



Leesons Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Week beginning: 28.11.25

It is beginning to feel a little Christmassy at Leesons and the children will come into a Winter Wonderland on Monday. 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	90.55%	3
Hedgehog	88.26%	5
Robin	97.06%	2
Owl	90.59%	1
Woodpecker	89.33%	2
Kingfisher	87.5%	0
Badger	93.18%	3
Fox	98%	2
Rabbit	96.25%	3
Mole	92.5%	4
Starling	93.04%	1
Otter	96.84%	2
Stag	95.5%	1
Kestrel	96.32%	0

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

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

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

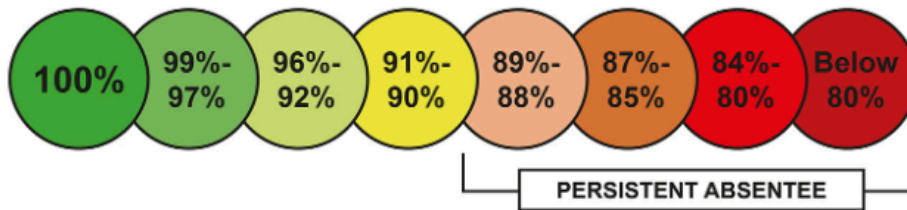


Attendance

Our whole school attendance is starting to drop and we are now at 95.8%. Please ensure your child is in school if they are well and that you ring the school if they are off sick.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

On Time: First Time, Every Time



Which CIRCLE are you in?

Language of the week

Flag	Language	Country	Greeting	Picture
	Malagasy	Madagascar	Manao ahoana	

Madagascar is the fourth-largest island in the world, known for its unique biodiversity with over 90% of its wildlife found nowhere else on Earth, including all wild lemurs. Its capital is Antananarivo, the official languages are Malagasy and French, and it is located off the southeast coast of Africa

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



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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:

'Would you rather live on the lake or on the beach?'

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 clench</p> <p>Meaning Holding tightly because you are angry.</p> <p>Challenge Clench your fists and your jaw and make a face to go with how you might be feeling.</p> <p>CELEBRATING WORDS</p> <p><small>Copyright material from Stephen Parsons and Anna Ivanagan (2022), <i>Word Aware 1</i>, Routledge</small></p>	 <p>Word of the Week content</p> <p>Meaning Fairly happy. Satisfied.</p> <p>Challenge When is it good to feel content and when is it not so good? Discuss this with your family. You might have different views!</p> <p>CELEBRATING WORDS</p> <p><small>Copyright material from Stephen Parsons and Anna Ivanagan (2022), <i>Word Aware 1</i>, Routledge</small></p>

Book of the week





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This week's book looks at helping others and follows on from Mr Jamieson's assembly on Monday. You can listen to the story here:

[▶ Story: Just Help! How to Build a Better World](#)

Maths Challenge

Using any letter only once, what are the largest and smallest numbers that you can write down in words?

Example: EIGHTY

But not NINETY as N is used twice

Bonus 1: allow negatives such as MINUS TWO

Bonus 2: allow calculations such as TWO SQUARED



Science

Find out some amazing facts about a famous Scientist

Jane Goodall

[▶ First Look at Jane | National Geographic](#)

Junior Duke

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

Name	Year	Task
Bion	Rabbit	Eco Challenge Cookery

E-safety

At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one platform of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.



The Switch is a hybrid console released by popular video game company Nintendo in 2017. It's classed as a hybrid because it's designed to be played both at home on a television, like traditional consoles (think a PlayStation or an Xbox) or out and about like a portable console, such as a GameBoy. It uses two detachable and wireless 'Joy-Con' controllers on either side of the console's screen, which can be used by one or two players. The Switch can be played on the internet with the purchase of Nintendo Switch Online, in the living room together or on the go during long journeys, but bear in mind it needs to be charged just like anything else!



NINTENDO SWITCH ONLINE

Nintendo Switch Online is a paid service that allows the console to be played (you guessed it) online, by linking to other Switch consoles around the world. It can be purchased through the Nintendo eShop for a single account on the device, or with a family membership plan which covers 2 accounts. The purchase options come in three tiers: 1 month, 3 months and 12 months but be aware these auto-renew unless you specify otherwise.

ONLINE DANGERS

While online, your children will be able to play with and chat to people on compatible games, which will mostly be good-natured fun, but could potentially expose them to vulgar language, indecent images or worse. There are options to limit this though, which are detailed below. It's worth remembering that many games can be played offline, so while it's not essential to get Nintendo Switch Online, it is certainly something to consider.

NINTENDO eSHOP

The Nintendo eShop is where games can be purchased over the internet and downloaded directly onto the device. If you choose to enter your bank details (or PayPal account) onto the Switch, you can save them for easy access later on. Do note however that these can be viewed by anybody with access to the console, unless you specify otherwise. A child might accidentally purchase a game or item from the shop if these details are left improperly protected, which could leave you with a nasty surprise.

NINTENDO'S VIDEO GAME SELECTION

Nintendo as a company offers some of the most entertaining and safe video games on the market. Games featuring characters like Super Mario, Donkey Kong and Yoshi are always a safe bet for a child-friendly experience. It's always prudent to check each game before you buy it (especially if the game hasn't been made by Nintendo!) but as a rule of thumb, anything official containing well-known names like these will be great for your children, giving you peace of mind while they enjoy them.

PORTABLE GAMING

Being able to take the Switch anywhere is a huge bonus when travelling. What's more is that almost every game can be enjoyed without the need to 'lock' the console with a television. Battery life on the Switch varies depending on what it's being used for but typically it will last around 3 or 4 hours before needing to be recharged. When the time comes, any USB-C charger will be able to do the job, but it's best and quickest to return it to the dock, which requires a normal plug socket.



Top Tips For Parents



PARENTAL CONTROLS

Nintendo released a free downloadable app that can be used in tandem with the Switch called Nintendo Switch Parental Controls. Once you've got the app on your mobile device, it's a simple process to pair your two devices, giving you a suite of options to help make sure your child is having fun in a safe and structured environment curated by you.

ONLINE RESTRICTIONS

Another major inclusion in the app is the ability to block your child from seeing anything to do with age restricted games. There's also an extremely helpful feature that restricts access to games that have free communication features between strangers on the internet. This includes things like private messages and unsolicited images. Should you be concerned that strangers might be using the games to talk to your child, a simple press of a button will disallow any access they might have.

PLAY WITH YOUR CHILD

One of the wonderful things about the Switch is that there are an abundance of great games you and your child can enjoy together, and even with the whole family. Nintendo has a long history of making and supporting fun, family friendly games like Mario Kart and Mario Party, both of which can be played with two or more players using the Joy-Con controllers.

NINTENDO ESHOP SETTINGS

In the Nintendo eShop you can set up a password to help stop your child or somebody else from accessing any sensitive information, such as bank account details. The options here include entering a password to access the eShop to begin with, when any saved credit card information access is attempted, or when PayPal is accessed. Choosing which areas are password protected helps ensure you're deciding what level of access is given on the device. For example, if you're happy to have your child browse the shop for games they might want, you can allow access to the eShop but introduce the password before a purchase is made ensuring no mishaps occur.

LIMITING PLAY TIME

By linking the app with the Nintendo Switch, you can set time limits and reminders when you think enough time has been spent playing. It also lets you see if a game is still being played and gives you the option to automatically put the console into sleep mode if the message is ignored. This should only be used as a last resort though as it could cause some friction between you.

SET PLAY TIMES

Another handy feature is the ability to set different playtimes for days of the week, allowing you to tailor playtime around you and your child's schedules. This is great for setting boundaries and encouraging gaming as part of a healthy routine. It will also help your child organise with their friends when they can all be online.

SEE PLAY HISTORY

The Nintendo Switch Parental Controls app can also send a report telling you how much time your child spends playing each game. This is a great way to spot their favourite or most played games and might be a nice way for you to find out more about a title before talking to your child about it. It could also help identify any possible issues around playtime before they arise.



Meet our expert

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for 5 years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the current gaming editor of two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world, UNILAD Gaming and GAMINGBible. Starting gaming from a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work, but more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.



<https://www.nintendo.com/switch/parents/>, <https://www.nintendo.co.uk/Support/Parents/Safety/Keeping-your-child-safe-how-does-Nintendo-keep-your-child-safe-688983.html>, <https://www.yourkids.com/switch/N-PLD19H0W0up>, <https://www.nintendo.co.uk/Nintendo-Switch/Nintendo-Switch-Online/Nintendo-Switch-Online-1182143.html>



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Highlights of the week

Children in year 6 went on an outing to the Bromley Pavilion Bowling Alley. They bowled as a team against 7 Bromleys schools. They showed collaboration and encouraged each other throughout the session. Their team work paid off by placing second and bringing home a silver medal! Well done!



Hedgehog Class

We were inspired by our story this week and made rocket ship biscuits. We enjoyed decorating them and linking our learning to maths using triangles and circles. We were really excited to take them home and show them to our families.



Year 5 - Otter

This week, Otter class embraced a fantastic challenge in Design Technology: creating a healthy roll from scratch! The children meticulously planned their designs to ensure they included a balance of different food groups - from carbohydrates in the roll itself to proteins and vitamins and minerals in the fillings. They honed their practical skills carefully combining ingredients, kneading the dough for their homemade bread, and expertly cutting and slicing fresh fillings. The results were not only visually appealing but also a demonstration of the children's growing understanding of healthy eating. Well done, Otter class!





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Year 1

This week we were practicing our peeling, juicing and grating skills in preparation for making our healthy salads in a few weeks time. The children worked very hard on their hand eye co-ordination skills and worked slowly and carefully. They then got to eat the carrots and try the lemon juice!



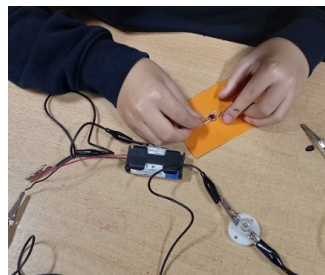
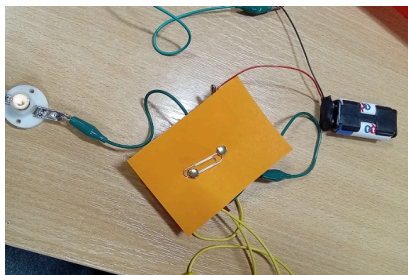
Nursery

The Nursery children visited St Paul's Cray library this week and participated in a story time and a craft activity based on the book *The very hungry caterpillar's Christmas Eve*. The children were a credit to us; they joined in and behaved exceptionally well.



Year 6

In Year 6, we have been making our own switches to control an electrical circuit. We created a slide switch, a push switch and a selector switch.

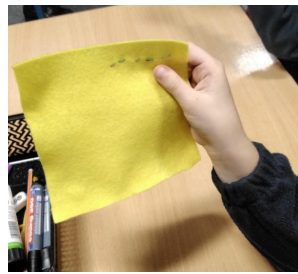
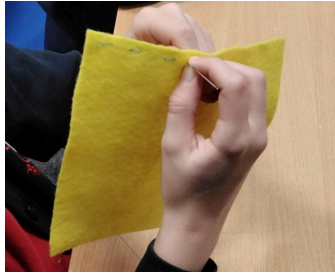




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Year 4

This week we have been practising our sewing skills. We learnt two different types of stitch: A running stitch and a whip stitch.



What's on?

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

Week 6	
Monday - 08.12.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EYFS and KS1 Dress Rehearsal - 1.30pm
Tuesday - 09.12.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.30pm EYFS and KS1 Christmas Performance -



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents invited Year 4 choir members singing in the Glades (max 30 children) 10:30 - 11am
Wednesday - 10.12.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PM - KS2 Choir perform at Pemberley Care Home (2pm) 2.30pm EYFS and KS1 Christmas Performance - Parents invited
Thursday - 11.12.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.30 Christmas service at St Barnabus
Friday - 12.12.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.55pm - Celebration assembly Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day Nursery Christmas performance 2:30pm FOL Winter Wonderland

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

Holiday - 22nd December 2025 - 2nd January 2026

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

Menu (see below)













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WEEKLY MENU

WEEK 1
WEEK 2
WEEK 3




	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	THEME DAYS
MAIN 	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)	
VEGGIE 	Sweet Potato, Chickpea & Coconut Curry (CE, G/B*, O*, R*, W) V S	Roasted Squash & Root Vegetable Lasagne (E*, MK, G/W) S	Homemade Roast Vegetable & Stuffing Roll (G/W) V	Honey Glazed Quorn with Homemade Wedges (SO, G/W)	Veggie Sausage Roll & Chips (MK*, SO, G/B, W)	
SIDES 	Rice & Peas with Green Beans V S	Mixed Green Salad V	Rustic Roast Potatoes with Roasted Carrots & Parsnips V S	Carrots & Green Beans V S	Beans or Peas V	
PASTA & JACKET 	Vegan Roasted Vegetable Pasta (G/W) V	Jacket & Salad	Tomato & Basil Pasta (CE, G/W) V	Jacket & Salad	Mac & Cheese (MK, G/W)	
PUD 	Banana Cake with Custard (E, MK, SO*, G/W)	Fruit Jelly V	Lemon Drizzle Cake (E, MK, SO*, SU, G/W)	Caramel Apple Crumble with Custard (MK, G/W) S	Vanilla & Raisin Shortbread Biscuit (G/W) V	
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	SD = 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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