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CHARACTER VALUE OF THE WEEK: CO-OPERATION

"Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success." - Henry Ford

HALF-TERM

School will be closed from Monday
19th October to Friday 23rd October 2026.
It will re-open on
Monday 26th October 2026.

Families looking for free and low-cost things to do during the half-term holiday should head for Leicester's libraries and museums. Dozens of activities are taking place at sites across the city, with fun events inspired by the festival of Diwali or with a spooky theme to mark Halloween. Details of all the activities can be found at [October half-term activities](#).

YEAR 6 SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Year 6 parents will have received a letter with details about applying for their child's secondary school place, including their Unique Identification Number (UID). Please ensure that applications are submitted by the **closing date 31 October 2026**.

Parents apply by visiting the following link:

<https://www.leicester.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions>

JUST ONE TREE DAY

Our school took part in **JUST ONE Tree Day** today. Each child was encouraged to wear non-uniform, something green and donate £1 to fund the planting of their tree. **Thank you all for your kind donations.** JUST ONE Tree, an official partner in the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, is an award-winning non-profit removing CO2 from the atmosphere and reversing biodiversity loss through global reforestation.

CONKERS GAME CHALLENGE!

To celebrate JUST ONE Tree Day, Julia (6W) had collected some conkers from a local horse chestnut tree then challenged Mr Stewart to a game of conkers in the playground today. We had quite a few spectators to the challenge!



We have had funding from The Nature Park Grant to bring nature to our inner city school. Part of this included benches and planters made from recycled plastic, sourced from the Eco Plastic Wood Company LTD. A team of dedicated staff/gardeners planted them up this week with lots of colourful plants and shrubs. Our Eco Warriors also helped to plant and water them. A huge thanks to Mrs Gosia for arranging all of this and to Mrs Chilton-Thomas, Ms Kinchington and Mrs Harji for their horticultural knowledge and skills!



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SCHOOL MEALS

Please note that the new school meal menus for after half-term are now live on ParentPay. Please ensure that you make the bookings as required. We will not be able to provide your child with a meal unless it has been booked in advance. If your child is entitled to free school meals, there is no need to make any payment. However, the meals need to be chosen and booked by the parents (the school may not be able to choose the meals on behalf of the parents anymore). The deadline to book meals or make changes is every Sunday, one week in advance. If you are booking weekly, we kindly ask that you set a reminder to make your bookings before the deadline to avoid disappointment. Chartwells also send weekly reminders via email.

Please note the following deadlines for meal bookings for after half-term:

Meals for the first week back, the deadline is Sunday 18th October

Meals for the second week back, the deadline is Sunday 25th October



FIRE SAFETY ASSEMBLY

On Tuesday, our Year 5 students participated in an informative and engaging Fire Safety presentation delivered by our local Fire and Rescue Service.



The children learned essential fire prevention strategies and the vital importance of having working smoke alarms.

SPORTS CLUBS

Please note that the after school sports clubs stated below will continue after half-term until week commencing Monday 14th December.

The timings are 3.10pm—4.15pm.

Monday:	Basketball
Tuesday:	Football
Wednesday:	Dance
Thursday:	Arts and Craft

Coffee Mornings with Mrs Espley every Wednesday from 8.40am onwards. All welcome to join!





AUTUMN DISCO

WEDNESDAY 28TH OCTOBER.

6:00PM TO 7:30PM

Tickets: £4.00 each (includes pizza & drink)

Snacks available. Prizes for fancy dress!

Tickets are available from Monday 12th October through ParentPay



HALLOWEEN
All hallows eve



MID AUTUMN FESTIVAL
China



DAY OF THE DEAD
Mexico



DIWALI
Festival of light India



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WEEKLY AWARDS AND ATTENDANCE

CLASS ATTENDANCE

3T: 98.1%

3K: 93.9%

4V: 97.3%

4P: 99.0%

5G: 100%

5P: 98.7%

6S: 98.6%

6W: 94.5%

Overall Attendance from
26.08.25 - 16.10.26:
97.4%

WOW AWARDS

3T: Rezion

3K: Yana

4V: Afiya

4P: Zaid

5G: Lilly

5P: Layla

6S: Ridhika

6W: Alina / Adon

TOP ATTENDANCE: 5G 100%

PUNCTUALITY: 5P

LUNCHTIME:

HOUSE POINTS

1st: Latimer 457

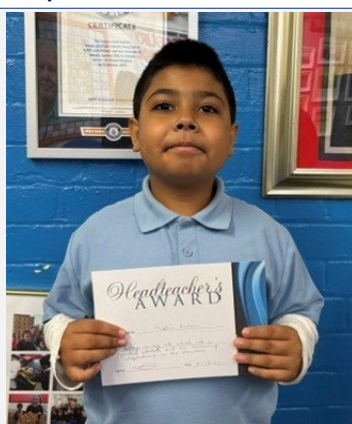
2nd: Cranmer 446

2nd: Tyndale 437

4th: Ridley 436

WEEKLY HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Every week, two pupils from a year group are chosen for an outstanding piece of work. This is our celebration of their efforts. WELL DONE!



4P - NELIN

For always coming into school with a positive attitude and for his increasing independence in the classroom.



4V - TIONNE

For showing up with a positive attitude every single day and always putting in your best effort.

WE ❤️ LUNCHTIMES

Tionne 4V

Nana Ama 5G

Shazeb 3T

Yusuf 3K

Atarah 4P

Aaira 6S

Keelan 6S

Aaron 3K

Challenge

Challenge/Resilience

Self-confidence

Care

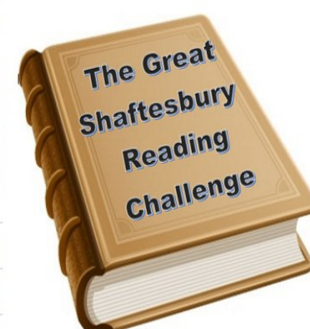
Self-confidence

Honesty

Share

Kindness

READING MILES



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