



17 December 2024

Dear families of Leopold Hawkshead,

What's been great?

We have had a brilliant Autumn term here at Leopold! As well as our usual curriculum the children have had the opportunity to:

- ★ look at how they belong in their class, their school community and the wider community
- ★ develop a class charter as part of developing their class identity
- ★ discuss and explore the identity and narratives of others through our Black History learning/celebrations
- ★ further explore respect for others and understanding of difference, particularly through Anti Bullying Week.
- ★ attend workshops, shows and some trips
- ★ participate in a Christmas event
- ★ try food from different cultures
- * attended music classes taught by a specialist
- ★ use online learning platforms such as TimesTable RockStars and Atom learning for Key Stage 2.
- ★ huge turnout of families to different events including the Black History Showcase, Parents Consultations, Phonics Workshops.

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Our school numbers have increased. We have welcomed many new children to the school which is very positive and shows the popularity of the school. This is something we will be working on more in 2025.

What is happening in 2025?

We have a lot more planned for the next two terms so it is vital that families keep up with the school communications. We communicate by:

- Text message
- email
- on the school website
- letter
- telephone calls.

New PE TEAM

We have a new PE team - Jack Card and Nadia Marquez. They have been employed to improve the offer for children in school and out of school. This means an increase in after school sports clubs and events.

CLUBS OFFER

There is a new clubs offer for Spring term. The details will go out at the end of this week and booking will open on 6 January 2025. New clubs include:

Boxing	Mr Heekin
Coding	Miss Bennett
Cooking	Miss Laila and Miss Sherica
Science	Mrs Bird
Basketball	Miss Marqez
Animation	Miss Julia

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Spanish Lunchtime Club

Mrs Sorrosal

Staff Updates

Sadly we will be saying goodbye to Maya Mistry who has been teaching Year 1 Holly in the afternoons and across the school in the morning. She is leaving to go travelling. We wish her all the very best for the future.

We have been recruiting for her position and will update families in due course.

Reminders



SCHOOL UNIFORM

The standard of school uniform for many children does not reflect our high expectations. Please ensure your child is in the correct school uniform for PE and

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everyday wear. Please note that footwear is black only. This can be black shoes or black trainers.

PLEASE NAME ALL ITEMS!

DATES

19 December	Children can wear party clothes.
20 December	Children can wear their own clothes. School closes at 1:30. After school club will run from 1:30
8 January	All children return.

Finally, I would like to thank all of you for all of your support and welcoming me into the Leopold community. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first term as Executive Head. It has been a challenge to balance everything but now that I know the school better, you will see me a lot more on the gates and other events. Leopold is an amazing school with so much potential. I look forward to continuing the journey together.

Have a wonderful break with your family and Merry Christmas to all our families who celebrate.

Kind regards,

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