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**CHARACTER VALUE OF THE WEEK: CO-OPERATION**

*"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success."*  
- Henry Ford

**HALF-TERM**

School will be **CLOSED** for half-term from **Monday 20th October to Friday 24th October**. It will **RE-OPEN** on **Monday 27th October**.



*Wishing a Happy Diwali to all the families celebrating the Festival of Lights next week!*

**JUST ONE TREE**

**NON-UNIFORM DAY**

Our school took part in Just One Tree Non-Uniform Day today. Thank you to all those who donated £1 to plant a tree, helping unite families across the globe in taking positive action for our climate.



**SPORTS CLUBS**

Emails have been sent to all parents with information about the various sports clubs running after the half-term holiday.

Children who are interested in joining the Basketball Club, which takes place on Mondays, letters can be requested from Mr Hartopp. All clubs (except basketball) to be booked and paid for via ParentPay.

**HALF-TERM ACTIVITIES**

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 [families.leicester.gov.uk/autumn-fun](https://families.leicester.gov.uk/autumn-fun)

**FLU IMMUNISATION**

The seasonal flu immunisation is scheduled to take place at our school on **Wednesday 29th October 2025**. Leicestershire Partnership NHS service is currently experiencing technical issues with sending out consent requests directly to parents. While this is being resolved, you can still provide consent by using the following link: [Give or refuse consent for vaccinations – Shaftesbury Junior School](#)

**LIZ KENDALL VISIT**

We were very lucky to receive a visit from our local MP, Liz Kendall today. She came to speak with our students about her role in the community and engaged in conversation with our school councillors. Liz also explored our new virtual reality (VR) headsets, which the children are using to enhance their learning experiences. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm for this innovative technology. We encourage you to discuss this visit with your children and hear their insights. Engaging with civic matters and new technologies is vital for their development.



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## Family Homework!

**Our family Maths homework is back!  
We are starting with the task below;**

**Rangoli patterns can be made from lots of different shapes – they can be square, rectangular or circular or a mix of all three.**

Look at the one below. You could colour this pattern or use the shapes to design your own.



They are often symmetrical and take their ideas from nature – peacocks, flowers, fruit, and leaves – see what you could find to make your pattern.

Can your family design different ones, which is your favourite?

**Please work together as a family to try to complete the task. Where are the lines of symmetry? Can you create a rangoli pattern together? Have you seen any over half term?**

**Please complete both the child and family comment to be in with a chance to win this terms prize!**

**Please bring scrapbooks in by Friday 31st October.**

### **REDUCE SPREAD OF ILLNESSES**

As the colder months approach, we can expect to see increases in common airborne viruses. Illness is the biggest single reason for school absence; while some absences due to illness are unavoidable, many can be reduced through simple, proactive measures that minimise the spread of infections. Scientific evidence demonstrates that vaccination, disinfection (cleaning), handwashing, and ventilation can significantly reduce the transmission of infectious diseases. All these measures are practised and promoted in school to reduce the spread of seasonal illnesses, helping keep pupils and staff healthy, supporting healthy learning environments and regular school attendance.

Some basic hygiene practices go a long way in preventing infections. Remind your child to:

- Wash their hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water.
- Use tissues for coughs and sneezes then throw them in the bin. Avoid touching their face, particularly their eyes, nose and mouth.

Please see the NHS [guidance](#) to help you decide whether your child is well enough to attend school, including information on a range of common childhood illnesses and conditions, such as coughs, colds, chickenpox, measles and headlice. Most mild illnesses such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough do **not** require time off school, unless a child has a temperature.

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### YEAR 4 VISIT TO JEWRY WALL MUSEUM

Year 4 had an exciting trip to the Jewry Wall Museum, where they explored and learned all about the Roman Baths. The children took part in a special exhibition trail, acting as historians as they examined and compared objects from the past. They discovered fascinating facts about Roman Leicester and enjoyed seeing histo-



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This weekend, our pupils' self-portraits will be displayed at the Church of the Martyrs' Intercultural Mosaic Festival. Each year group used a different medium including paint, charcoal, oil pastels and watercolours.

Awards were presented during assembly with so many wonderful entries.

*Well done to everyone!*



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## Our School, Our World – Consumption and Waste - Whole School Competition

Research your favourite football team's kit – how eco-friendly is it? What materials do they use? Where are they produced? How often do their football kits change? What could they do to make it more eco-friendly?



Design a new football kit using recycled material, e.g. recycled plastic, and write a letter to persuade your football team to make their football kits in an eco-friendly style! Be imaginative and have fun!

**Bring your work to school by Friday 12th December 2025.**

### RECYCLE BATTERIES

Help protect our environment!

Bring your used batteries to school so we can  
recycle them properly.

Thank you!



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**SJS**

# Autumn Disco

**Wednesday 29th October**  
**6:00pm to 7:30pm**

**Tickets: £4 each - includes pizza and a drink!** 📶 🍷

**Treats will be available to buy – bring loose change!**

**Prizes for Best Fancy Dress and Best Dance Moves –**

**get ready to impress!** 🏆

**Tickets available via ParentPay only.**

**(No tickets will be sold at the door)**

**This event is only for children who attend the school.**

**No adults allowed due to limited hall capacity. Please make  
appropriate pick-up arrangements for your child after the disco,**

**and ensure they are aware of the plan.** 🧑🏻👧 🕺👯 **Let's dance, dress up,  
and have fun!**

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# WEEKLY AWARDS AND ATTENDANCE

## CLASS ATTENDANCE

3J: 95.5%  
 3T: 97.7%  
 4K: 97.7%  
 4W: 99.3%  
 5G: 93.2%  
 5P: 91.9%  
 6P: 95.5%  
 6S: 95.5%

TOP ATTENDANCE: 4W 99.3%

PUNCTUALITY: 3T

LUNCHTIME: 6S

## HOUSE POINTS

1st: Latimer 164  
 1st: Tyndale 159  
 2nd: Ridley 137  
 3rd: Cranmer 115

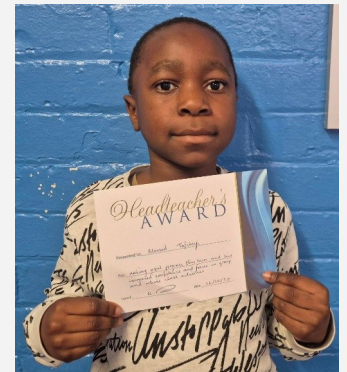
## WEEKLY HEADTEACHER AWARDS

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!



4W—Eunice

For showing determination and perseverance in her work, especially DT!



4K—Blessed

For how much progress you have made this half term and your increased confidence and focus in group and whole class activities.

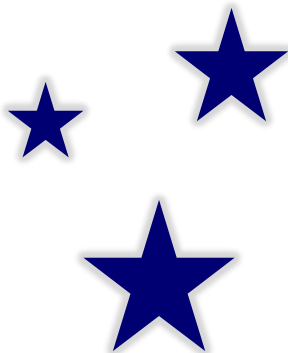
Overall Attendance from 28.08.25 - 17.10.25: 96.5%

## WOW AWARDS

3T: Celine  
 3J: Rebecca  
 4K: Nana Ama  
 4W: Annabelle  
 5G: Jessie  
 5P: Martin  
 6P: Mateusz  
 6S: Luca

## WE ❤️ LUNCHTIMES

- Amir 5P: Curiosity
- Lilia 5G: Co-operation and sharing
- Luca 5G: Self-respect
- Kirubel 5P: Kindness
- Trinitas 4K: Self-confidence
- Esohe 3J: Self-respect
- Yusuf 6S: Perseverance



## READING MILES



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