



Leesons Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Week beginning: 16.1.26

There have been a number of trips this week and we have received some lovely feedback from members of the public on the behaviour of our children. This is such positive praise to hear and we thank the children for representing the school so impeccably. We wish you all a lovely weekend.

The Leesons Team

Attendance and Punctuality

Our attendance and punctuality for this week can be seen in the table below.

Class	Attendance (%)	Punctuality (number of lates)
Little Orchard	93.18%	3
Hedgehog	96.09%	4
Robin	96.11%	3
Owl	93.33%	2
Woodpecker	94%	5
Kingfisher	97.5%	1
Badger	90.91%	3
Fox	93.64%	3
Rabbit	98.7%	3
Mole	92.73%	4
Starling	88.29%	3
Otter	100%	4
Stag	93.5%	3
Kestrel	97.89%	1

Well done to Otter Class who won Leo the Attendance Bear and the Attendance cup this week!

Well done to the following kingfisher and Kestrel classes who won the Punctuality cup this week!

Both the attendance and punctuality winners will get an additional ten minutes play time. Well done to Fox Class for winning the Walk to School Award.



Attendance

This week, our whole-school attendance stands at **94.65%** — thank you to everyone who is getting children into school on time and every day. We're really close to where we want to be, and with a strong team effort we know we can push this higher next week.

Good attendance makes a huge difference to children's learning, confidence and friendships, and it's something we can only improve by working together as a school community.

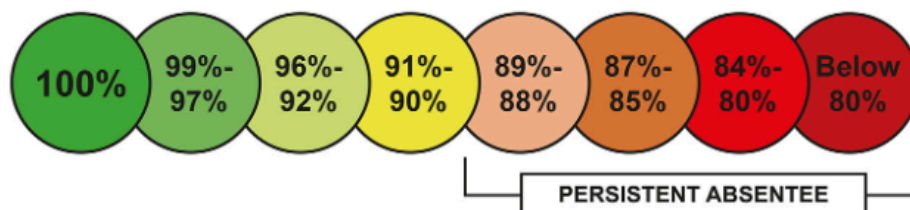
Remember our attendance incentives for 100% attendance include:

- End-of-term raffle prizes
- Hot chocolate & biscuits in school
- Golden tickets
- And lots more exciting rewards!

Every day counts — let's work together to get our attendance back up next week. Thank you for your continued support!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

On Time: First Time, Every Time





Which CIRCLE are you in?



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Language of the week

Flag	Language	Country	Greeting	Picture
	Portugese	Portugal	olá	

In Portugal there are 95 species of mammals. Among these are goats and roe deer, foxes and rabbits, otters and flamingoes, wild horses and wild ponies. Portugal is also home to one of the world's most endangered species, the Iberian lynx. lynxes are very shy and mostly can seen only at night.

Oracy Talk Topic

At home, we would like you to pick an evening that is convenient and come together as a family to discuss the 'Talk Topic'. In order to ensure that your child participates in high-quality talk, please remember to play devil's advocate during the discussion. Your child should not only be given the opportunity to agree and build on other viewpoints, but also challenge/disagree, explain and justify.



The 'Talk Topic' for this week is the following: **If you could rename yourself, what would you choose?**



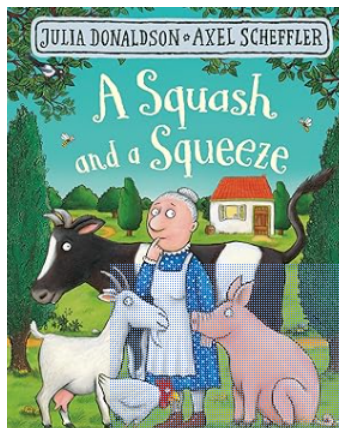
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Word Aware

Please discuss these words with your child at home and see if any of you can use them in conversation this week.

EYFS and Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2
 <p>Word of the Week departed</p> <p>Meaning Leave somewhere.</p> <p>Challenge Where might you see the word depart a lot?</p> <p>CELEBRATING WORDS</p> <p><small>Copyright material from Stephen Parsons and Ania Branagan (2022), Word Aware 1, Routledge</small></p>	 <p>Word of the Week darting</p> <p>Meaning Moving suddenly and quickly.</p> <p>Challenge Do some darting across the playground. Which sports involve darting?</p> <p>CELEBRATING WORDS</p> <p><small>Copyright material from Stephen Parsons and Ania Branagan (2022), Word Aware 1, Routledge</small></p>

Book of the week



A brilliant and funny rhyming story full of favourite farm animals. A little old lady is fed up with how small her house feels. Whatever can she do? The wise old man knows: bring in a noisy crowd of farmyard animals. When she pushes them all out again, she'll be amazed at how big her house feels!

You can watch this story here:

- [!\[\]\(9bfa69b6b0f097b09744337d04f22d78_img.jpg\) A Squash and a Squeeze By Julia Donaldson & Illustrated by Axel...](#)



Maths Challenge

EYFS & KS1

KS2

Apples and Pairs Challenge

Pick a pair of apples. Write down and add the two numbers together.

Pick a different pair of apples. Write down and add the two numbers together. Keep repeating this to see how many answers you get.

Now subtract one number from the other. How many different answers can you get?



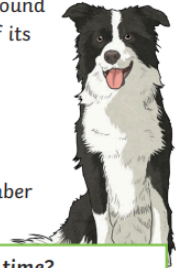
Detective Challenge

Detective Dog Dan looked for a number. He found a two-digit number less than 50. The sum of its digits was 12. Their difference was 4.

What number did Dan find?

Next, Dan found a two-digit odd number.

One of its digits was half the other. The number was greater than 50.



What number did Dan find this time?

Science

Have some fun at home with these experiments:

The 100 cup tower challenge - Can you build a tower using 100 cups?

<https://littlebinsforlittlehands.com/cup-tyower-challenge/>

E-safety

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Feedback collected by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topical themes. For further guides, tips and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ROBLOX

Roblox is one of the most popular video games among children. In 2020, the game's developers claimed that more than half of the USA's children had played it. As a 'sandbox' title, the game lets players create their own gaming experiences with Roblox Studio to build custom levels, which can then be shared online.

AGE RESTRICTION
PEGI 7

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ONLINE PLAY RISKS
Because Roblox connects players across the world, it can put younger players into an environment where they are exposed to chat, social media and the potential for malicious requests. For example, some user-play games are used for online abuse and predators use play, which social response investigators to investigate messages in the game chat box.

ANONYMOUS PLAYERS
The anonymity of users can leave players vulnerable to bullying, harassment, and predatory behaviour. With the right parental controls or monitoring, users can report and block such as for the personal messages or friend requests, and it is very difficult to know when a friend is someone to talk to on the web.

MATURE CONTENT
Content is difficult to moderate throughout Roblox, due to the number of games available. This is particularly an issue with user-generated content, but is also a concern with the games and experiences offered on the platform. Certain age-appropriate content could easily be seen by young players.

RISK OF ADDICTION
Roblox games can feature a rewarding or addictive play style and long play periods. Certain levels – or particular levels – are designed for much longer than most games, and this can be particularly risky with younger users in the hopes of getting rare items that can be sold for real money, which can sometimes lead to an addiction that is expensive to break.

IN-GAME SPENDING
The majority of games within Roblox have extensive monetisation options. Usually through virtual items or virtual currencies, players can spend real money on in-game items up to much larger sums of money. While some games offer free or low-cost virtual purchases, others offer very high for non-virtual items, causing younger players to end up out of pocket.

SCAMS
Many of the games on Roblox feature collectible items, parts, or characters. These objects, while often are worth a lot of real money on certain online markets, can often be bought to trade with younger users in the hopes of getting rare items that can be sold for real money. Monitoring the child's chat history, where they are likely to be receiving information.

Advice for Parents & Educators

MONITOR THE CONTENT
While Roblox does implement a variety of moderation tools and parental controls, it's up to parents and guardians to monitor the types of games or chat to investigate. If a youngster wants to play Roblox, be sure to check out which specific games they want to play within it, and get a good idea of their content.

PLAY TOGETHER
Consider playing Roblox with the children for your own. There are few more effective ways to see how moderation for your own. Some games are designed to be suitable for children, or even welcome low-intensity multiplayer games. Some others are not. The game is designed to be suitable for children and whether it's suitable for particular children.

TEACH ONLINE BEHAVIOURS
Have an open conversation about the risks of online play and how to spend money wisely. By being honest and giving tips on how a younger user can protect themselves, you can empower them to not only take care of themselves, but also to be reported to Roblox moderators by other players for bullying or harassment. With this knowledge, younger players can be aware of what to look for and how to proceed.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TOOLS
Use the parental controls within the game itself and teach youngsters how to report and block other players. Knowing the parent who their reports will make Roblox a safer, happier experience. You can set age ranges for which is allowed to contact you, show public chat boxes, block reporting, and enable your Roblox profile's privacy settings. All these options are helpful in making it less likely to be engaged with at all.

Meet Our Expert
Danielle Greenfield is a videogame journalist and author of over 20 books on gaming, including books on Minecraft, Fortnite, Roblox, and more. For 25 years she has been writing about the games for gaming. When she's not writing games, she's looking after her cat, Eschscholzia.

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Highlights of the week

Nursery- What a fantastic first week of our Neli literacy programme.

In Little Orchards nursery, the children have been exploring the story of Neon Leon, building their listening, vocabulary and story telling skills through lots of fun activities. To make the story come to life, we were joined by a special guest today.. A snow leopard gecko. The children learned fascinating facts about geckos and had the opportunity to gently stroke and even cuddle our visitor if they wished. It's been a brilliant week full of curiosity, confidence and language development- we can't wait for week two.

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Hedgehog class enjoyed a trip to Orpington Fire Station, this week. This links in with our topic of heroes and people who help us. They all got the chance to climb aboard the fire engine, try on some uniform and have a go on the fire hose. This was our first class trip and all of the children had so much fun, as well as displaying our school rules of being respectful and safe.



Year 4 had a great time in Art this week, recreating the famous work of Jackson Pollock. He was an abstract expressionist who used techniques such as pouring, spraying and splattering to convey emotions in his art.



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Year 6 had an amazing say out at the Legends of the Titanic Exhibition in London. We were able to see artefacts and experience VR and amazing visual effects to experience what it would have been like on board.





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Sewing Club

The first Sewing Club session took place this week, and the children who attended learnt how to do a running stitch. They did really well and showed great perseverance, even when they got themselves into a knot!



What's on?

Week 3 RSPB Schools Bird Watch Week	
Monday - 19.01.26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3pm assembly • Ethiopian Timkat Day • PCSOs in to visit Reception
Tuesday - 20.01.26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yr 4 bmx @ Hobblingwell (2 groups - 9:45 - 10:45 + 11-12) • 1:15 - Cyber choices session Y6 • 3pm - Assembly - What's in the news • PGL parent meeting @ 3:40 and 6 in the hall
Wednesday - 21.01.26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Magic Breakfast presentation to Breakfast Club - Jenny King • Yr 6 BETT Trip Excel London
Thursday - 22.01.26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computing Subject Monitoring - pm • Singing assemblies AB - EYFS & KS1 at 1pm/KS2 at 3pm
Friday - 23.01.26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class assembly - Mole Parents in at 2.30 for input first (MTC)

Week 4	
Monday - 26.01.26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3pm assembly



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bengali Republic Day/Indian Republic Day
Tuesday - 27.01.26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yr 4 bmx @ Hobblingwell (2 groups - 9:45 - 10:45 + 11-12)• Yr 3&4 New age curling @ Coopers School AM• 10:30am-11:30am SALTAP in to visit EWD in Nursery• 3pm - Assembly - What's in the news
Wednesday - 28.01.26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trust KS1 Multiskills @LPS• Visiting past Year 6 pupils at Coopers 1:30 - 3:00
Thursday - 29.01.26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chinese New Year• Netball match against SMC• Singing assemblies AB - EYFS & KS1 at 1pm/NT - KS2 at 3pm
Friday - 30.01.26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Class assembly - Rabbit Parents in at 2.30 for input first (MTC)

Week 5	
Monday - 02.02.26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3pm assembly
Tuesday - 03.02.26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yr 4 bmx @ Hobblingwell (2 groups - 9:45 - 10:45 + 11-12)• 3pm - Assembly - Oracy
Wednesday - 04.02.26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yr 3&4 girls football @ Kent county ground AM• Yr 5&6 girls football @ Kent county ground PM• Sri Lankan Independence Day
Thursday - 05.02.26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Singing assemblies AB - EYFS & KS1 at 1pm/KS2 at 3pm• Year 3 trip to British Museum
Friday - 06.02.26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NSPCC National Numbers Day• 2.45pm - Numbers Day celebration and Celebration assembly

Week 6 2 Greenwich University Students (Year 1, 2 & 5) Children's Mental Health Week	
Monday - 09.02.26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3pm assembly GJ• 3.45pm SLT
Tuesday - 10.02.26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individual School Photos• Yr 4 bmx @ Hobblingwell (2 groups - 9:45 - 10:45 + 11-12)• Safer Internet Day



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3pm - Assembly - What's in the news
Wednesday - 11.02.26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yr 5&6 Boccia @ TBC AM
Thursday - 12.02.26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singing assemblies AB - EYFS & KS1 at 1pm/KS2 at 3pm
Friday - 13.02.26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.45pm - Celebration assembly • Class assembly - Year 1 Parents in at 2.30 for input first (RWI)

16th - Lithuanian Independence Day

17th - Vietnamese Lunar New Year

Half Term - Monday 16th February 2026 - Friday 20th February 2026

Children's Concert
with BROMLEY YOUTH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Saturday 7 February
3pm

We would like to welcome young children (EYFS & KS1) to our children's classical concert. Children will have the opportunity to listen to BYCO perform, learn about string instruments, have a chance to try an instrument & be inspired to be the next generation of musicians.



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Menu

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WEEKLY MENU

WEEK 1
WEEK 2
WEEK 3

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	THEME DAYS
MAIN	BBQ Glazed Chicken Wrap (G/W)	Beef & Lentil Bolognese Pasta Bake (MK, G/B*, W*)	Chicken Pie with Gravy (MK, G/B, W)	Chicken Kebab with Pitta (G/W)	Battered Fish & Chips (F, G/B*, W)	
VEGGIE	BBQ Glazed Quorn Wrap & Wedges (E, G/W)	Mac & Cheese (MK, G/W)	Roasted Root Vegetable Pie with Gravy (CE, G/W)	Vegetable Kebab with Pitta (G/W)	Veggie Sausage Roll & Chips (MK*, SO, G/B*, O*, W)	
SIDES	Carrots & Green Beans	Mixed Green Salad	Rustic Roast Potatoes with Roasted Carrots & Parsnips	Homemade Potato Wedges & Green Salad	Beans or Peas	
PASTA & JACKET	Vegan Roasted Vegetable Pasta (G/W)	Jacket Potato & Salad	Tomato & Basil Pasta (CE, G/W)	Jacket Potato & Salad	Mac & Cheese (MK, G/W)	
PUD	Sprinkle Sponge Cake & Custard (E, MK, SO*, G/W)	Yoghurt (MK)	Lemon Drizzle Cake (E, MK, SO*, SU, G/W)	Yoghurt (MK)	Iced Vanilla Sponge with Custard (E, MK, SO*, G/W)	
DAILY SALAD BAR HOMEMADE BREAD FRESH FRUIT						

DATES

19 JAN / 09 FEB
09 MAR /

ALLERGENS

CE = CELERY F = FISH G/O = OATS L = LUPIN MU = MUSTARD SO = SOYA * = MAY CONTAIN
 CR = CRUSTACEAN G = GLUTEN G/R = RYE MK = MILK N = NUTS SU = SULPHUR V = VEGAN
 E = EGGS G/B = BARLEY G/W = WHEAT MO = MOLLUSCS P = PEANUTS SE = SESAME SEEDS S = SEASONAL VEG

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