



## Leesons Primary School Weekly Newsletter

### Week beginning: 7.11.25

Welcome back! This week has been a positive start to the new half term with a choir reward trip to the ballet at The Royal Opera House, Nursery teaching us about firework safety, the introduction of 'not all heroes wear capes', the return to Forest School and lots more. If you are going to see fireworks this weekend, please stay safe and enjoy!

### *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	91%	4
Hedgehog	95%	2
Robin	92%	3
Owl	93%	0
Woodpecker	97%	3
Kingfisher	91%	0
Badger	97%	4
Fox	99%	2
Rabbit	95%	2
Mole	98%	3
Starling	90%	3
Otter	98%	2
Stag	91%	2
Kestrel	99%	1

Well done to Fox and Kestrel Classes who won Leo the Attendance Bear the Attendance cup this week!

Well done to the following class who won the Punctuality cup this week -Owl and Kingfisher!

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



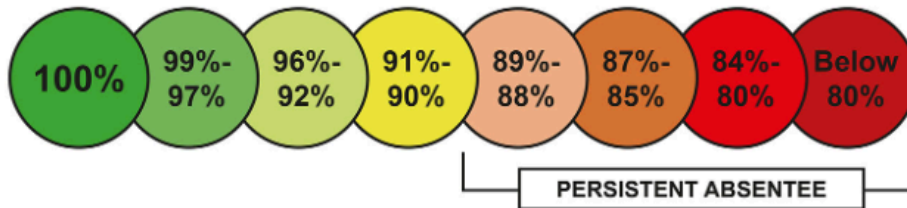
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#### Attendance

We have started the term well and are just maintaining our yearly attendance at 96%. This is just above the current national average and just below our target attendance figure. Please continue to support us with positive attendance and bring your child to school on time when they are well.

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

On Time: First Time, Every Time



## Which CIRCLE are you in?

#### Language of the week

Flag	Language	Country	Greeting	Picture
	Bulgarian	Bulgaria	Zdraveite	


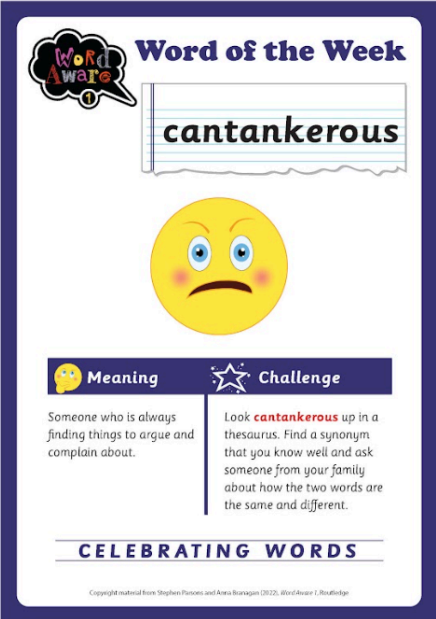
Plovdiv, in Bulgaria, is Europe’s oldest inhabited city. Settlements in the area date back to the Neolithic period, with evidence of human presence from around 6,000 BC. Throughout its long history, Plovdiv has been inhabited by Thracians, Romans, Byzantines, Bulgarians, and Ottomans, each leaving their mark on the city’s culture, architecture, and heritage

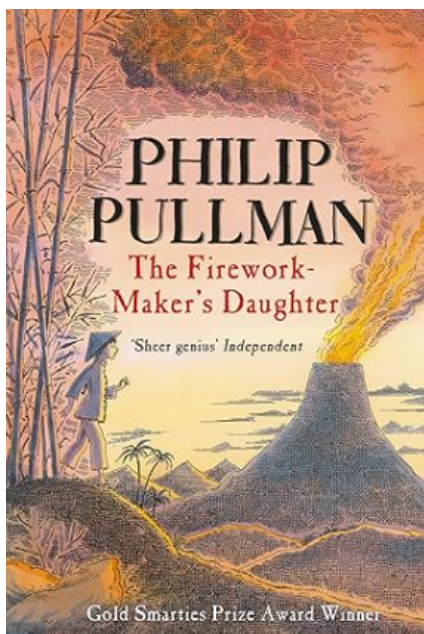


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### Word Aware

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><b>Word of the Week</b> <b>cautiously</b></p> <p><b>Meaning</b> Carefully because you don't want something to go wrong.</p> <p><b>Challenge</b> What might you do <b>cautiously</b>? Would you be <b>cautious</b> crossing a road, when on a high climbing frame or trying food you don't know?</p> <p><b>CELEBRATING WORDS</b></p> <p><small>Copyright material from Stephen Parsons and Anna Swanigan (2022), Word Aware 1, Book4Eya</small></p>	 <p><b>Word of the Week</b> <b>cantankerous</b></p> <p><b>Meaning</b> Someone who is always finding things to argue and complain about.</p> <p><b>Challenge</b> Look <b>cantankerous</b> up in a thesaurus. Find a synonym that you know well and ask someone from your family about how the two words are the same and different.</p> <p><b>CELEBRATING WORDS</b></p> <p><small>Copyright material from Stephen Parsons and Anna Swanigan (2022), Word Aware 1, Book4Eya</small></p>



### Book of the week

As it was Bonfire night, we wanted to share this chapter book with you.

What Lila wants to be more than anything else in the world is . . . a Firework-Maker! But firework-making is not just about being able to make Crackle-Dragons and Golden Sneezes. There is also one special secret: every Firework-Maker must make a perilous journey to face the terrifying Fire-Fiend! Not knowing that she needs special protection to survive the Fire-Fiend's flames, Lila sets off alone. Her friends, Chulak and Hamlet - the King's white elephant - race after her. But can they possibly reach her in time? You can hear an excerpt from chapter 1 here:

[▶ The Firework-Maker's Daughter - Chapter 1 by Ph...](#)



## Science

Have some fun at home with these experiments

Make your own egg shell chalk

[How to make your own eggshell chalk | Kidspot](#)

## Junior Duke

The following children have completed tasks in their Junior Duke booklets.

Name	Year	Task
Olin	Robin	Cookery Domestic Challenge Interest Exercise
Dominik	Badger	Mopping or Swimming
Dominic	Owl	Cookery Creation Interest Our World
Jeriah	Badger	Art Cookery

## 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](http://nationalcollege.com).

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about POKÉMON TCG POCKET



## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Pokémon TCG Pocket is a mobile version of the hugely popular Pokémon Trading Card Game, downloaded over 100 million times on Android and iOS. Players collect cards, battle others online, and open packs of cards – known as booster packs – to expand their decks. While the core game can be fun and helps develop tactical and numeracy skills, its design encourages spending and can feed addictive behaviours – making it important for adults to understand the risks.

### ADDICTIVE PACK OPENING

Booster packs rely on probability to provide rare or powerful cards. The excitement of opening them – and the dopamine rush when finding a sought-after card – can become addictive. Unlike purely cosmetic loot boxes, the cards here are integral to competitive gameplay, adding extra pressure for serious gamers to collect more.

### QUICK BUT ABSORBING

Card battles last around five to six minutes, making it easy to fit in “just one more game”. This quick format, combined with the drive to win, can lead to prolonged play sessions and increased screen time without noticing. With limited-time Ranked Match seasons constantly being refreshed – an opportunity to accumulate points and earn profile emblems – players may find themselves drawn into this game mechanic repeatedly.

### PREMIUM PASS PRESSURE

A monthly subscription gives players access to exclusive missions, rewards, and an extra daily booster pack. Missions and rewards are replaced each month, providing an incentive to stay subscribed. While some premium rewards are exclusive, others are available through free play – making the pass more about faster progression and obtaining cosmetic items than true necessity.

### ENDLESS PACK LOOPS

New themed sets of cards are released each month, ranging from around 85 to over 370 cards per expansion. This constant cycle encourages players to keep opening packs in an effort to complete collections or improve their battle decks, potentially promoting unhealthy spending habits. With the introduction of limited-time booster packs, some players may feel increased pressure to collect these cards while they're still available.

### COST OF BOOSTER PACKS

Although free to play, with set rewards and two free booster packs given daily, players can exchange Poké Gold if they wish to open more, and a small amount of Poké Gold is rewarded for free as the player levels up. Poké Gold is also sold in bundles that are often just short of what players need to open extra packs, encouraging them to buy additional bundles.

### COMPETITIVE ONLINE PLAY

Interactions in Pokémon TCG Pocket are relatively safe – there's no messaging between players, friend requests require player approval, no real names are used, and card trading is restricted to fair trades between friends. On the other hand, the competitive nature of online play can still cause frustration, over-investment, and isolation if children spend too much time focused on the game.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### MONITOR SPENDING HABITS

Set clear boundaries around in-game purchases. Treat Poké Gold as an occasional rather than routine reward, helping children develop healthier attitudes towards digital spend.

### PLAY TOGETHER

Card battles can help children learn tactics, problem-solving, and rule-following, as well as numeracy skills. Playing alongside them is a great way to share in their enjoyment, while also modelling balanced play and keeping an eye on how much they're investing in the game.

### SET REALISTIC EXPECTATIONS

Talk about the unpredictable nature of booster packs and prepare children for disappointment when duplicates appear or rare cards don't surface. Understanding probability can help minimise disappointment – use the game's built-in offering rates guides to find out more about it.

### TEACH FAIRNESS

Losing a battle can be discouraging, especially when money has been spent on collecting the cards to build a deck. Support children in recognising the importance of fairness, learning from both wins and losses, and making considered choices when trading cards.

### Meet Our Expert

Dan Upscombe is a videogame journalist and children's book author with over 15 years of experience. Specialising in technology and gaming, he has written extensively on how digital platforms affect young people and has been playing games for more than three decades.





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### Highlights of the week

#### Nursery

The Nursery children thoroughly enjoyed string and cardboard tube painting this week to create firework pictures. They carefully printed the string and cardboard tubes onto the paper to create an array of wonderful and colourful different shaped prints!



Hedgehog Class had a great time at Forest School this week. We enjoyed exploring different activities using the leaves and playing hide and seek with our woodland animal toys.

Year 1 had a very exciting trip to the library on Thursday. We enjoyed meeting the author Alex Falase-Koya. He spoke to us about his books and read us a chapter of his new story. Some children also received a signed copy of his book.

Year 6 have been reading the mystery story "The Watertower" by Gary Crew. They have many theories as to what happened in the text and what happens next. They have written some first person accounts which included short snappy sentences to create effects.





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We were delighted to welcome The MP for Orpington, Gareth Bacon, to Leesons today. He watched a range of engaging lessons and witnessed Year 6 create a physical circuit with their bodies to light a bulb, Year 5 drama performances of Romeo and Juliet and Year 3 exploring forces in science.

Our head boys and girls explained their experience of democracy in school to become leaders and ask searching questions about his experiences in being an MP and speaking publicly.

### Ballet Trip

On Wednesday, a group of children from Years 4, 5 and 6 enjoyed a special treat, a visit to the Royal Opera House to see the world-famous ballet *La Fille mal gardée* (The Wayward Daughter). This light-hearted and joyful production tells the story of Lise, a young girl who dreams of marrying for love rather than status. At its heart, the ballet celebrates the themes of love and freedom.

The children were captivated by the dancers' storytelling skills and delighted by the many surprises throughout the performance — including a ribbon dance, dancers dressed as chickens, and even a live pony on stage! Other memorable moments included the colourful maypole dance and Widow Simone's lively clog dance.

Eleanor Chapman from Starling class said, "I loved the ballet because it was romantic and funny! The dancers were really good and I found it easy to understand the story through the emotion they showed."





## Anti-Bullying Week - Monday 10th to Friday 14th November

Next week, Leesons will be celebrating Anti-Bullying Week with a range of fun activities to promote kindness, respect and inclusion.

- **Monday 10th November - Odd Socks Day:** Children are invited to wear odd socks to celebrate individuality! There is **NO** charge for this.
- **Tuesday & Wednesday - In Class Activities:** Children will take part in creative activities and discussions in class to explore the importance of kindness and standing up to bullying.
- **Thursday - Wristband Sale:** We will be selling **Anti-Bullying wristbands** for **£1 (cash only)**.
- **Friday - Watermelon Friday:** To end the week, children can enjoy a **slice of watermelon at breaktime for 50p each (cash only)**.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us make Leesons a place where everyone feels safe, included and valued.

### What's on?

On Sunday, Mr Jamieson and Mrs Dobbs will be accompanied by our Head Boy and Head Girl at Orpington War Memorial to lay a wreath. The service will start at 10.50.



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We would love to see you there. If you see Mr Bacon, our local MP, please go and say hello as he will probably remember you from our visit today.


Week 2 Anti-Bullying Week	
Monday - 10.11.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3pm assembly</li></ul>
Tuesday - 11.11.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 11am - 2 minute silence</li><li>• Polish Independence Day</li><li>• Children can wear uniforms from other uniformed organisations to school for Remembrance Day</li></ul>
Wednesday - 12.11.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1.30pm New Starters Open Afternoon</li></ul>
Thursday - 13.11.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Michael Rosen Day - poetry focus</li><li>• Maths Subject Monitoring</li></ul>
Friday - 14.11.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2.55pm - Celebration assembly</li><li>• National Diabetes Day</li><li>• Year 5 Science Museum</li></ul>

Week 3	
Monday - 17.11.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3pm assembly</li></ul>
Tuesday - 18.11.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3pm What's in the news Assembly</li><li>• Year R 1 2 phonics workshop</li></ul>
Wednesday - 19.11.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Trust Y2 Football@ LPS</li><li>• Singing assembly KS1@1.05pm/KS2 @3pm</li></ul>
Thursday - 20.11.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li></ul>
Friday - 21.11.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• INSET Day - Trust Conference - school closed to children</li></ul>

Week 4 Phonics Mock week	
Monday - 24.11.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3pm assembly</li></ul>
Tuesday - 25.11.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What's in the news Assembly MM</li></ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 6pm New Starters Open Evening</li></ul>
Wednesday - 26.11.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Yr 3-6 ten pin bowling @ the glades AM</li><li>• Singing assembly KS1@1.05pm/KS2 @3pm</li><li>• English Subject Monitoring</li></ul>
Thursday - 27.11.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nursery trip to St Paul's Cray Library 10:30am</li></ul>
Friday - 28.11.25 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Christmas decorations can go up after school</li><li>• 2.55pm - Celebration assembly</li><li>• Albanian Independence Day</li></ul>

Week 5	
Monday - 01.12.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3pm assembly</li><li>• 3.45pm SLT</li><li>• Romanian National Day</li><li>• RWI check-in</li></ul>
Tuesday - 02.12.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Oracy Assembly</li><li>• Reception &amp; Year 6 Height &amp; Weight</li></ul>
Wednesday - 03.12.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Singing assembly KS1@1.05pm/KS2 @3pm</li><li>• Reception &amp; Year 6 Height and Weight</li><li>• Year 1 - trip to Lyric theatre</li></ul>
Thursday - 04.12.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 3 Trip to The Natural History Museum</li></ul>
Friday - 05.12.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 4 - Science Museum</li><li>• 2.55pm - Celebration assembly</li><li>• Year 5 and 6 choir - choir singing in the Glades (max 30 children) 10:30 - 11am</li></ul>

Week 6	
Monday - 08.12.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• EYFS and KS1 Dress Rehearsal - 1.30pm</li></ul>
Tuesday - 09.12.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2.30pm EYFS and KS1 Christmas Performance - Parents invited</li><li>• Year 4 choir members singing in the Glades (max 30 children) 10:30 - 11am</li></ul>



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Wednesday - 10.12.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PM - KS2 Choir perform at Pemberley Care Home (2pm)</li><li>• 2.30pm EYFS and KS1 Christmas Performance - Parents invited</li></ul>
Thursday - 11.12.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 9.30 Christmas service at St Barnabus</li></ul>
Friday - 12.12.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2.55pm - Celebration assembly</li><li>• Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day</li><li>• Nursery Christmas performance 2:30pm</li></ul>

Week 7 Pen Portraits and Plans to be sent home	
Monday - 15.12.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AM - KS1 perform at Pemberley Care Home (11am)</li><li>• KS2 Carols in the Playground - Gates open at 2.25pm for 2.30pm start</li></ul>
Tuesday - 16.12.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• RWI development day</li><li>• 3pm What's in the news Assembly</li></ul>
Wednesday - 17.12.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 10am Rocksteady Concert in Hall</li></ul>
Thursday - 18.12.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• FOL Winter Wonderland in the Hall?</li></ul>
Friday - 19.12.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2.55pm - Celebration assembly</li><li>• Class Parties (wear school uniform. Bring £1 for staff to buy food and drink)</li></ul>

**Holiday - 22nd December 2025 - 2nd January 2026**

**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)	Roasted Squash & Root Vegetable Lasagne (E*, MK, G/W)	Homemade Roast Vegetable & Stuffing Roll (G/W)	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	Mixed Green Salad	Rustic Roast Potatoes with Roasted Carrots & Parsnips	Carrots & Green Beans	Beans or Peas	
<b>PASTA &amp; JACKET</b> 	Vegan Roasted Vegetable Pasta (G/W)	Jacket & Salad	Tomato & Basil Pasta (CE, G/W)	Jacket & Salad	Mac & Cheese (MK, G/W)	
<b>PUD</b> 	Banana Cake with Custard (E, MK, SO*, G/W)	Fruit Jelly	Lemon Drizzle Cake (E, MK, SO*, SU, G/W)	Caramel Apple Crumble with Custard (MK, G/W)	Vanilla & Raisin Shortbread Biscuit (G/W)	
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



food with passion



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**WHERE?**  
Midfield  
Primary School



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Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass.....  
It's about learning how to DANCE IN THE RAIN.

DO YOU FEEL LOST? ARE YOU STRUGGLING WITH CHALLENGING BEHAVIOUR?  
IS THIS HAVING AN IMPACT ON YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR WELL-BEING?  
**THE SPRING TRUST CAN SUPPORT YOU.**

We run **"DROP IN"** sessions for EVERYONE because we know people are **DROWNING** in challenging behaviour in an **OCEAN of UNCERTAINTY**. They will be focusing on a different topic at each **DROP IN**:  
**ASD, SLEEP ONSET, DYSLEXIA, ARFID, MASKING, & Much More**

PRACTICAL advice, SPECIALIST speakers, TEA, BISCUITS, COFFEE, SQUASH  
OPEN ARMS HUGS WHERE REQUIRED & OPPORTUNITIES to CATCH A LIFELINE.



**WHEN?**

**DROP-IN 1 - 23rd Sept 2025**  
**INTRODUCTION**

**DROP-IN 2 - 13th Nov 2025**  
**ASD & ADHD**

**DROP-IN 3 - 13th Jan 2026**  
**VISUALS, PECS, MAKATON**

**DROP-IN 4 - 5th Mar 2026**  
**MASKING IN GIRLS & BOYS**

**DROP-IN 5 - 21st April 2026**  
**DYSLEXIA & ARFID**

**DROP-IN 6 - 25th June 2026**  
**SLEEP ONSET & SUMMER SURVIVAL!**

**0900-1200hrs**

**ALL WELCOME.**