



LEOPOLD NEWSLETTER

September 2026



Welcome back to a new academic year! It has been such a pleasure to see the students return to school, seeing how much everyone has grown and hearing about holiday adventures! We have welcomed many new students into the Leopold family, especially into our Reception and Nursery classes. We have also welcomed some new members to our school staff including Mrs Felgate at Gwenneth Rickus and Ms Ghannan, Ms Patel, Ms Wilkinson and Ms Francis-Williams at Hawkshead Road.

It has been an incredibly successful and enjoyable start to the academic year and we look forward to working closely with our families and school community throughout this year and beyond.

Please read all of the important information in this newsletter and our school website can always be used to

confirm term dates, school events, curriculum information and much more.

Important Dates

There are even more opportunities for families to come into school this academic year to support fundraising events and celebrate the learning that has taken place. We will also be offering more Parent & Family Workshops so families can learn more about the learning that takes place in school and how this can be supported further at home. If you have any suggestions for future Parent & Family Workshops, please email and let us know. We are always eager to work more closely with families.

Year 6 Cake Sale - GR and HH playgrounds

Friday 25th September - 3.15pm

Parent & Families Workshop - Year 1 & 2 Phonics HH

Wednesday 30th September - 8.45am

Welcome Back Event! - HH

Thursday 1st October - 3.45pm - 5.00pm

Parent & Families Workshop - Year 1 & 2 Maths HH

Wednesday 7th October - 8.45am

International Event - HH

Thursday 5th November - 2.30pm

Individual Photographs - GR and HH

Wednesday 18th November

Autumn Parent Consultations - GR & HH

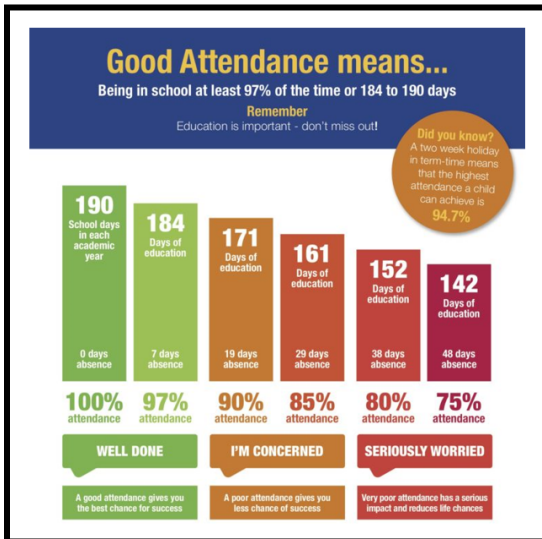
Thursday 19th November - 1.30pm

**School closes to students at 1.00pm*

Attendance - Every Day Counts

Our school attendance target is 96%!

We know you share an understanding of how important it is to be in school every day and this is a key focus in every school, including Leopold!



What YOU must do:

- If your child is too unwell to be in school, email attendance@leopold.brent.sch.uk before 8.30am, if possible, to inform the school of your child's absence.
- Tell the school in advance of any medical appointments and bring in appointment letters, emails or text messages.
- If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway. Children often perk up when they get to school and we will call families if children are unwell in school time.
- Have a backup plan - are you able to call upon a family friend, neighbour or family member?
- If you or your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance then talk to us as a first step! We are always happy to help.

School Uniform

So many children have returned to school looking incredibly smart and ready for learning in full school uniform.

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.

We are selling elasticated and self-tie school ties in the school office for **£5.00**. If your child is in Year 3 - 6, they should be wearing a tie with a white collared shirt as part of their uniform.



We are asked about missing uniform items and belongings a

lot. The staff give regular reminders to children about storing belongings safely within bags, lockers or on pegs but unfortunately items do get lost at times. It is much easier to return lost items if your child's name is clearly labelled - this includes jumpers, cardigans, ties, coats, water bottles, lunch boxes and bags.

Please check any uniform items brought home to ensure that your child has not accidentally brought home another child's belongings.

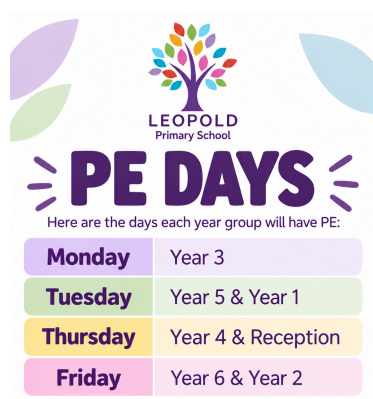
Arbor Details Update

Do you have the **Arbor App**? Are you able to log in to your child's **Arbor account**? If so, please check if your details are correct and up-to-date. If you have moved home recently, changed mobile phone numbers or need to update your child's emergency contacts, all of these can be updated through your Arbor account or the app. The school also sends out vital information through the app as an in-app message - notifications can be set up on your device to alert you of any updates.



If you cannot login to your child's Arbor account or do not know your login details, please email admin@leopold.brent.sch.uk and a staff member will be able to help.

PE Days



Please note the PE days for each year group this Autumn term. Children are able to attend school in their PE kit - purple tracksuit bottoms or plain black sports shorts (not cycling

shorts), white polo shirt and Leopold jumper or cardigan. Footwear can be black trainers or plimsolls. For safety reasons, please ensure hair is tied back and children may wear one plain pair of stud earrings only.