHOLE SCHOOL

International Day -
Parents of the World we
need you!

Christmas Jumper Day -
Thursday 11th
December 2025

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.

SCHOOL TOUR

The last date for a
school tour is 8th
January 2026 at
9.15am. To book
please contact the
school office on
020-8567-2135.



Dear all,

It has been a magical musical week at Little Ealing, and I am delighted to share some of the many highlights with you:

Christmas Fair

A huge thank you to our wonderful PTFA for all their hard work in setting up a fantastic Christmas Fair on Saturday. It was a fun-filled day of festive cheer, community spirit and incredible fundraising — in fact, a record amount was raised for our school. Thank you to everyone who attended, helped, donated or supported in any way.



NSPCC In-Class Assemblies – Speak Up, Speak Out

This week, children took part in age appropriate and important safeguarding sessions as part of the NSPCC's Speak Up, Speak Out programme. The assemblies helped children understand:

- the different forms of abuse and how to recognise signs
- that abuse is never a child's fault and that every child has the right to be safe

- where to get help, including support from trusted adults and **Childline**

These sessions equip children with essential knowledge to help keep themselves and others safe.

Leyborne Class Assembly – The Power of Words

Leyborne Class impressed us all with a wonderfully informative assembly all about words. They shared fascinating facts about the English language — how many words there are, how many people speak English and how language has evolved.

They then explored the power of words, reminding us that our words matter and that we should always use them for good. The class linked this beautifully to their Stone Age learning, explaining how early humans may have used spoken language long before writing.

We also enjoyed listening to their creative free-verse poems, showing how writing can express ideas and imagination in limitless ways. The assembly finished with an uplifting song all about December, sending everyone into the hall smiling.

Reception Christmas Performances

Our three Reception classes lit up the hall this week with their Christmas shows:

- Bramley – The Sleepy Shepherd
- Birkbeck – Shine Star Shine
- Blondin – Whoops-a-Daisy Angel

The children sang, danced and acted with such joy. They worked incredibly hard to learn their songs, lines and actions and we are all very proud of them. These performances were truly heart-warming and a perfect start to the festive season.

LEPS Christmas Music Concert

Our annual Christmas Music Concert was a remarkable celebration of musical talent at Little Ealing. It showcased the dedication, practice and passion of our young musicians across a range of instruments and ensembles.

A huge thank you to our incredible music team:

- **Becky White, Fransico Jimenez, Ross Kenning, David Kadumukasa, Del James and Caroline Swan** - who all provide our children with individual music lessons each week to allow them to build their passion, skills and musical understanding
- **Justyn Waterman** - who leads our Concert Band and stepped in to conduct the orchestra at short notice
- **Esther Sheridan** - who leads our orchestra — we hope you have a restful recovery and look forward to seeing you in the new year
- **Mr Maud** - our inspirational music lead, whose leadership and vision have been instrumental in securing Little Ealing's place as a lead music school for the borough of Ealing

We are extremely grateful for the expertise and commitment that our music staff bring to our children every week.

Thanks to our PTFA for running the bar and Mr Lahiffe for sound system support. Between the cheeky elf bar and donations all the parents and carers gave on the night we raised £510 for the music department at LEPS.

Orchestra and Choir at Pitzhanger Manor

To end our musical week, our Concert Band and Choir performed at the beautiful and atmospheric Pitzhanger Manor. It was a mesmerising, festive and joyful event - a perfect way to

celebrate the children's hard work. Thank you to all the families who joined us.



Christmas Lunch and Jumpers

Yesterday's Christmas lunch was a highlight for many children (and staff). Excited faces, Christmas songs and delicious food made it a very special occasion.

A huge thank you to our kitchen team, led by our new kitchen manager Sofia, for preparing a wonderful Christmas dinner for 700 people. Your hard work every day and especially this week, is hugely appreciated.

Seeing everyone's Christmas Jumpers yesterday was so much fun and we raised £290 for Save the Children.



Staff News

Next week we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Yacob. Having recently completed her apprenticeship with us, she has spent the last 18 months supporting children in Year 1 with care, dedication and warmth. We thank her for all she has contributed and wish her the very best for the future.

And Finally...

I hope everyone manages a few early nights this weekend to help with the end-of-term tiredness. We have a full and exciting final week ahead and I look forward to sharing it with you all.

Best wishes

Emily Caldwell

Headteacher



Oracy Owl Question of the Week



This week's assembly theme was 'Speak Out, Stay Safe'.

Why is it important to speak out if something doesn't feel right?

- I think it's important to speak out because ...
- When I share my worries, it means that ...
- A trusted adult can help by...
- Childline Buddy reminds me that ...



How Parents and Carers Can Help

- **Talk openly and honestly** Encourage your child to share their feelings and questions. Let them know it's normal to feel a mix of emotions.
- **Maintain routines where possible** Keeping regular mealtimes, bedtimes, and activities helps children feel secure.
- **Prepare them in advance** Where possible, talk about upcoming changes before they happen to reduce uncertainty.
- **Provide reassurance and patience** Let your child know you are there for them and that it's okay to take time to adjust.
- **Encourage positive coping strategies** Support activities that help your child relax and express themselves—like drawing, playing, or talking.



Stay connected with school Inform teachers or pastoral staff about changes so we can support your child's emotional and academic wellbeing.

☐ Remember: Change can be challenging but also an opportunity for growth. With your love and support, your child can build resilience and confidence to thrive through life's transitions.

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@schools counsellingpartnership.co.uk

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.

Important Dates & Holidays

Date	Time	Who is it for?	Description
Friday 19th December 2025	Usual times for each year group	ALL	End of Term Collection
Monday 22 nd December – Monday 5 th January 2026		ALL	Christmas Holidays
Monday 5 th January 2026	All Day	ALL	Staff Training Day – CLOSED FOR ALL PUPILS
Tuesday 6 th January 2026	8.30am	ALL	School opens for all pupils – Spring Term

LOST PROPERTY

- Lost property items are located on the two blue trolleys outside of the canteen
- Please ensure that your child/ren have all of their belongings when leaving school each day
- Children will be asked to look for their own lost items in the first instance
- Remember to label items with your child's name, so that items can be returned if found
- Periodically items left on these trolleys will be disposed off

Thank you for your cooperation.

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