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LEPS Newsletter

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A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS

WHOLE SCHOOL

Catch-Up Photo
Session - Tuesday 25th
November

YEAR 2

Trip to the Lyric
Theatre Panto

YEAR 3

Trip to Pitzhanger
Manor

YEAR 4

British Museum -
Permission & Lunch
orders

YEAR 6

Trip to Warner Bros.
Studio

PTFA

Winter hats on sale
Christmas Fair tickets
now on sale
Christmas jumpers on
sale

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

We have a catch-up
session on Tuesday 25th
November for all of the
children who did not have
their photos taken this
week.

Dear all

It has been another busy, positive and energetic week at Little Ealing and I am delighted to share some of the highlights with you.

Monday Assembly – Eco Explorers Launch “Switch It Off!”

This week’s Monday assembly was led by our fantastic **Eco Explorers**, who proudly launched their new **Switch It Off Campaign**. Their aim is to help the school save energy, reduce costs and care for our environment.

The children spoke clearly and confidently about climate change, explaining how the Earth is warming and how small everyday actions can make a big difference. Their campaign encourages everyone to switch off lights, computers and other equipment when not in use.

To help remind us, the Eco Explorers have designed bright star stickers that will soon appear around the building. They were very keen to reassure everyone that they are not “telling people off” — simply encouraging thoughtful actions that protect our planet.

Over the coming weeks, the group will be monitoring the school’s gas and electricity usage and hope to see improvements — **one switch at a time**. You may wish to talk with your child at home about what they love most about the natural world and simple steps your family could take to look after it.

OT Resources – Thank You

A big thank you to the families who have already donated items from our **Sensory Resources Wish List**.

These resources make a real difference to children who need them. If you would still like to contribute, the links were shared in last week’s newsletter.

In the spirit of full honesty, I even found three old therapy bands at home - abandoned from my gym days (but let’s keep that between us!) and brought them in.

If you have any similar bits hiding at the back of a cupboard, we would gladly and gratefully receive them!

Parent Meetings

Thank you to everyone who attended our Parent–Teacher meetings this week. It was wonderful to share how well the children have settled into their classes, the progress they are already making and ways you can support them further at home.

A huge thank you also to **Madame Woolley** and our **French Ambassadors**, who once again ran the brilliant French Café. The excitement from both servers and customers was a joy to see! Well done to all the brave adults who ordered in French.

We have further meetings next week:

- **Monday 24th November – Nursery PP and SEND Meetings, 3.00–6.00pm**
- **Monday 24th November – Reception to Year 6 PP and SEND Meetings, 3.20–6.00pm**

PTFA Events – *WICKED* and Quiz Night

Last Friday's PTFA *WICKED* evening already feels like a long time ago, but I must say the moment I was finally unglued from my desk and caught sight of Elphaba and Galinda floating away - one on a broomstick, one in a bubble - they shouted how magical the evening had been and how lucky we are to have such wonderful children and families at LEPS.

Thank you to everyone who joined in and helped raise funds for the school while having so much fun.

And to those attending the PTFA **Quiz Night** this evening — I hope you have a fantastic time. I'm sorry I cannot be with you.

Therapeutic Thinking Coffee Morning

Thank you to all parents and carers who joined this morning's Inclusion Workshop focused on **Therapeutic Thinking**. Your openness, honesty and thoughtful questions made it a genuinely valuable session.

The slides are available on **ClassDojo** for your reference.

Our next Parent Inclusion Workshop will take place after Christmas — please keep an eye on the newsletter for January dates.

Tutoring – A Gentle Reminder

It has become clear during meetings this week that some parents feel under pressure to find tutors for their children, even in the early years. Please be reassured that this is **not** something the school wishes to encourage.

We want children to develop a love of learning - not pressure, stress or unnecessary expectations. Through our partnership with you, we will work together to identify and address any gaps or misconceptions at school.

If your child does already have a tutor, please let their class teacher know so guidance can be given on appropriate areas to focus on and so that extra pressure is not placed on your child.

Watches

A polite reminder that **smart watches** should not be worn in school.

Children are discouraged from wearing jewellery generally, but if they would like to wear a watch, a simple analogue or digital one is perfectly fine.

Beginning of the Day Routines

Thank you for the very positive feedback about our updated morning routines — we are pleased to hear they are supporting such a calm start to the day. However, please remember that **parents must not enter the school building in the morning** unless accompanied by a staff member.

We are committed to welcoming families on site but must continue to follow safeguarding expectations.

Our final scooter racks have now arrived, so look out next week for news on when children can begin using them.

End of the Day Routines

We kindly ask parents of younger children to stay with them after collection if they are waiting for older siblings. Children should not be playing on the playground, scooting around or using play equipment at this time.

Leaving the site promptly helps staff begin meetings, training sessions and after-school clubs. We really appreciate your help with this, as we want staff to be available where they are most needed.

Thank you for your continued support, kindness, and engagement with all areas of school life. It truly makes a difference.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Emily Caldwell

Headteacher

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS CONSULTATION

Ealing council is consulting on a proposed change to the admissions arrangements for community schools for entry in September 2027 with the introduction of a staff child criterion. Under the proposed criterion, priority would be given to children of staff who:

- *Have been employed at the school for a minimum of two years at the time of application*
Are employed in a post where there is a demonstrable skill shortage

This criterion would be placed below looked after and previously looked after children and siblings, but above distance only based admissions.

The [consultation](#) will be open until 22 December 2025, please read the revised [community school admissions arrangements 2027/28](#) before completing a short [survey](#) to submit your views.

Important Dates & Holidays

Date	Time	Who is it for?	Description
Monday 24 th November 2025	3.30 – 6pm	Nursery to Y6	PP and SEND Termly Reviews – parent teacher individual meetings – details will follow
Tuesday 25 th November 2025	9am	Lothair Parents/Carers	Class Assembly – parents and carers invited to watch and stay for a cup of tea or coffee in the Food Tech room afterwards
Thursday 27 th November 2025	9.15am	Prospective Parents	Prospective Parent Tours – for parents/carers of pupils due to start Nursery or Reception in Sept 2026. Book a place through the school office
Tuesday 2 nd December 2025	9am	Lavington Parents/Carers	Class Assembly – parents and carers invited to watch and stay for a cup of tea or coffee in the Food Tech room afterwards
Wednesday 3 rd December 2025	9.15am	Prospective Parents	Prospective Parent Tours – for parents/carers of pupils due to start Nursery or Reception in Sept 2026. Book a place through the school office
Thursday 4 th December 2025	7.30pm	Ticketed event	PTFA Wreath Making
Saturday 6 th December 2025	12 – 4pm	ALL	PTFA Christmas Fair
Tuesday 9 th December 2025	9am— Change to time	Leyborne Parents/Carers	Class Assembly – parents and carers invited to watch and stay for a cup of tea or coffee in the Food Tech room afterwards
Wednesday 10 th December 2025	2pm	Birkbeck Parents/Carers	Christmas Show – parents and carers invited to watch
Wednesday 10 th December 2025	6.15pm	Parents/Carers of children taking part	Music Christmas Concert – details to follow
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Thursday 11 th December 2025	ALL DAY	All children	Christmas Jumper Day and School Christmas Lunch
Thursday 11 th December 2025	2pm	Bramley Parents/Carers	Christmas Show – parents and carers invited to watch
Friday 12 th December 2025	2pm	Blondin Parents/Carers	Christmas Show – parents and carers invited to watch
Friday 19 th 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

LEPS MUSIC ADVENT CALENDAR

6 Days till LEPS Musical Advent Calendar Deadline

Please submit entries by Thursday 27th November 2025

[All details here!](#)

DON'T DELAY!



LEPS Eco Explorers

The LEPS Eco Explorers have launched a 'Switch it off' campaign in a determined effort to reduce the amount of energy we are using in school. Representatives from every class from Year 1 to Year 6 lead the whole school assemblies, informing everyone about the issues of climate change.



The team made bright 'Switch it off' stickers which are now on every light switch and screen button reminding children and teachers to save energy at every opportunity.

Well done Green Team!

We will continue to monitor our electricity and gas usage and hopefully see a drop in the amount of energy we are using each week.

Computing @ LEPS News

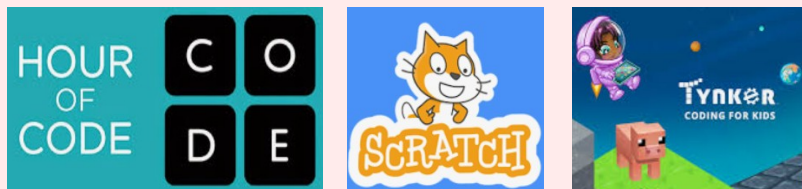
Coding Fun in Years 3, 4 and 5

This half term, our Year 3, 4 and 5 pupils have begun diving into the exciting world of coding! Using Hour of Code and Code.org, the children have been developing their computational thinking skills while learning how to sequence instructions, create algorithms, and even design their own loops to make their programs run more efficiently.

Through a range of fun and interactive challenges, pupils have explored how to give clear commands to a computer and problem-solve when things don't go quite to plan. They've particularly enjoyed experimenting with different coding puzzles and seeing their characters come to life on screen as they debug and refine their work.

It's been fantastic to see their enthusiasm grow with each new challenge, they are becoming confident young coders who are always ready to tackle the next problem!

Want to Try Coding at Home?



There are lots of fun and free websites that children in Years 1–6 can explore to keep practising their coding skills:

- **Code.org** – Great for all ages! Try puzzles, games and creative coding projects.
- **Scratch Jr (KS1)** – Perfect for younger children (Years 1–2) to create their own stories and animations.
- **Scratch (KS2)** – A fun way for older pupils (Years 3–6) to make games and interactive projects.
- **Tynker** – Learn coding through exciting adventures and game design challenges.
- **Hour of Code** – Try different themed activities, from Minecraft to Frozen, and learn coding basics step by step!

Miss Meyer and Miss Stickland

Computing Leads

TAG RUGBY CAMPAIGN

Little Ealing Primary School entered two teams into their Tag Rugby campaign this year. Although they faced several tough challenges during the matches including freezing temperatures, the players showed excellent knowledge, skills, and perseverance. Both teams worked extremely well together and represented the school with pride.

Both teams successfully progressed through their groups unbeaten, and remarkably met each other in the quarter final round. One team won the match with a score of 1-0, highlighting their outstanding performance. The team then progressed all the way to the final where they again won a tight contested match 1-0.

Huge congratulations to both teams. We are extremely proud of them and grateful for their dedication throughout this campaign. We are eagerly looking forward to competing in next year's tournament to gain a place at the London Youth Games.



Coming Soon

Ealing Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme



We are delighted to be delivering in Ealing the **Winter 2025 Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme!**

The HAF programme provides funded holiday provision, including healthy food and enriching activities, for children and young people in school years from reception to year 11 who reside in or attend school in the London Borough of Ealing and are in receipt of benefits-related free school meals (FSM), or who are vulnerable and would benefit from a HAF place.

Please note that primary pupils receiving the universal free school meals offer are not eligible for the HAF programme

Winter 2025 HAF

Throughout Ealing, HAF providers will be offering a wide range of funded activities, as well as a healthy meal. Eligible children and young people can attend for a **maximum of 4 days** over the Christmas school holiday. Ealing's Winter HAF programme will run from **Monday 22 December 2025 - Friday 2 January 2026**.

Vulnerable Children and Young People: Applications Open Wednesday 29 October 2025

We are able to offer a limited number of HAF places to some vulnerable children and young people who would benefit from attending HAF provision but are not in receipt of benefits-related free school meals.

Professionals who are working with families who they feel would benefit will need to complete an [online referral application form](#) to apply for them to be able to access the Winter HAF programme. Please complete a separate form for each child you are referring.

Applications **open on Wednesday 29 October 2025 at 9am** and will **close on Thursday 1 January 2026 at 12 noon**. We advise that you complete the application as soon as possible to be able to secure the child or young person's eligibility and book a HAF provider placement. Please note that vulnerable places should not be used for childcare.

Promote to Eligible Families: Bookings Open Wednesday 12 November 2025

Eligible families (those in receipt of benefits-related free school meals) will receive an email with booking details over the coming weeks. If you are working with an eligible family, please encourage them to book their HAF place.

Our activity providers' booking information will be available through the 'Book an Activity' tile on our [webpage](#).

Further Information

To read more about Ealing's HAF programme, please have a look at our webpages: www.EalingHAF.org.uk.

We have had our HAF video subtitles translated into several community languages, these can be located on our [gallery page](#).

We really appreciate your support. For any questions or further information, please email the HAF team at HAF@ealing.gov.uk.

Helping Children Understand a Terminal Diagnosis

If someone in the family has been diagnosed with a terminal illness, it's natural to want to protect your child from emotional pain. However, children are often more aware than we realise. They may pick up on sadness, stress, or changes at home—even if they haven't been told directly.

Children cope best when they are:

- Told the truth in a way they can understand
- Given time to ask questions

Reassured that it's okay to talk about their feelings 🧠

How Can Parents/Carers Help?

- **Use clear, honest, and age-appropriate language** Avoid euphemisms like “gone to sleep” or “really poorly,” which can confuse children. Use gentle but clear terms like: *“Grandad has an illness that the doctors can't cure. He's being looked after, and we don't know how long he will live.”*
- **Let them ask questions** Children may ask the same questions repeatedly or in unexpected ways. This is a normal part of processing.
- **Acknowledge emotions** Let them know it's okay to feel sad, angry, scared, or even numb. Try phrases like: *“It's okay to feel upset or not know what to feel. I'm here for you.”*
- **Offer reassurance** Remind them that they are loved, they will be looked after, and their routines (like school, home life, and friends) will continue.
- **Don't hide your own emotions** Showing your feelings helps children feel safe to show theirs. You might say: *“I'm feeling sad too, and that's okay. We can feel this together.”*

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.

PTFA - Christmas Jumpers!



Children sizes £10

3-4 5-6 7-8
9-11 12-13

Adult sizes £17

XS S M L XL

LEPS WINTER HATS ON SALE NOW!

The PTFA are happy to be able to offer the LEPS community winter hats! We have a choice of either a Red Pom Pom hat with white letters or a Black Beanie with white letters.

Sizes available are:

- Kids 4-8 (Samples pictured are kids size - suggest Kids or Junior for Year 5 and above)
- Junior 8 - 12
- Adult



Kids & Youth sizes £9.00

Adults £10.00

NB. PLEASE put your child's name inside as soon as you receive them!

Order via ParentMail by Wednesday 26th November.

BUY YOUR 2025

NEW

CHRISTMAS TREE from the PTFA

Nordmann Fir trees come netted without stands

3-4ft £37

4-5ft £42

5-6ft £47

6-7ft £52

7-8ft £62

Place your order via the Parentmail shop now. **Deadline to order Thursday 20th November.** This is an absolute deadline that cannot be extended.

Pick up your tree order from **Ealing Fields High School** on
Friday 5th Dec 5.30-8pm **OR**
Saturday 6th 9.30-12.30pm



LEPS PTFA PRESENTS

Wreath Making Workshop

THURS 4TH DECEMBER
7.30PM
£40 per person

An evening of community, creativity & festive fun

Whether you're a seasoned crafter or just want to try something new, please join us to kick off the Festive season!

Welcome drink, step by step guidance, and all materials are included to make your very own wreath - you just need to bring your Christmas spirit!



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