LEOPOLD NEWSLETTER

November 2026

Important Dates

Reception Phonics Family Workshop - HH
Wednesday 11th November - 9.00am

Nursery & Reception WOW Wednesday! - HH
Wednesday 11th November - 3.15pm

Banyan Class Assembly - HH
Friday 13th November - 9.45am

Parent & Family Workshop - HH
'Behaviour as Communication'
Tuesday 17th November - 8.45am

Individual Photographs - GR & HH
Wednesday 18th November

Autumn Parent Consultations - GR & HH
Thursday 19th November - 1.30pm
**School closes to students at 1.00pm*

Year 1 WOW Wednesday! - HH
Wednesday 25th November - 3.30pm

Ash Class Assembly - HH
Friday 27th November - 9.45am

Year 5 Cake Sale - HH
Friday 27th November - 3.10pm

Year 2 WOW Wednesday! - HH
Wednesday 2nd December - 3.30pm

Leopold Winter Fair - HH
Saturday 5th December - 12.00pm to 4.00pm

Year 2 Nativity - HH
Friday 11th December - 9.45am

Years 1, 2 & 3 Christmas Sing-a-long - HH
Monday 14th December - 9.45am

Years 4, 5 & 6 Christmas Sing-a-long - HH
Tuesday 15th December - 9.45am

Christmas Showcase - GR
Wednesday 16th December - 9.45am

WINTER FAIR!

This December, our Winter Fair is returning! It will be taking place on Saturday 5th December from 12.00pm to 4.00pm at Hawkshead Road and we hope to see you there!

There will be raffles, bottle tombolas, food, drink, games and activities, a Santa's Grotto, festive stalls and much more. Entry costs £1 per adult and 50p per child.

How can I get involved?

Firstly, please add this date to your diary and come and visit our exciting event. If you are able to volunteer to help with the preparation or running of the event, please contact the Leopold PTFA on leopoldptfa@gmail.com.

We would appreciate any donations towards our bottle tombola. These can be any unopened and in-date bottles (e.g. shampoo, shower gel, sauces, squashes, etc.) or new, unused items as raffle prizes. Any donations can be left at the HH or GR school offices or given to your child's class teachers.

Can I run a stall at the Winter Fair?

If you would like to hire a stall and sell your own handmade items at the fair, each table can be booked for £25. Please email leopoldptfa@gmail.com for more information.

Have you read the Attendance Newsletter?

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Autumn 1, 2026

Welcome to the Autumn term 'Attendance Matters' newsletter. This half term we just would like to remind families of the expectations for great attendance at Leopold Primary School and to share some top tips for supporting all of our children to be at school when they are healthy, well and ready to learn. Our whole school attendance target is 96%.

Our aims for great attendance:

GROW — Build good attendance habits so children feel settled, connected and ready to learn.

IGNITE — Inspire children to attend every day through engaging learning and a strong sense of belonging.

EMPOWER — Bring children, families and staff together to remove barriers and celebrate good attendance and punctuality.

Why is regular attendance so important?

- Attendance and attainment go hand in hand; research shows that children who have poor attendance make less progress than their peers with great attendance.
- Having regular absences can cause gaps in learning making the next steps harder to follow.

Missed days mean missed learning

100% attendance	95% attendance	90% attendance	80% attendance
0 days missed	9½ days missed	19 days missed	38 days missed

Days of learning missed over one school year

Every school day is a chance to learn, grow and belong.

Please ensure you have read the Attendance Newsletter, sent out in early October. This contains essential information about why regular attendance is so important, how the school can support you and your children and what is considered an authorised absence.

This newsletter and all our other newsletters can be found on our school website here.

Benedict's Law - Allergy Safety

From September 2026, Benedict's Law has strengthened allergy-safety requirements for schools, including whole-school allergy policies, staff training and emergency preparedness.

As part of our approach to reducing risk, please **do not send foods containing nuts into school, including items such as peanut butter, Nutella or other nut spreads, cereal/snack bars containing nuts, or loose nuts**.

We have children in school with allergies, and for some children an allergic reaction can be extremely serious. We need every family's support in helping us make school as safe as possible. Please check ingredients carefully when preparing packed lunches and snacks, and remind children not to share food.

Thank you for helping us look after every member of our school community.

Packed lunch and snacks

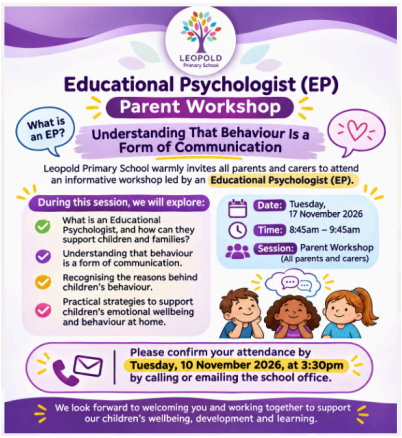
Please help us promote healthy habits by providing children with nutritious snacks and balanced packed lunches.

Fresh fruit, vegetables, yoghurt and other healthy options help give children the energy and concentration they need throughout the school day.

Children are not allowed to bring sweets, chocolate and high-sugar snacks and drinks. They should not bring in large packets of crisps or biscuits, Pringles etc.

Fresh fruit, chopped vegetables, yoghurt, cheese, plain crackers, breadsticks or a small portion of dried fruit are all good options.

Parent & Family Workshops


LEOPOLD Primary School

Educational Psychologist (EP)

Parent Workshop

What is an EP?

Understanding That Behaviour Is a Form of Communication

Leopold Primary School warmly invites all parents and carers to attend an informative workshop led by an Educational Psychologist (EP).

During this session, we will explore:

- What is an Educational Psychologist, and how can they support children and families?
- Understanding that behaviour is a form of communication.
- Recognising the reasons behind children's behaviour.
- Practical strategies to support children's emotional wellbeing and behaviour at home.

Date: Tuesday, 17 November 2026

Time: 8:45am – 9:45am

Session: Parent Workshop (All parents and carers)

Please confirm your attendance by Tuesday, 10 November 2026, at 3:30pm by calling or emailing the school office.

We look forward to welcoming you and working together to support our children's wellbeing, development and learning.

On **Tuesday 17th November** at **8.45am until 9.45am**, there will be a Parent & Families Workshop led by an educational psychologist. The focus will be on understanding your child's behaviour as communication.

An educational psychologist (often called an EP or ed psych) is a psychologist who specialises in child development, learning, and emotional wellbeing for children and young people aged 0 to 25.

They work to identify, understand, and remove barriers to learning and development.

Please email the school office at admin@leopold.brent.sch.uk to book your place by Tuesday 10th November. This workshop is available to families from Hawkshead Road and Gwenneth Rickus.

School Uniform

There are still a large number of children who are not consistently coming to school with the correct school uniform.

As a reminder, all children should be wearing a purple Leopold jumper or cardigan, black or grey skirt or trousers and plain black trainers or shoes. Children in KS2 should be wearing a white, collared shirt with a tie. Children in KS1 should be wearing a white polo shirt and do <u>not</u> need to wear a tie.

A few key reminders:

- Headscarves or hijabs should be plain purple or white.
- All children should bring a bag to school everyday so reading books, home learning, water bottles and snacks can be brought to school safely and securely.

Staff members give regular reminders to children about wearing full school uniform. Reminder letters will also be sent home to families where improvement is not seen.

Please ensure your child's uniform is labelled - this includes bags, water bottles, coats, lunch boxes, jumpers and any other accessories.

Parent Consultations

Our Parent Consultations will be taking place on Thursday 19th November from 1.30pm.

School will close to students from 1.00pm

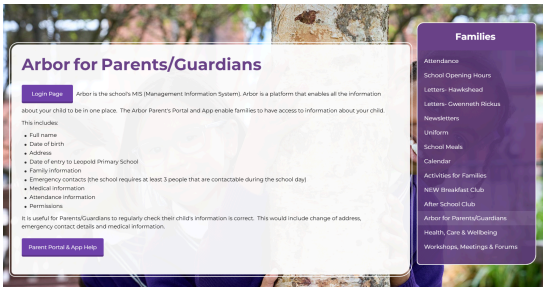
Further information and how to book your time slots will be sent out next week. If you are unable to attend this event,

please email the school so an alternative appointment can be arranged with your child's class teacher.

Our School Website

If you are looking for information about the school, including important dates, year group curriculum overviews, school policies or even who to contact regarding a query or concern, then the school website is the first place to look!

You can find information about our wrap-around care (Breakfast and Afterschool Club) here.

If you would like to know more about safeguarding at Leopold, including the Designated Safeguarding Lead, Janette Gibbs and the Safeguarding Team, this can be found here.

If you would like to know more about Arbor, the school's management information system, you can find help and support here.