



*Loving to learn, Learning to love.  
For every child a chance to shine*



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to visit the classrooms this week and speak to the children's about their learning opportunities. In YR the children have been learning all about plants and have produced some detailed observational drawings and collages. Y1 children have been learning all about trees and have written explanation reports using interesting vocabulary in their sentences. Our Y2 children have enjoyed telling the time and Y3 children have been editing their reports all about bees. They were eager to tell me all about it using some very technical vocabulary! On Thursday some of our Y4 children took part in a football festival in Royston. They really enjoyed this experience to be able to represent Layston School and wear the school football strip. They showed excellent skills and good sportsmanship. Well done!

**Key date reminders:**

Jubilee celebrations non-uniform day Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May (FOLS)  
Inset day Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June - school closed to mark the Queen's Jubilee.  
Y2 visit to Paradise Wildlife Park - Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June  
Y2 cake bake - Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June  
Y4 Hudnall Park residential visit 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> June  
Inset day - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June, school closed  
Y1 cake bake - Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June  
Sports day - Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June, reserve Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July  
Reports out - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July

**Communication:**

Should you wish to contact your child's class teacher or a member of the staff team please only do so via [admin@layston.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@layston.herts.sch.uk). The admin team will then ensure the information is passed on to the correct team and follow up with a response to you. This will ensure communications are not missed and things are followed up in a timely fashion.

**Absence:**

Testing and responding to cases of Covid:

- The legal requirement to self-isolate has been removed, though staff and pupils are advised to try to stay home if they have symptoms of a respiratory infection and a high temperature, or if they feel unwell (returning to school when they feel well enough, and no longer have a high temperature)
- Those with a positive test result will be advised to try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people:
  - Pupils for 3 days





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We currently have numerous absences due to a sickness and diarrhoea bug. If your child has either sickness or diarrhoea please remember they must stay off for 48hrs. This is in line with guidance on infection control.

Please remember to report your child's absence by 8:45am to the office on 01763271235.

**Term time holidays:**

Whilst we appreciate that in some cases this is unavoidable due to rescheduled dates due to covid, we must remind you that these absences will be unauthorised and recommend that you should book your holidays during school holidays.

Have a great weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone on Monday.

Best wishes

Adele McMurrough

Headteacher

