



News & Updates



Leavesden Green School JMI & Nursery

Friday 9th October 2026

Message from the Governing Body

Following the news of our Headteacher's resignation, the Governing Body would like to thank Mrs Lyon for her commitment, care and leadership during her 12 years with us.

While we are sorry to see her leave, we fully respect her decision and wish her every happiness for the future.

We understand that a change in leadership may bring questions or uncertainty, but we want to reassure pupils, parents and carers that the school will continue to operate as normal throughout this transition. Our dedicated staff and leadership team remain focused on providing pupils with the excellent care, support and education they deserve. Their daily routines, learning, pastoral support and wider school experiences will continue without disruption

Finding the right person to lead Leavesden Green JMI School is our priority and we will rightly take the time needed to appoint a Headteacher who shares our values and ambition for the school. This process has already begun and we will keep parents and carers informed of significant developments where possible.

Thank you to the whole school community for its continued support, patience and understanding.

River Parent Lunch

Yesterday, River Class had their final parent lunch at Leavesden Green. We had the pleasure of showing our parents our amazing outdoor lunchtime provision (POP) and enjoyed how much they engaged with us. **Some** of our parents were VERY competitive in the Den Building area, and were working hard to create the most effective structure...it was difficult to choose a winner as they were all fantastic! We also had a fantastic time exploring the nature reserve and all of its creatures, making potions in the mud kitchen, and zooming around the playground perimeter on scooters.

After this, we came into the classroom and completed some writing all about what our playground has to offer. We are hoping to create a 'POP Guide' for any future parents, pupils or staff at our school.

Thank you to the River Class parents for your engagement and enthusiasm - we hope you enjoyed playing and learning alongside your children at their final Parent Lunch!

Y2 Leavesden Country Park

Year 2 had a wonderful visit to Leavesden Country Park this week. The children were very excited to take their learning outside the classroom and explore the natural environment around them. During the visit, we looked closely at four different types of trees and spent time observing their leaves, seeds, shapes and textures.

Our Year 2 children used their scientist eyes to compare what they could see. They noticed that some leaves were long and thin, some were rounder, and some seeds looked very different from others.

One of the highlights of the visit was finding the three monkey puzzle trees in the park. The children were very impressed by how unusual they looked, especially their spiky branches and interesting shapes. They spent time looking closely at the trees and talking about how they were different from the other trees around them. They created their own oil pastel drawings, thinking carefully about the lines, shapes and textures they had seen during the visit. It was lovely to see them making links between their outdoor learning and their art work.



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.

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

Parent Consultations

Online Parent Consultations are now open for booking via your child's Arbor account. Please log in to Arbor to book your appointment. All bookings must be made by **Friday 16th October**. If you require any assistance, please email the school office.

Y6 - Secondary School Application - September 2027

The Secondary School Application deadline is **Saturday 31st October**.

Please click on the following link to make an application for your child:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/school-admissions/secondary-and-upper-schools/secondary-and-upper-school-places.aspx>



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 25TH OCTOBER @ 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

- ★ Alfie, Phoenix class
- ★ Joshua, Explorer class
- ★ Amelia, River class
- ★ Rayyan, River class
- ★ Perrie, Forest class
- ★ Charanvi, Forest 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:

	Explorers	Gade	Snowdon	Harmony	Melody	Griffin	Phoenix
	Imaan Abdul Muhaymin	Nola Luca	Reggie Chloe	Erik Rebeca	Ophelia Reyan	Salah Jacob	Arthur Mia S
Emerald	Sapphire	Astronaut	Galaxy	Forest	Bridge	Mountain	River
Layne Elizabeth	Myles Shanaya	Evie Vlad	Dilma Carter	Eidan Mia	Summer Willow	Lola Ilan	Rakshitha Imogen Jayaan

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
96.3%	93.9%	93.4%	94.6%	99.1%	98.1%	93.3%	94.2%
Emerald	Sapphire	Astronaut	Galaxy	Forest	Bridge	Mountain	River
99.1%	97.2%	95.3%	99.6%	97.6%	98.9%	96.7%	96.4%
Dove		Jetstream		Navajo		Baron	
97.3%		95.7%		96.2%		96.2%	

Success outside of school

Frankie from Bridge class, attended the St John Ambulance Annual Hertfordshire County Awards 2026 this week where she was presented with her Badger's Super Badger award by His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant, Mr Robert Voss. She has worked on her subject badges for 3 years to achieve Super Badger. Well done Frankie!

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



Autumn Term Clubs

Bookings for our in house clubs as well as external clubs for the Autumn term are **STILL OPEN** and with spaces still available! To book your child on to a place, click [HERE](#) for the link direct to our school website.

(Please note: For Choir club and Media & Press club, bookings are on your child's Arbor account.)

Individual and Sibling school photos Thursday 15th October

★ NURSERY EXPLORER CLUB ★

More time for fun, friends and adventure!

We are excited to offer our Nursery Explorer Club, giving our nursery children the opportunity to stay at school for a little longer and enjoy some extra fun after their afternoon session.

 Time: 2:50pm – 3:20pm

 Cost: £3.50 per day

The club starts at 2:50pm, when the afternoon nursery session finishes, and runs until 3:20pm, in line with the finishing time for the other children at school.

Children can enjoy extra time with their friends through fun, engaging activities and plenty of opportunities to explore and play.

Booking is easy! Sessions can be booked and paid for through Arbor. If you have any questions or need any help with booking, please contact the school office, who will be happy to assist.

Parent Lunch Dates for this Academic Year

Forest Parent Lunch - Wednesday 14th October

Sign up by clicking [HERE.](#)

Bridge Parent Lunch - Wednesday 4th November

Sign up by clicking [HERE.](#)

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.](#)

PTA - The Friends of Leavesden Green

October	November	December
School Discos Friday 9th October (Y1/Y2 & Y3/Y4) Friday 16th October (N/R & Y5/Y6)	Non-Uniform Day Friday 6th November	Non-Uniform Day Friday 4th December Christmas Fair Friday 11th December

School Discos

We're looking forward to seeing the children enjoy themselves at our first set of discos today! Please see the summary of the dates below and if you can help us at the discos that would be great! We can't make them what they are without you.

★ Friday 9th October

Year 1 & Year 2 from 3:15pm to 4:15pm - sign up by clicking [HERE](#).

Year 3 & Year 4 from 4:45pm to 6:15pm

★ Friday 16th October

Nursery & Reception from 3:30pm to 4:30pm

Year 5 & Year 6 from 5pm to 6:30pm

How Can You Help? We are looking for volunteers to help with: Setting up before the discos, Serving snacks and drinks at the early discos, Helping in the tuck shop at the later discos or serving drinks. Even 30–60 minutes of help makes a big difference and helps us make the discos a fun and safe event for the children. If you would like to help, please let your class rep know or email us at friends@leavesden.education

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

Keep an eye on those school bags! Your child will soon be bringing home their "My Child's Art" artwork sheet for this year's Christmas designs. Your child's festive masterpiece can be ordered to print on Christmas cards, gift tags, mugs, tea towels and more! - Perfect for gifts and keepsakes. Every order also raises funds for the school, so it is a fun way to share your child's creativity and support the PTA. Look out for the artwork sheets coming home with your child very soon!

Easy Ways to Support the PTA (Outside of Events)

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL FOR FREE WITH *easyfundraising* - We're registered with Easyfundraising, a simple (and FREE!) way for you to raise money for our school every time you shop online.

It couldn't be simpler:

1. Download the Easyfundraising App or Visit: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>
2. Search for "Friends of Leavesden Green PTA" as your cause.
3. Shop as normal with over 8,000 retailers - including M&S, Tesco, John Lewis, Amazon and many more!

Every time you make a purchase, those retailers donate a small percentage straight to us - at no extra cost to you! Sign up today and help us turn your everyday shopping into funds that support and enhance our children's learning and school experiences.

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!

Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies

We're delighted to share details of the **Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies for 2027!** To help our Year 6 children celebrate the end of their primary school journey, the PTA is delighted to be contributing **£20 towards one leavers' hoodie for every Year 6 pupil.** This means that families only need to pay **£4 for their child's hoodie.**

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 more than welcome to pop into the school 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.

Key Information

- **PTA contribution:** £20 per child
- **Parent contribution:** £4 per child
- **Additional hoodies:** £24 each
- Children will have the opportunity to **try on size samples at school** and will bring home a slip confirming the size they tried.
- If preferred, families can also **try on the size samples at the supplier's store in Watford.**
- All hoodies will be **delivered to school and distributed together in December.**
- **Order deadline: Friday 13 November 2026**

Please place your order **directly with the supplier**, using the ordering details provided in the attached information.

We encourage all families to place their orders before the deadline so that every child can enjoy this special keepsake celebrating their final year at Leavesden Green.

We hope the children will love their hoodies and enjoy wearing them as they make memories and celebrate their final year of primary school together. 💚

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of the PTA and our school community.

To order your child's Leavers Hoodie, please click on the following link:

<https://beatschooluniforms.co.uk/leavers-hoodies-2/>



🤝 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](#)

Dates & Reminders

Wednesday 14th October - Forest Parent Lunch (12:45pm - 3pm)

Wednesday 14th October - Y1 Leavesden Country Park visit

Thursday 15th October - Individual and Sibling photos for all year groups

Friday 16th October - PTA School Discos (N&R - 3:30-4:30pm/Y5&Y6 - 5-6:30pm) & Non-Uniform day

Monday 19th October - Friday 23rd October - Parent Consultations (details to follow)

Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October 2026 - Half term holiday

Monday 2nd November 2026 - Inset Day - School Closed to Children

Wednesday 4th November - Bridge Parent Lunch (12:45pm - 3pm)

Friday 6th November - PTA Non-Uniform day (further details to follow)

Tuesday 10th November - Y2 Transport walk in the local area

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

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

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

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

Friday 11th December - PTA Christmas Fair (further details to follow)

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

For more diary dates for the rest of the academic year - please click [HERE](#) to direct you to our school calendar page on our school website.

For Accompanied Children
& Any Adults



Children's Crafts

Hot Lunch

Totally
Free

Pop-Up Cafe

12-2pm
Thursday
29th October

Pop-Up Cafe

**All
Saints**
Church Hall

All Saints Crescent
Garston WD25 0LU
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