



## Leesons Primary School Weekly Newsletter

### Week beginning: 3.10.25

It has been another busy week at Leesons with a few of the highlights being Harvest, Head Boy and Girl Elections and an assembly from Eco-Committee. We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

### *The Leesons Team*

#### **Attendance and Punctuality**

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

<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance (%)</b>	<b>Punctuality (number of lates)</b>
Little Orchard	90.91%	1
Hedgehog	92.61%	8
Robin	96.67%	9
Woodpecker	93.33%	5
Kingfisher	98.13%	3
Badger	91.36%	7
Fox	96.19%	5
Rabbit	99.09%	5
Mole	96.67%	5
Starling	99.09%	0
Otter	96.11%	6
Stag	97%	2
Kestrel	96.67%	1

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

Well done to the following class who won the Punctuality cup this week -Starling!

Both the attendance and punctuality winners will get an additional ten minutes play time.

Well done to Rabbit Class for winning the Walk to School Award.



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**Attendance** Well done to everyone at Leesons Primary School – our whole school attendance currently stands at **95.7%**!

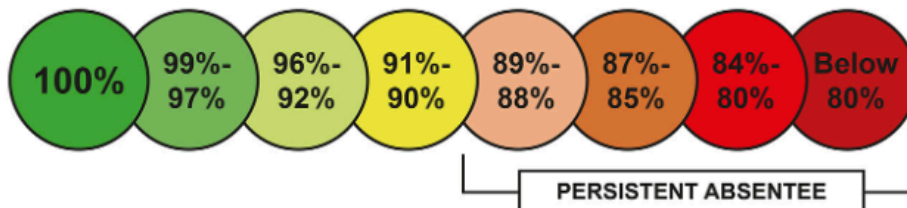
This is a fantastic achievement and reflects the commitment of our pupils, families and staff in making sure every school day counts. Regular attendance is so important for children's learning, wellbeing and friendships, and we're really pleased to see so many of our pupils in school every day.

Let's keep up the great work! Every day in school makes a difference to your child's education and helps them reach their full potential.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain such positive attendance across the school.

# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

On Time: First Time, Every Time



## Which CIRCLE are you in?

### Language of the week

Flag	Language	Country	Greeting	Picture
	Romanian	Romania	Bună ziua	

The tallest wooden church in the world, and the second tallest wooden structure in



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Europe, is found in Sapanta Peri, Maramures of northwestern Romania. The 257 foot tall church is topped by a 23 foot cross that weighs 1,000lbs.

### 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:

'Who is stronger, Iron Man or Batman?'

### Book of the week



As we start celebrating Black History month, we wanted to share with you the story of Ella Fitzgerald. Meet Ella Fitzgerald, one of the most influential jazz singers of all time! Part of the beloved Little People, BIG DREAMS series, this inspiring and informative little biography follows the inspirational life of the First Lady of Song, from her early singing days on the streets of Harlem to her success as a jazz

legend, with the message: 'It's not where you come from, but where you're going that counts.' You can listen to this story read by Mrs Dobbs on Dojo.

### Science

Have some fun at home with these experiments -

Make own solar system

<https://www.whizzpopbang.com/blog/craft-your-own-solar-system/?srsId=AfmBOop85tzr19r4AR2d1jZ3qlm3CbHY3XlsvH1ZwYT5CYq5cW1U1Vc0>

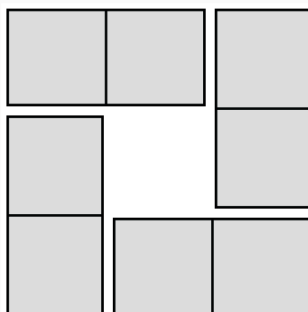
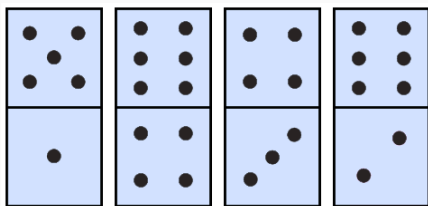
### Word Aware

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
<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Word of the Week</b></p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;"><b>blend</b></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p><b>Meaning</b></p> <p>To mix something together so it makes one thing.</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p><b>Challenge</b></p> <p>Listen and look out for the word. Where might you see it or hear it?</p> </div> </div> <p style="text-align: center; border-top: 1px solid red; margin-top: 10px;"><b>CELEBRATING WORDS</b></p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 5px;">Copyright material from Stephen Parsons and Anna Branagan (2022), Word Aware 1, Routledge</p> </div>	<div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Word of the Week</b></p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;"><b>beckoned</b></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p><b>Meaning</b></p> <p>To use your hand to ask someone to come to you.</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p><b>Challenge</b></p> <p>Show how you can <b>beckon</b> someone to come to you. When do you need to <b>beckon</b>?</p> </div> </div> <p style="text-align: center; border-top: 1px solid blue; margin-top: 10px;"><b>CELEBRATING WORDS</b></p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 5px;">Copyright material from Stephen Parsons and Anna Branagan (2022), Word Aware 1, Routledge</p> </div>

### Maths Challenge

Use the 4 dominoes to make a square that has the same number of dots on each side. Can you find more than one way?





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### **Junior Duke**

At Leesons, we are running Junior Duke in a slightly different way this year, we are giving every child the opportunity to complete the award FREE OF CHARGE.

On Friday 3rd October, to launch this year's programme, we held a Junior Duke afternoon and every child in school took part in a fun, age appropriate task.

The tasks that took place were:

Nursery - Recognising and tasting new fruits and vegetables

Reception - Skipping, scissor cutting and drawing people

Year 1 - Tying knots including learning how to tie shoelaces

Year 2 - Discovering the importance of bees and making bee cafes

Year 3 - Learning to use Makaton

Year 4 - Comparing countries around the world

Year 5 - Traditional arts and crafts in particular Origami

Year 6 - First Aid including recognising the need for CPR.

Photos will follow shortly on ClassDojo.

If you would like your child to continue with the Junior Duke programme please message Mrs Jarrett via ClassDojo by Friday 10th October, with your child's name and class and a copy of the booklet will be provided. We hope that a number of children and families will take part in this amazing programme and experience a variety of activities.

### **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. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](https://nationalcollege.com).

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EA SPORTS FC 26



Our guide looks at the risks surrounding EA Sports FC 26 and our top tips to minimise them. This marks the third year since EA left the FIFA licence, and the game is mostly unchanged from last year. While Kick-Off mode is great for playing with friends and Career Mode allows players to fulfil long-term ambitions as a manager or player, Ultimate Team remains the main draw for many players – and it can get out of hand in terms of how much money players can invest.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### AN ANNUAL RELEASE SCHEDULE

As was the case with the last two EA Sports FC games and the FIFA series before it, the franchise rolls out once a year with updated squads and new features. This can make it expensive to keep up with, particularly when so many dedicated players are keen to get their hands on the latest edition.

### VOICE CHAT

Voice chat can be enabled across all platforms, meaning young people can speak to anyone they play with or against. While it can be switched off, some children will no doubt want to speak to their friends while they play. This also means they may encounter strangers much older than them, which can expose them to inappropriate language or behaviours.

### IN-GAME PURCHASES THROUGH ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is the big draw for EA Sports FC, letting players spend real money on packs that they can open to build a squad of the world's best players. They're not always easy to obtain, and new, improved versions of players will be regularly added as limited-time offerings. Young people could feel pressured into spending money and experience fear of missing out.

### SCAMMERS IN ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is managed by EA itself, but that hasn't stopped scammers from looking to dupe players out of money and in-game coins. Some scammers sell their accounts, which is a violation of EA's terms of service, while others will 'sell' coins – something the developer is still working to crack down on. Some try to gain access to others' accounts, potentially giving them access to payment information.

### POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

While EA Sports FC is potentially addictive, thanks to its fast-paced gameplay and mirroring of the real-world skill and glamour of football, Ultimate Team's focus on limited-time rewards and the lottery of winning packs can make it feel closer to gambling than gaming, which may lead to addiction and impulsive spending of money.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### PREPARE FOR ANOTHER GAME IN A YEAR

The annual-release cadence aligns with the return of the school year, and can be a great way to incentivise good behaviour at the start of term. If children are applying themselves and preparing for a new year of school, or were particularly well behaved in the summer, EA Sports FC 26 could make a great reward.

### MONITOR VOICE CHAT

As in-game chat is open, be sure to adjust the settings in EA Sports FC 26 to lock it down. If children want to chat with their friends while they play, consider setting up a safe space for them to call, to allow them to play without fear of outsiders.

### LIMIT SPENDING

If you're worried about children accidentally spending real money in Ultimate Team, whether in game or on the EA Sports FC companion app, don't link a payment card to their account. Reclaiming funds can be a mountain to climb, and the dopamine hit of opening flashy packs with slick animations means one purchase can lead to another very quickly. It's also worth noting a prepaid card if you'd prefer them to make their own choices with their budget.

### BE VIGILANT

As with last year, there are ways to keep scammers at bay. Ensure passwords are locked down, and consider using a password manager application to keep them secure. EA will never contact players through the game itself, so be vigilant with incoming messages, and block and report suspected spam. EA will contact players by email if needed, but they will never ask for usernames or passwords. Players should also avoid buying in-game currency from unofficial websites – doing so can lead to accounts being banned and could cost players money in the process.

### Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is an experienced freelance writer and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for seven years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



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Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/ea-sports-fc-26>



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### Highlights of the week

#### Nursery

The Nursery children enjoyed experimenting with trying new fruits and vegetables for Nano Duke this week. The children then described what they were trying and drew a picture of their favourite ones. The children learnt that trying new healthy foods fosters healthy habits. They also developed their sensory exploration and fine motor skills.



**Hedgehog Class:** The children have enjoyed learning about the Colour Monster and linking how the Colour Monster feels to our Zones of Regulation. They enjoyed creating colour monster collages. How do you think this colour monster is feeling?

#### Year 1

Year 1 had a lovely trip to St Paul's Cray library this week. They enjoyed having a story read to them, completing an arts and crafts activity and then also had time to look at books.





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### Year 2

This week in science year 2 investigated how soap worked on germs. We used pepper as germs. We dipped our finger in the pepper without soap and then with soap and observed what happened. We found that when we had soap on our finger the pepper was pushed away and there was less pepper on our finger. You could try this at home to see if you get the same results.

No soap



With soap



### Year 6

This week in Science, Year 6 were given the opportunity to look at real hearts. At first, we were able to feel the heart and look at the structure. We then looked at the different veins and arteries which were visible and used sticks to investigate where they went inside. After this we carefully cut open the heart to see if we could identify the different chambers and valves which we have learned are inside the heart.



### Harvest Celebration

This week the school welcomed visitors from St Barnabas Church to help us celebrate Harvest Festival. Thank you for all your kind donations for Bromley food bank, these will be delivered shortly to help the community.



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### **Bees Netball Tournament**

Our day started off normal, but the end of the day wasn't walking up Leesons hill, but instead we were going out a gate of a High School in Bickley.

It started off with the team getting changed into the school's kit. We got off at Bickley Train Station and walked to Bromley High School! It's a private school, and a big one. We sat and ate our lunch and saw a familiar figure - Miss Brown! She's now working at St Mary Cray Primary School.

Our first match was against our own friends, St Mary Cray and we won! We had a break and our next match was against Balgowan. We had heard they were amazing (especially their Goal Defense). Sadly, we didn't win. We didn't get the ball into the hoop even once; they got it 4 times! Our next opponent was Marion Vine and we got kind of cooked. They were a tiny bit worse than Balgowan but still better than us. In our last game, we played against Valley. We drew with them.

After that, we listened to the results. The 8 schools that got into the semi-finals went into the play offs. And because it wasn't us, we played a friendly game against Crofton Park. At the end of the tournament Coach Cally spoke to Ms Bennett and would like me and Mary to join her league team! I am super excited!

Written by Pola Adamska, Stag Year 6



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## What's on?

Week 6 Year 2 assessment	
Monday - 06.10.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10am New Starters Open Moning</li> <li>• 3pm - whole school assembly</li> <li>• Year 4 swimming</li> </ul>
Tuesday - 07.10.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents Evening</li> <li>• Share a story - Gordon - KS1 - 1pm KS2 3.00pm</li> </ul>
Wednesday - 08.10.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yr 6 girls rugby</li> <li>• Yr 1&amp;2 Gymnastics @ Bromley valley AM</li> <li>• Singing EYFS and KS1 - 1pm and KS2 3.00pm</li> </ul>



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Thursday - 09.10.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents Evening</li> <li>• 2.50pm My Happy Mind assembly in class</li> </ul>
Friday - 10.10.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flu vaccinations Rec - Year 6</li> <li>• 2.55pm - Celebration assembly</li> <li>• Hello Yellow - Wear yellow and bring £1</li> <li>• Year 4 Synagogue visit Rabbit Class</li> </ul>

Week 7	
Monday - 13.10.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3pm - whole school assembly</li> <li>• Year 4 swimming</li> </ul>
Tuesday - 14.10.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Share a story - KS1 - 1pm KS2 3.00pm</li> <li>• Year 2 trip to Unicorn Theatre pm, arrive back to school around 4:30pm</li> </ul>
Wednesday - 15.10.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Singing EYFS and KS1 - 1pm and KS2 3.00pm</li> <li>• Y6 Chislehurst Caves - Kestrel - 11:15 Stag - 12:15</li> <li>• RWI development day</li> </ul>
Thursday - 16.10.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2.50pm My Happy Mind assembly in class</li> <li>• Yr5/6 Lacrosse at Poverest</li> </ul>
Friday - 17.10.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Class assembly - Starling Parents in at 2.30 for input first</li> <li>• Year 4 Synagogue visit - Mole class</li> </ul>

### Half term - 20th October 2025 - 31st October 2025

#### Inset Days 2025-26 (Staff in school but children are not in school)

- Monday 1st September 2025
- Tuesday 2nd September 2025
- Friday 21st November 2025
- Monday 5th January 2026
- Monday 1st June 2026

#### Bank Holidays 2025-26

- Monday 25th August 2025 (Summer Bank Holiday)
- Thursday 1st January 2026 (New Year's Day)
- Friday 3rd April 2026 (Good Friday)
- Monday 6th April 2026 (Easter Monday)
- Monday 4th May 2026 (Early May Bank Holiday)
- Monday 25th May 2026 (Spring Bank Holiday)



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Menu

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# WEEKLY MENU

WEEK 1  
WEEK 2  
WEEK 3

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	THEME DAYS
<b>MAIN</b>	Jerk Chicken Curry	Beef Lasagne with Lentils (E*, MK, G/B*, W)	Homemade Chicken Sausage Roll with Gravy (E, G/W)	Honey Glazed Chicken with Homemade Wedges (SO, G/W)	Battered Fish or Salmon Fishcakes & Chips (F, G/W)	
<b>VEGGIE</b>	Sweet Potato, Chickpea & Coconut Curry (CE, G/B*, O*, R*, W) <span style="font-size: x-small;">V S</span>	Roasted Squash & Root Vegetable Lasagne (E*, MK, G/W) <span style="font-size: x-small;">S</span>	Homemade Roast Vegetable & Stuffing Roll (G/W) <span style="font-size: x-small;">V</span>	Honey Glazed Quorn with Homemade Wedges (SO, G/W)	Veggie Sausage Roll & Chips (MK*, SO, G/B, W)	
<b>SIDES</b>	Rice & Peas with Green Beans <span style="font-size: x-small;">V</span>	Mixed Green Salad <span style="font-size: x-small;">V</span>	Rustic Roast Potatoes with Roasted Carrots & Parsnips <span style="font-size: x-small;">V S</span>	Carrots & Green Beans <span style="font-size: x-small;">V S</span>	Beans or Peas <span style="font-size: x-small;">V</span>	
<b>PASTA &amp; JACKET</b>	Vegan Roasted Vegetable Pasta (G/W) <span style="font-size: x-small;">V</span>	Jacket & Salad	Tomato & Basil Pasta (CE, G/W) <span style="font-size: x-small;">V</span>	Jacket & Salad	Mac & Cheese (MK, G/W)	
<b>PUD</b>	Banana Cake with Custard (E, MK, SO*, G/W) <span style="font-size: x-small;">V</span>	Fruit Jelly <span style="font-size: x-small;">V</span>	Lemon Drizzle Cake (E, MK, SO*, SU, G/W)	Caramel Apple Crumble with Custard (MK, G/W) <span style="font-size: x-small;">S</span>	Vanilla & Raisin Shortbread Biscuit (G/W) <span style="font-size: x-small;">V</span>	
DAILY SALAD BAR   HOMEMADE BREAD   FRESH FRUIT						

**DATES**

15 SEP / 6 OCT /  
10 NOV / 1 DEC

**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	NO = MOLLUSCS	P = PEANUTS	SE = SESAME SEEDS	S = SEASONAL VEG

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