



Leesons Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Week beginning: 19.12.25

Thank you to everyone for your support this half term and especially for attending the Christmas events we have held in school. The Winter Wonderland event this week was brilliant so thank you to Friends of Leesons. We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a wonderful break and look forward to seeing you all back on school on Tuesday

6th January. *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	94.92%	1
Hedgehog	93.43%	4
Robin	93.46%	5
Owl	82.35%	2
Woodpecker	93.33%	4
Kingfisher	95.14%	1
Badger	91.92%	7
Fox	91.11%	4
Rabbit	84.72%	5
Mole	96.3%	3
Starling	93.75%	2
Otter	94.74%	4
Stag	92.78%	1
Kestrel	100%	1

Well done to Kestrel 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 - Little Orchard, Kingfisher, Stag and Kestrell!

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



Attendance

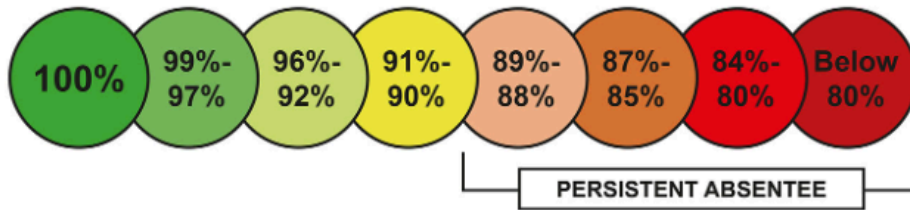
Our whole-school attendance for this week stands at 92.62%. Thank you to all families for supporting regular attendance and helping children make the most of every learning opportunity.

We have 76 children who have had 100% attendance this term. They were all rewarded with a choice of treat today and we are very proud of them all. Well done!

As we head into the Christmas break, we wish all our families a restful and enjoyable holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the New Year—refreshed, re-energised, and ready for a fantastic start to the Spring term.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

On Time: First Time, Every Time



Which CIRCLE are you in?

Language of the week

Flag	Language	Country	Greeting	Picture
	Finnish	Finland	Hei	

Finnish winters are long, cold and dark, making them ideal for winter activities like skiing, skating and, in Lapland, spotting the Northern Lights. Winter also provides the



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perfect excuse to get together to celebrate and enjoy Finnish traditions, such as parties before Christmas or bobsledding and eating buns.

Oracy Talk Topic

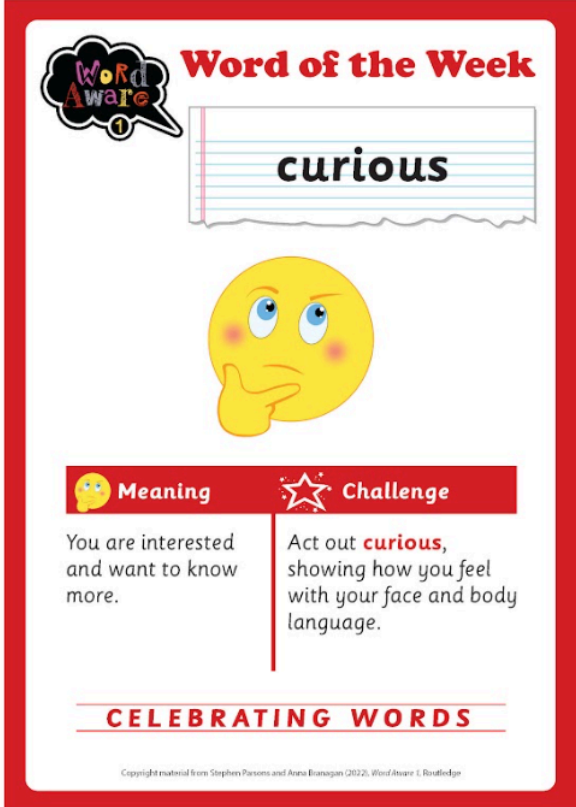
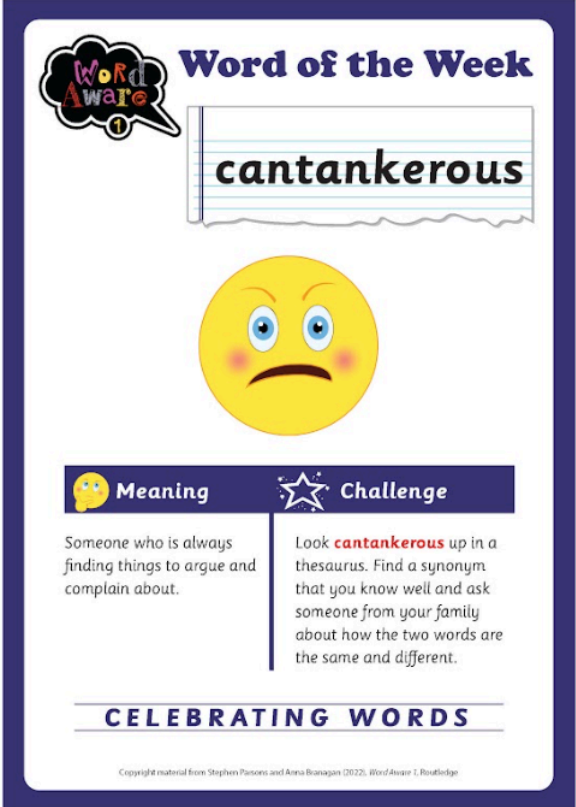
At home, we would like you to pick an evening that is convenient and come together as a family to discuss the 'Talk Topic'. In order to ensure that your child participates in high-quality talk, please remember to play devil's advocate during the discussion. Your child should not only be given the opportunity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

The 'Talk Topic' for this week is the following:

'Would you rather have 1 eye in the middle of your forehead or have 2 noses?'

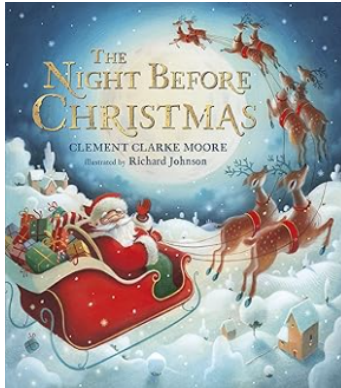
Word Aware

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 data-bbox="214 1020 786 1822">  <p>Word of the Week curious</p> <p>Meaning You are interested and want to know more.</p> <p>Challenge Act out curious, showing how you feel with your face and body language.</p> <p>CELEBRATING WORDS</p> <p><small>Copyright material from Stephen Parsons and Anna Branagan (2022), Word Aware 1, Routledge</small></p> </div>	<div data-bbox="837 1020 1409 1822">  <p>Word of the Week cantankerous</p> <p>Meaning Someone who is always finding things to argue and complain about.</p> <p>Challenge Look cantankerous 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>CELEBRATING WORDS</p> <p><small>Copyright material from Stephen Parsons and Anna Branagan (2022), Word Aware 1, Routledge</small></p> </div>



Book of the week



"'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse."

In this book, we hear about the preparations and journey that Father Christmas makes on Christmas Eve. You can listen to the story here:

[▶ The Night Before Christmas. Read Aloud Kids Books](#)

Maths Challenge

According to the traditional song, on the first day of Christmas (25th December), my true love sent to me:

- A partridge in a pear tree

On the second day of Christmas (26th December), my true love sent to me THREE presents:

- Two turtle doves
- A partridge in a pear tree

On the third day of Christmas (27th December and so on) my true love sent to me SIX presents:

- Three French hens
- Two turtle doves
- A partridge in a pear tree

This carries on until the twelfth day of Christmas, when my true love sends me:

- Twelve drummers drumming
- Eleven pipers piping
- Ten lords a-leaping
- Nine ladies dancing
- Eight maids a-milking
- Seven swans a-swimming
- Six geese a-laying
- Five gold rings
- Four calling birds
- Three French hens
- Two turtle doves
- A partridge in a pear tree



After the twelve days of Christmas are over, how many presents has my true love sent me altogether?

Science

Have some fun at home with these experiments

[▶ Top 5 Must-Try Christmas Science Activities for Kids](#)

E-safety

As Christmas is approaching, we would like to remind you about the age restrictions in place on apps.



Social Media Age Restrictions

Information taken from the NSPCC website

The infographic is a grid of social media icons categorized by age groups. The categories are: Under 13 (with Parental Consent), 13+, 16+, 17+, and 18+ (12 with parental permission). The 13+ category includes Facebook, My Space, MySpace, Twitter, Skype, Instagram, iTunes, Pinterest, DeviantArt, Google+, SoundCloud, Tumblr, Meet Me, Reddit, Periscope, Snapchat, Ask FM, and LinkedIn. The 16+ category includes WhatsApp. The 17+ category includes Viber and Whisper. The 18+ category includes Tinder and Vixen. The 18+ (12 with parental permission) category includes YouTube, Play Store, WeChat, Spotify, iKiss, Kik, FourSquare, Flickr, Musical.ly, Live.ly, and Omigod.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

AI TOYS

This festive season, the newest toys on the shelves do not just blink or make noise; they listen. Many now come with artificial intelligence (AI), allowing them to talk, learn, and even respond to a child's emotions. These toys can be educational and engaging, but they also collect, store, and process information. This guide explains what that means for families and why it matters.

Wake Up Wednesday
The National College

SWIPE FOR TIPS →

Highlights of the week

Nursery



Little Orchards had a special visit from Father Christmas. We got to ask lots of questions and find out all about Christmas eve. Father Christmas kindly gifted us sweets. We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Hedgehog class have enjoyed making penguin art by following step-by-step instructions. They were all very effective and unique.





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Some of our Year 2 Nativity Stars represented Leesons at the Grand Opening of Orpington Library yesterday. They met The Mayor, The Grinch, Father Christmas, author Laura Mucha and Performer and Story Teller, Sandra Agard. They behaved brilliantly and represented the school perfectly.

Year 1 and 2 sang Christmas songs to some of the residents at Pemberley care home. We also made Christmas cards which the residents loved receiving.



Year 1 completed their DT topic this week by making salads. They used skills such as chopping, grating and peeling to make a healthy salad of cucumber, spinach, carrots and raisins. They then enjoyed eating them together,





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What's on?

Week 1	
Monday - 05.01.26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> INSET Day - no school for children
Tuesday - 06.01.26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children return at normal time
Wednesday - 07.01.26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.30am New Starters Open Evening
Thursday - 08.01.26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free style footballer in all day
Friday - 09.01.26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.55pm - Celebration assembly

Menu

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WEEKLY MENU

WEEK 1
WEEK 2
WEEK 3

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	THEME DAYS
MAIN	Jerk Chicken Curry	Chicken Noodles (E, SO, G/W)	Roast Chicken & Gravy	Beef Burger	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fishcake & Chips (F, G/B*, W)	
VEGGIE	Sweet Potato, Chickpea & Coconut Curry (CE, G/B, O, R, W)	Quorn & Vegetable Noodles (E, SO, G/W)	Roasted Root Vegetable Pie & Gravy (CE, G/W)	Vegetable & Lentil Keema (CE, G/B, O, R, W)	Vegan Nuggets & Chips (G/W)	
SIDES	Rice & Peas with Green Beans (CE)	Broccoli & Sweetcorn	Rustic Roast Potatoes with Roasted Carrots & Parsnips	Steamed Rice & Green Beans	Baked Beans & 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	Banana Cake & Custard (E, MK, SO*, G/W)	Homemade Chocolate Cookie (E, MK, SO*, G/W)	Apple Crumble & Custard (MK, G/W)	Carrot Cake (E, MK, SO*, G/B, O, W)	Iced Vanilla Sponge with Custard (E, MK, SO*, G/W)	

DAILY SALAD BAR | HOMEMADE BREAD | FRESH FRUIT

DATES

05 JAN / 26 JAN
23 FEB / 16 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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