



News & Updates



Leavesden Green School JMI & Nursery

Friday 23rd October 2026

POP - Playing Outdoors Provision

The children have thoroughly enjoyed spending time outdoors this half term, exploring our new Playing outdoors Provision (POP), generously funded by the Friends of Leavesden Green (PTA).

POP Provides wonderful opportunities for children to develop their confidence, independence and resilience through child-led play. As they explore, create and collaborate, they are building friendships, developing leadership skills and learning to make their own decisions.

We are delighted to see their enthusiasm, creativity and teamwork flourishing outdoors. But, don't just take our word for it - here's what some of the children had to say!

"My favourite thing to play in is the sandpit and it reminds me of the beach. The scooters are also really cool!" - Scarlett, Mountain class

"The water area is my favourite as I get to discover things." - Ava, Emerald class

"The scooters are the best because I get to race with my friends!" - Nellie, Sapphire class

"Den building is really cool because I get to discover different ways of building. It can sometimes be hard but once you have finished we can explore the creations we have made!" - Sumaya, River class

"Tennis is the best - I like playing it with my friends!" - Arthur K, Griffin class

"My favourite activity in POP is the scooters because I like doing tricks and playing with my best friends and riding scooters together. - Dara, Galaxy class

"I like the lunch club indoors where I get to do finger knitting!" - Rebeca, Harmony class

"I like playing with my friends and doing all the different activities. It's so much fun!" - Ophelia, Melody class

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.



Barbara



This week, staff and pupils from Year 6 paid their respects to Barbara, our lollipop lady for many years, who sadly passed away recently. The children formed an incredibly moving guard of honour as the funeral procession passed our school, a place that meant so much to Barbara. It was a poignant moment, observed with great respect by everyone who joined us. Barbara's family found the gesture deeply moving, and we were told that it meant a great deal to them on such a difficult day.

We also received a message from Barbara's daughter, Helaena, who wanted to thank all of the staff, Year 6 children and the parents who come outside of the school to show their respect for her mum. She also very kindly brought in a heartfelt written card along with some sweet treats!
(Thank you!)

Help Our School Win a £500 Breakfast Club Grant!

We are excited to share that Kellogg's and Tesco are offering schools the opportunity to receive a £500 grant to support their breakfast clubs, and we would love our school to benefit!

Our breakfast club plays an important role in helping children start their day feeling happy, settled and ready to learn. This fantastic grant would help us continue to provide valuable support for our pupils.

We need your help! Please take a few moments to nominate our school using the link below. You can nominate us using both your work and personal email addresses, so please spread the word to family and friends too!

Nominate our school here:

https://www.kelloggs.co.uk/en_GB/our-story/breakfast-club-grant.html

Nominations close on 26th October, so please don't delay!

Thank you for your continued support. Let's come together as a school community and give ourselves the best possible chance of securing this wonderful £500 grant for our children!

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.

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

Myleigh, River class. Mivaan, Snowdon class. Anays, Sapphire class. Eidan, Forest class. Matthew, River class. Olivia, Galaxy class. Lyla, Bridge class. Freya, Astronaut class. Ali, Astronaut class. Raina, Mountain class. Jesse, Harmony class. Elizabeth, Emerald class. Luca, Melody class. Nell, Harmony class. Mila, Gade 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
Madison Leo	Liyana Reeyana	Westley Johnny Shriya	Rodina Momin	Aaniya Nell Macauley	Ayden Elias	Arthur F Frankie	Lydia Rex
Emerald	Sapphire	Astronaut	Galaxy	Forest	Bridge	Mountain	River
Ada Sophia	Mila-Rae Hassan	Asher Hamza	Sophia Freya	Jake Perrie	Pratham Louie	Alisha Raina Etienne	Aarabhi Maisie

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
93.4%	95.9%	94.2%	92.1%	92.4%	92%	94.6%	92%
Emerald	Sapphire	Astronaut	Galaxy	Forest	Bridge	Mountain	River
95.5%	92.3%	96.7%	92.3%	91.8%	91.2%	97%	94%

Dove	Jetstream	Navajo	Baron
92.1%	92.3%	95.5%	93.8%

Success outside of school

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

Thank you to our wonderful kitchen staff for decorating the hall and for their yummy Halloween fun lunch today. The kids loved it!

★ 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.

New School Lunch Menu

Please click on the below link to direct you to our School website to our newest school lunch menu. The new lunch menu starts after the October half term.

<https://www.leavesden.herts.sch.uk/Parents/School-Meals/>

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/>



Individual/Sibling Photos

All children should have received their child's individual/sibling photo proof sheet this week. To order your child's photo, follow the instructions on the sheet using the unique photo code. All orders will be placed directly through Tempest Photography. For anyone who was absent on the day and has not received a photo, there will be a mop up session on Friday 20th November (further details will follow to these parents directly nearer the time).

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Parent Lunch Dates for this Academic Year

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

November	December
Non-Uniform Day Friday 6th November	Non-Uniform Day Friday 4th December Christmas Fair Friday 11th December

That's a wrap on our school discos!

What a brilliant couple of weeks for the school discos we all had! It has been so lovely seeing the children dancing, laughing and having the best time with their friends. A huge thank you to every parent, carer, teacher and member of staff who was able to help - whether you helped welcome the children, serve food and drinks, keep everyone safe and happy or stayed behind to tidy up afterwards. These events genuinely couldn't happen without helping hands and we are so grateful for every person who gave their time.

We are now busy counting everything up and we will be sharing the total amount raised very soon! Also, keep your eyes peeled for future disco dates - we can't wait to do it all again!

🎄 Christmas Fair Non-Uniform Donation Day

We're starting to get ready for our Christmas Fair, and we'd love your help! On Friday 6th November, children can come to school in non-uniform in exchange for a donation towards our Christmas Fair stalls and prizes.

We're asking **Nursery & Reception for hamper items, Years 1 & 2 for movie night snacks, and Years 3-6 for sweets**. Please make sure any food items have an expiry date after February 2027 - see graphic for more details.

Your donations make such a difference and help us create some of the fun stalls, prizes and activities families enjoy at the fair. Thank you, as always, for supporting us – every donation really does help!



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

Thank you for handing in your child's artwork sheets - these are now on their way to print and we'll share links to view your little artist's masterpiece for you to start creating your special Christmas keepsakes in the coming weeks.

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.

Easy Ways to Support the PTA (Outside of Events)



Easyfundraising - The Big Grocery Bonus!

Doing an online food shop this month? Your weekly groceries could help us win an extra £500 for our school! Simply shop with Tesco, Asda, Morrisons, Sainsbury's, Waitrose or Iceland through

Easyfundraising's website or app before 31st October. Not only will your shop raise a free cashback donation for Leavesden Green JMI and Nursery, it will also give us an entry into the **Big Grocery Bonus draw to win £500!**

It costs you absolutely nothing extra – you're simply doing the shopping you would be doing anyway, while helping raise funds for our children.

Already signed up? Don't forget to go through Easyfundraising before you shop!

Not joined yet? It only takes a couple of minutes – search for "Leavesden Green JMI and Nursery" and start turning your everyday shopping into support for our school. 💚

Closing date: 31st October

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!

Save the Date – Christmas Fair 2026!

Christmas might still feel a little way off, but we're already getting excited! Our Christmas Fair is back on **Friday 11th December, 3.30–5.30pm**, and we'd love you to save the date.

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 and socials...

Do You Have a Business – or Know Someone Who Does?

We'd love to involve as many businesses from within our school and local community as possible in this year's Christmas Fair!

Whether you run your own a business, work for one that might like to support us, or know

somebody who would be a great fit, there are lots of ways to get involved – from having a stall

at the fair or donating a raffle prize, to sponsorship opportunities that put your business

in front of our school community.

If you'd like to hear about the options

available, please email us at

friends@leavesden.education We'd love to hear from you!



♥ 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](#)



**Have a wonderful half
term, we will see you all
back at school on
Tuesday 3rd November!**



Dates & Reminders

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

Monday 2nd November - 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 & Y4 Bhaktivedanta Manor workshop

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 (further details to follow)

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

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)

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

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

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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