



Lea C of E Primary School & Gateway Lodge Nursery

NEWSLETTER



EVERYONE COUNTS 'Our school is a welcoming, inclusive community where everyone counts'



Our Value for this Half Term is:

Truthfulness

& we have been

Celebrating Trinity

The End of Another Year!

We had a really busy week, last week, and a very emotional last day with our Year 6 children! We had a beautiful Leavers Service at the church, with the children leading our Worship, Prayer and memories. The singing was superb and it is clear that our children live out our school values of Compassion, Respect, Service, Hope and Aspiration, and Courage. We are sad to see them all go and will look forward to them visiting us sometime in the future, to tell us all of their news. We hope you all have a wonderful Summer Holiday and thank you for your continued support throughout the year. Keep safe and please encourage your children to keep reading regularly and practising their tables and number bonds.!!!

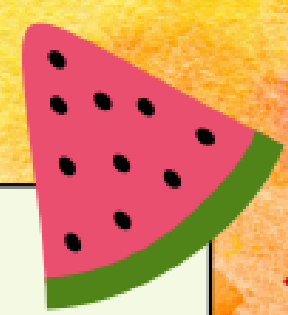
We look forward to our new children starting both at Nursery and in Willow class in September and just a reminder that School and Nursery start on Wednesday 3rd September 2026 with the gate for school opening at 8.30 am and being locked at 8.40am. Registration is at 8.45am.

Thank you again,
Mr Manning and Mrs Vines

CLASS NEWS!


Below you will find links to the website news pages for each individual class; including Forest School and Nursery. These pages will be updated regularly, to enable parents to see more of what their child/children have been doing in school; we are able to upload far more content this way, than via our newsletter. We hope that you will still enjoy seeing what the rest of the school have been doing too!





PTFA

Summer 2025

 [Lea C E School PTFA](#)

Summer Fete Success - Thank You!

We are thrilled to share that this year's Summer Fete raised
£2073.60

A huge thank you goes to our PTFA members and volunteers, who worked so hard behind the scenes and on the day to run the stalls and oversee the event. Your time, energy and commitment are what made the fete such a fantastic day for everyone.

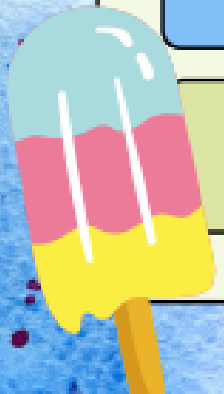
We're also incredibly grateful to our pupils, who took part with such enthusiasm, and to the staff and teachers for their support and encouragement throughout.

Special thanks must go to the local businesses and suppliers who kindly donated prizes, refreshments and equipment – your generosity means so much to us.

All the funds raised will go directly towards educational tools, resources and helping to subsidise school trips, ensuring that all pupils can benefit from exciting opportunities and experiences. Thank you once again to everyone who supported this event – we couldn't have done it without you!

Please give us a follow on Facebook - [Lea C E Primary PTFA](#)

If you are interested in joining or supporting the PTFA then please either talk to us at the school gates or message us on Facebook.



Ledbury Poetry Festival

On Tuesday, 1st July, the poetry winners, from Oak Class' Poetry Day with Spoz , in the Spring term, were invited back to perform their poems in front of seven other Herefordshire schools , and some literary professionals, as part of Ledbury Poetry Festival.

All the children performed brilliantly and we had a great time. You can see video of our performances on the Oak Class page of our school website.



Year 6 Residential Trip to London

A Week to Remember!

At the beginning of June, Year 6 embarked on their long-awaited residential trip to London – a truly unforgettable week filled with adventure, discovery, and magical memories!



Staying right in the heart of the capital, at a youth hostel near St Paul's Cathedral, the children spent five incredible days exploring some of London's most iconic landmarks and attractions. From rubbing shoulders with celebrities at Madame Tussauds to stepping back in time at the majestic Westminster Abbey and Tower of London, each day was packed with exciting new experiences. A river cruise along the Thames offered breathtaking views of the city's skyline, while the awe-inspiring ride on the London Eye gave everyone a unique and thrilling perspective of the capital.



Other highlights included exploring the historic HMS Belfast on the River Thames, as well as fascinating visits to the Imperial War Museum and the Natural History Museum. A trip to the theatre to see the spectacular musical *Wicked!* was another standout moment – the dazzling performances and unforgettable songs left us all 'spellbound'!

We rounded off the week with a magical visit to Warner Bros. Studios – *The Making of Harry Potter*. The children wandered through the iconic sets, marvelled at the intricate props, and soaked up the behind-the-scenes magic of the wizarding world. We were even lucky enough to take part in a special workshop on costume distressing, where we got to see the real costumes up close and learn the secrets behind their worn and weathered appearance – a truly fascinating experience!

Throughout the week, the children were an absolute credit to our school. Their behaviour was exemplary – polite, respectful, and full of enthusiasm. We were especially proud of the way they supported and looked out for one another, ensuring that everyone had a fantastic time.

A heartfelt thank you goes to the dedicated staff who gave their time, energy, and care to make this trip safe, fun, and enriching for all. Without their commitment, this once-in-a-lifetime experience wouldn't have been possible.

We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils – what a wonderful way to celebrate the end of their primary school journey!



Successful Transition Sessions in Willow Class

We are delighted to share how successful our transition sessions have been in Willow Class this term, as we prepare to welcome our new Reception children in September. These carefully planned sessions are designed to ensure that our youngest learners make a smooth and happy transition from nursery to school life; and what a fantastic start they have already made!



Over several weeks, the children have been busy exploring both the indoor and outdoor learning environments with great curiosity and increasing confidence. From imaginative play and creative activities to early literacy and number fun, they have shown real enthusiasm and a wonderful willingness to get involved!

The sessions have also helped the children to begin to learn the routines of the school day, and they are already showing a brilliant understanding of what to do and when. Whether it's tidying up, lining up, or listening carefully during carpet time, they're picking things up so quickly and sensibly.

Mrs Cook and Mrs Kendall have been so impressed with how well the children have been coming into school, showing fantastic behaviour and excellent listening skills. It has been lovely to see their growing confidence, happy smiles, and eagerness to join in with everything on offer.

We are incredibly proud of how well they have settled during these sessions, and we are really looking forward to getting to know each and every one of them even more in **September**, when they officially start their exciting journey in **Willow Class**. It's going to be a brilliant year!




The Methodist Church

The Big Bailey Family Scavenger Hunt!

Saturday 9th August, 3pm.

Search and find, fill your bags, fill up on tea+cake too!

Bailey Lane End HR9 5TR
Text Laura on 07727 699751 for more info

** No charge to attend (donations welcome)



Play & Chat

PICNIC IN THE PARK



(BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC)

THURSDAY JULY 24TH 11.00 – 2.00

WESTON UNDER PENYARD

PLAY PARK



MEET

ROB WITH HIS TRACTOR

ROSS COMMUNITY POLICE

RACHEL A FACE PAINTING ARTIST

(small charge)

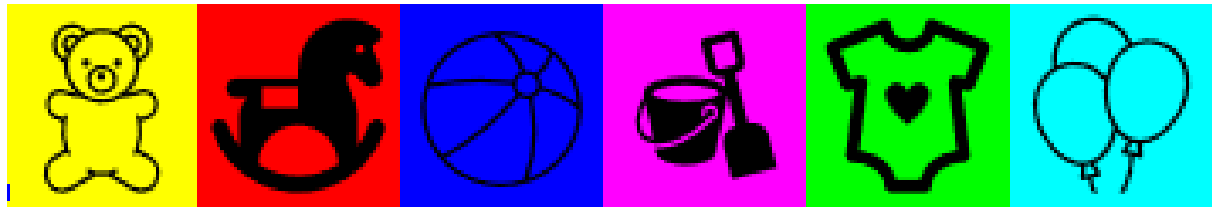
COME ALONG AND JOIN THE FUN

EVERYONE WELCOME

FREE

(NO NEED TO BOOK)





FUNDRAISING FOR LEA PLAY & CHAT - BABY & TODDLER
GROUP

PRELOVED CHILDREN'S CLOTHES & TOY SALE

Toys, clothes, Equipment, Maternity wear

11am - 1.00pm

Lea Village Hall, HR9 7JY

Saturday 27th SEPTEMBER

FREE ADMISSION

Want to sell?

BOOK YOUR TABLE NOW £10.00 (table provided)

Facebook @leaplayandchat or call 07765555588

DONATIONS WELCOME

Enjoy a tea or coffee with a biscuit and cake!

Come out and PLAY at Lea Village Hall

**7th and 22nd
August 2025
1.30-3.30 pm
All the usual
fun with
Everyday
PLAY!**



no need
to book-
just come
and join in!

**Summer fun
messy play and
a campfire!**



Thank you to Nourse Charity
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