News & Updates

Leavesden Green School JMI & Nursery

Friday 6th November 2026

Bridge Parent Lunch

This week, Bridge class enjoyed their very first Parent Lunch, and what a lovely afternoon it was!

The children kicked things off by enjoying lunch with their parents, giving everyone a chance to sit together, have a chat and catch up. This was followed by some fun-filled POP activities, with lots of exciting stations for everyone to get involved in!

The children absolutely loved showing their parents around the different stations and sharing all the activities with them. It was wonderful to see so many parents getting stuck in, joining in the fun and giving everything a go! We think the parents enjoyed it just as much as the children did!

A huge thank you to all the parents who came along and helped make our first Year 5 Parent Lunch such a special and memorable day. We loved seeing so many smiles, laughter and happy faces! We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!







🚸 STOP MEANS STOP – Keeping Our Children Safe 🚸



This November, you may notice our School Crossing Patrol, Esther wearing a bright orange 'STOP MEANS STOP' tabard as part of a campaign to remind drivers of the importance of stopping when asked.

Our School Crossing Patrol plays a vital role in keeping our children safe when crossing the road, whatever the weather. We are very fortunate to have their support, and we ask all drivers to be patient and follow their instructions.

Please remember: when the patrol signals for you to stop, please remain stationary until they have safely escorted everyone across the road and returned to the pavement. Although waiting may sometimes feel like a long time, it usually takes less than a minute and could make all the difference to a child's safety.

Now that the clocks have changed and mornings and afternoons are darker, it is more important than ever to cross safely. Please encourage your children to use the School Crossing Patrol whenever possible, as their bright clothing helps them to be seen by drivers.

Thank you for supporting our School Crossing Patrol and helping us to keep all our children safe. Your patience and cooperation are very much appreciated!

POP - Weather appropriate clothing

As winter is approaching and the weather is changing. We have created lots of wonderful outdoor play opportunities for our children. The weather this week has shown us that many children have not been able to join in with the POP activities as they have not come to school in the appropriate clothing. The children need to have wellies and a coat with a hood in school every day as these will keep them warm and dry throughout the winter while they are playing and exploring our school grounds. As a school, we have explored through assemblies and circle times the importance of these pieces of equipment for keeping them warm and dry whilst still having fun.

Remembrance day

On Wednesday, we will be having a two minute silence at 11am to 'remember' those who fought in WW1 as well as those who have died in wars and conflicts, honouring the service and sacrifice of the armed forces members from Britain and the Commonwealth and other countries.



Dawn & Dusk Wraparound Care
Bookings for Autumn 2 (October - December) for the Dawn Breakfast Club and Dusk After School Club are now open!

Parents and carers can book places for their child through Arbor. We encourage families to book in advance to secure their required sessions. Please remember to top up your child's account (this includes any vouchers) before making a booking.

If you require any assistance with making a booking, please contact the school office, who will be happy to help.

Leavesden Runners

Leavesden Park Run
This year we are going to keep attending the final weekend of the month as our Leavesden Park Run. Our first Park Run will be:

SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER AT 9AM

Where is it? Leavesden Country Park - click here for the map.
Who can take part? Any child aged 4–14 years old (Children do not need an adult to run with them)
How much does it cost? Completely ***free!***
For more information, please visit the Junior ParkRun page by clicking here.

Events for 2026/27
We are planning to attend and take part in the following local running events this year:

Watford Junior Challenge - Saturday 21st March 2026

We are also looking into the logistics of entering the school for the **London Mini Marathon** - Friday 23rd April, offering our runners the chance to run a section of the London Marathon and cross the actual finish line. WATCH OUT FOR MORE INFORMATION!

Pre-Loved Uniform

If you have any good quality logoed uniform that you no longer need, please donate it to us (via the school office) so we can wash and resell it to other families. Many thanks!

Upcoming Birthdays

★ Jayden, Ocean class
★ Sophia, Galaxy class



Super Learners

We see many super learners across school every week; it's a real challenge to just select two children for this prestigious award. Here are some of the super learners that stood out this week in their learning:

Ocean	Explorers	Gade	Snowdon	Harmony	Melody	Griffin	Phoenix
Jayden Erin	Lara Anthony	Micah Nicky	Kaleah Izza	Reggie Shraddah Eduard	Liam Maddison	Shiloh Hilary	Ovin Mia C Ezan
Emerald	**Sapphire**	**Astronaut**	**Galaxy**	**Forest**	**Bridge**	**Mountain**	**River**
Harry Mollie	Alia Jackson	Claire Asher	Vedhant Vlad	Ruby Victoria	Khubi Daniil	Raina Daiara	Sumaya Noah

Attendance

We are all striving to be in school every single day; every moment of learning counts! 95% is the minimum expectation for every child. Did we collectively achieve that this week?

EVERYONE	Explorers	Gade	Snowdon	Harmony	Melody	Griffin	Phoenix
92.6%	92.4%	93.5%	88%	87.5%	92.1%	96.6%	87.6%
Emerald	**Sapphire**	**Astronaut**	**Galaxy**	**Forest**	**Bridge**	**Mountain**	**River**
91%	87.9%	98.3%	94.1%	91.5%	95.7%	95.8%	94.6%

Dove	Jetstream	Navajo	Baron
89.6%	94%	92.1%	94.4%

Success outside of school



Mia, from Emerald class competed in her first street dance competition at the weekend. She placed 1st in the pairs category and 3rd in the quads. Well done Mia!

Sophia from Galaxy class, received "player of the match" recently and moved up a stage in swimming. Well done Sophia!



If your child/ren achieve or accomplish something out of school, please share it with the office so that it can be celebrated in the newsletter - admin@leavesden.education

Reception 2027 Applications

Applications are now open to apply for your child's Reception place for September 2027. Applications are to be made via Hertfordshire County Council. To apply, please click **HERE.**

The deadline for applications is Friday 15th January 2027.

Children in Need

On **Friday 20th November**, we will be raising awareness for Children In Need. To help raise awareness, children can come into school wearing as many **colours** as possible! - No school uniform. No donation is required.

However, if you would like to make a donation then please click on the following link:
https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/

Christmas Tech and Stem Camp comes to Leavesden!

We are very excited to announce that we have secured a Tech camp to come to our school during the Christmas holidays on the following dates: **21st - 23rd December & 29th December - 31st December at 9am - 1pm (age 5-12 years).**

There will be lots of exciting activities including:

- ★ ***Robotics***
- ★ ***Coding***
- ★ ***Lego Challenges***
- ★ ***Virtual Reality***
- ★ ***Minecraft Redstone***
- ★ ***Movie Making***
- ★ ***3D Creations and much more!***



Spaces are limited! To book, click HERE.

🎁 EXCLUSIVE CHRISTMAS OFFER! 🎁

Book 3 days and receive 10% off! OR just £25 per day.

✅ They also accept childcare vouchers and Tax-Free Childcare.

If your child is eligible for ***Targeted FSM***, they have a limited number of FREE fully funded spaces available as part of the local council's HAPpy Holiday, activities and Food programme! HAF bookings will go live on the week commencing 23rd November - keep an eye out for the link very soon!

Parent Lunch Dates for this Academic Year

Astronaut Parent Lunch - Wednesday 18th November

Sign up by clicking HERE.

Galaxy Parent Lunch - Wednesday 2nd December

Sign up by clicking HERE.

Emerald Parent Lunch - Wednesday 6th January

Sign up by clicking HERE.

Sapphire Parent Lunch - Wednesday 20th January

Sign up by clicking HERE.

Griffin Parent Lunch - Wednesday 3rd February

Sign up by clicking HERE.

Phoenix Parent Lunch - Wednesday 24th February

Sign up by clicking HERE.

Harmony Parent Lunch - Wednesday 10th March

Sign up by clicking HERE.

Melody Parent Lunch - Wednesday 17th March

Sign up by clicking HERE.

Attendance - Important information

Attendance & Punctuality

Every day counts

Good attendance and punctuality builds confidence, progress and opportunity.

Your support helps your child to be happy, safe and succeed.

Reporting Absences



Absences should be reported as soon as possible.

- You can either call, email the school office or leave us a SMS message on Arbor.
- If we don't hear from you, we will call you or send an SMS message.
- If we still do not hear from you, the absence will be marked as **unauthorised** and may result in us carrying out a **welfare check.**

Punctuality

- The school gates open from **8:40 until 8:50.**
- After this time, you will need to bring your child round to the school office to sign them in, this will then be **registered as a late.**
- If your child is signed in after **9:05,** this is marked as an **unauthorised late.**

Attendance Meetings

If there is a pattern of absences or lates, and including unauthorised lates, we will contact you to arrange an **Attendance meeting,** to **identify what root causes might be leading to this and offer support.**



Appointments

- **Doctor, Hospital, and Emergency dental will be authorised.**
  (Evidence of these may be requested)
- **Routine dentist and routine Optician appointments will be unauthorised,** as these can be made outside of school hours and during half terms.
- **Routine hospital and GP appointments should be made outside of school times where possible.**



Thank you for your continued support!

Together we can make a positive difference.

PTA - The Friends of Leavesden Green

December
Non-Uniform Day Friday 4th December **Christmas Fair** Friday 11th December

School Disco - We raised £950.07!!

The final count is in! Thanks to the incredible support of our families, our recent school discos raised a fantastic **£950.07** for our school!

A huge thank you to everyone who brought tickets and refreshments, and to all the parents, carers and school staff who gave their time to help make the discos happen. **Every penny raised goes back towards supporting our children and school**, and we will continue to keep you updated on how the money raised throughout the year is being put to use. **Thank you for dancing, supporting and fundraising with us!**

🎄 Christmas Fair Non-Uniform Donation Day - *Thank you!*

A huge **thank you to everyone who brought in donations today** for our Christmas Fair! Your generosity helps us create the stalls, prizes and activities that make the fair so much fun for our children and families.

We would also like to say a special thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to give up their time to help us collect and sort the donations, ready for the big day - we really appreciate your help! 💚

Our next Christmas Fair Non-Uniform donation day will be Friday 4th December. - keep an eye out for details of what we will be collecting next!

Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies



Don't forget to order your child's keepsake Leavers' hoodie! All children have now tried on size samples at school and brought home a slip confirming the size they tried. If any parents would like to check the size for their child they are welcome to come to the office at the end of the school day and their child can re-try the hoodies or try them on at the supplier's Watford branch. **All hoodies must be ordered by Friday 13th November.** For further details or any questions please contact friends@leavesden.education or your class rep.

My Child's Art - *Christmas cards, keepsakes and more!*

We're excited to announce that the My Child's Art Christmas ordering portal is officially OPEN! You can now view your child's wonderful artwork and turn it into personalised Christmas cards, gifts and keepsakes – all while helping to raise funds for our school! 🎄

How to view and order:

1. Visit https://mychildsart.co.uk/order

2. Log in using the details below:

○ Username: Leavesden

○ Access Code: 2wxjxn22

3. View your child's artwork, explore the products available and place your order!

🎁 **EARLY BIRD OFFER – SAVE 10%! Order by Wednesday 18th November and enjoy 10% off using discount code LeavesdenX26.**

The ordering portal will remain open until 31st December 2026, so there's plenty of time to choose something special and order a special keepsake featuring your child's artwork. Every order helps support our school, so thank you for celebrating the children's creativity while making a difference! 💚

🎄 **Save the Date – Christmas Fair 2026!** 🎄

Christmas is getting closer and we're already getting excited! **Our Christmas Fair is back on Friday 11th December, 3.30–5.30pm and we'd love you to join us!**

Expect Santa's Grotto, Christmas crafts, shopping stalls, raffle prizes, festive treats and plenty more Christmas fun for the whole family. Invite your friends and family along too, and help us make this year's fair a really special afternoon for our school community. We'll be revealing lots more over the coming weeks, so keep an eye on our newsletters, social media and the Christmas Fair flyers that have come home with your little ones!



🎁 Can You Help Us With Shoeboxes?

As we get everything ready behind the scenes, we're on the lookout for shoeboxes (junior size

1 or larger)! If you have any spare shoeboxes or similar-sized boxes at home, we'd be really grateful for your donations. These can be dropped off at the school office throughout November, or you can get in touch with a member of the PTA team to arrange a collection. Thank you so much for your help!

Can You Help With a Raffle Prize?

We're also on the lookout for prizes for our Christmas Fair raffle! From vouchers, experiences and hampers to products, gifts or services, every donation helps us create an exciting raffle while raising even more for our school.

Perhaps you can donate something, your workplace could help, or you know a local business that might like to get involved? If so, please get in touch at friends@leavesden.education . Every prize, big or small, is hugely appreciated! 💚

Easy Ways to Support the PTA (Outside of Events)

Easyfundraising – Give Back This Black Friday!

Planning to shop the Black Friday or Cyber Monday sales? Don't forget to shop through Easyfundraising and turn your Christmas bargains into FREE donations for Leavesden Green JMI and Nursery!



More than 8,000 retailers will donate when you shop through Easyfundraising, including big names such as John Lewis, eBay, Etsy, Tesco, Argos, M&S, Boots and many more.

Whether you're buying Christmas presents, toys, clothes, electricals or simply grabbing a bargain, it costs you nothing extra – the retailer makes the donation to our school. Already signed up? Remember to go through Easyfundraising before you shop! Not joined yet? Search for "Leavesden Green JMI and Nursery" on Easyfundraising and help turn your Black Friday and Christmas shopping into funds for our children 💚

Parents Lottery - A fun and easy way to support our school while being in with a chance to win!

- For every £1 ticket, 60p is donated to the PTA for the school
- The more people who play, the more our school earns
- Anyone can take part - parents, grandparents, neighbours, friends and family

If just 50 people buy one ticket a week, we could raise over £1,500 a year — every single year!

💛 Donating via Arbor 💛

Did you know you can donate to the PTA at any time through the Arbor app?
Whether it's a small one-off amount or a regular contribution, every penny goes directly towards funding extra resources, activities and experiences for the children.

Your generosity helps us make a real difference — from new books and classroom supplies to fun community events like the Christmas Fair and school discos.
Simply log into Arbor, find the Donations to PTA option, and give what you can — it all adds up!

🤝Connect with the PTA 🤝

📷Instagram: Follow us on IG
📘 Facebook Page: Follow our FB Page
📘 Private Facebook Group for Parents: Parents Only
📧Email: friends@leavesden.education

For recent and current SEND information, please click here

Do you need help with the current cost of living?

Hertfordshire County Council have put together a website with practical advice, money guidance and information about food and energy support, helping you find the assistance you may need this autumn and winter.

Click HERE to see what support is available to you.



Dates & Reminders

Tuesday 10th November - Y4 Bhaktivedanta Manor workshop in school

Wednesday 11th November - Flu Vaccination Catch Up Day for Reception - Year 6 children

Thursday 12th November - Y6 Visit to Asda Supermarket

Wednesday 18th November - Astronaut Parent Lunch (12:45pm - 3pm)

Friday 20th November - Children In Need - *Children to wear as many colours!*

Wednesday 2nd December - Y2 Visit to All Saints Church

Friday 4th December - PTA Non-Uniform day (further details to follow)

Tuesday 10th December - Y5 Wonderdome Experience

Friday 11th December - PTA Christmas Fair

Monday 14th December - Nursery Carol Concert **@**9:15am (further details to follow)

Monday 14th December - Emerald Class Carol singing at Lancaster Court Care home

Monday 14th December - Reception Carol Concert **@**2:45pm (further details to follow)

Tuesday 15th December - Y1/2/3 Carol Concert **@**9:15am & 2:30pm (further details to follow)

Wednesday 16th December - Christmas Dinner Day for all year groups (further details to follow)

Thursday 17th December - Y4/5/6 Carol Concert **@**9:15am & 2:30pm (further details to follow)

Thursday 17th December - Sapphire Class Carol singing at Lancaster Court Care home

Friday 18th December 2026 - Last day of the Autumn term (1.30pm finish)

Y5 & Y6 Children are not allowed to walk home and must be collected from their classrooms.

Monday 21st December - Friday 1st January 2027 - Christmas holidays

Monday 21st December - Wednesday 23rd December - Christmas Tech Camp at our school

Tuesday 29th December - Thursday 31st December - Christmas Tech Camp at our school

Monday 4th January 2027 - Inset Day - School Closed to Children

Tuesday 5th January 2027 - First day back at school for all children

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