

# The Owl – June 2025

## Another great success!



Learning Together, Learning for Life

### Invites you to our small school Community Safety Event

Friday 20th June

9.15am—11.00am

where you will take part in workshops run by  
local police, fire and rescue,

Children's Wellbeing Practitioners  
and local farmers.

Our aim is to help you know how to keep  
yourself and others safe in our community.



**NHS**  
Hertfordshire Community  
NHS Trust



**NORTH HERTS  
FARMERS**



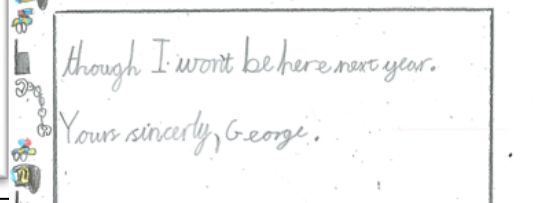
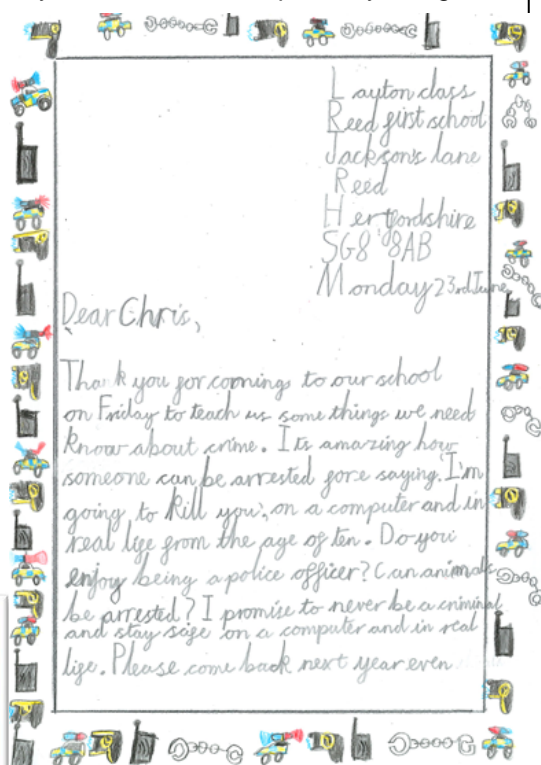
We were delighted to welcome local groups from our wider community to support our older children in thinking about keeping safe when they are out and about. This is part of our support to 'Learn Together, Learn for Life' as part of our transition support for our older children to be ready for when they become more independent as they move on to middle school and beyond. Our visitors included: the police, fire and rescue, wellbeing nurse practitioners and a local farmer.

Children from Anstey First School and Therfield First School also joined us again and we had some fabulous feedback. All three sets of children found meeting our visitors extremely useful and most importantly had great fun!

It is one of our annual events now that younger children already talk about looking forward to.

Layton Class have been busy letter writing to thank our community visitors and to find out how the children from Anstey and Therfield found the event.

The letters have been very well received already by our visitors and are happily booked in for next year!



## DIARY DATES

### July 2025

2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Summer Performance at 2.00pm (whole school)

9<sup>th</sup> Community tea party hosted by Layton Class

10<sup>th</sup> Herts Transition Day (new school / class visits)

11<sup>th</sup> Layton Class campout 6.00pm – 8.00am at school

15<sup>th</sup> Sports Day 11am

16<sup>th</sup> Singing and piano concert 2.15pm (for parents of musicians)

17<sup>th</sup> Reception, Year One and Two toy museum trip

18<sup>th</sup> Open Afternoon 1.30pm

21<sup>st</sup> Layton Class trip to Whipsnade Zoo

22<sup>nd</sup> Final celebrations and Layton Leavers assembly at 12.45pm

22<sup>nd</sup> term ends at 2pm for children

### September 2025

1st and 2nd INSET days

3rd Term starts for children

Please remember all dates are available on our website: <https://reed.herts.sch.uk/news-dates/diary-dates/>

## Coffee and Catch Up

Huge thanks to those of you who came to my sessions. They are an informal chance to share experiences, thoughts and views about the school to help us to continuously be reflective and plan for the future.

The catch ups resulted in discussions around:



School lunches – we discussed portion sizes, the amount of carbs on the plate and pudding options. As a result, we are monitoring what is served carefully and looking into alternative providers.

Home learning – We discussed how some children want to do everything set and agreed, some more tasks at the end of EYFS to prepare for KS1 would be good. Also, more reminders from the teachers about what is a must and what is a 'if you would like to.'

Wellbeing support – the parents shared what they know the school does to support pupil mental health and resilience. This included: Regulation Stations, fidgets, the daily mile, awareness of the needs of other children and JIGSAW lessons. This demonstrated so well that what is embedded in school is being shared at home.

Please do come to a catch up in the future, they are so useful for the school and parents alike!

## Open Afternoon

Please join us if you **can from 1.30pm on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July** for our open afternoon. This is an opportunity for your child(ren) to show you around the school and to share their learning with you.

The children enjoy this event and always show an immense sense of pride. They also enjoy popping back to classes from their past and visiting their next class and teacher with their grown-ups to see some of the things they might be doing the following year. There will also be refreshments available.

If you are unable to come, or another family member, do let us know and we will make sure your child still gets to share what they have been doing with a staff member or governor.



## Sports Day

Please let Mrs Wittich know as soon as possible if you are able to help at Sports Day. This would include leading a station which is fully set up for you in the morning and marshalling our cross country through the village for our KS1 and 2 children at the end of the afternoon.

All of the children complete every activity so you will not miss out on cheering your own child on!



## Sports News!

Every month seems to feature sporting events, this was no exception. It is so lovely to visit other settings to take part in a range of sports with other children and of course to host events here at Reed too!



Well done to our Year 2s who visited St Ed's for the third time this year; this time to take part in an athletics event.

Their running, throwing and jumping skills were put to the test and what a team they were! Miss Wilson who accompanied the children was immensely proud not only of the effort the children put in but also the way they represented our school; showing respect, resilience and aspiration.

We even brought home a medal!

Next, it was Layton Class' time to shine. They travelled to Anstey to compete against children from Anstey First School and Jenyns. The primary purpose at these small school events is to ensure the children of small schools experience the same opportunities as the bigger settings and not get over looked at the large competitions. You know I like to encourage a bit of competitiveness too though...it's always nice though to come away with 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place! Well done Edith and George!



Our final sporting fixture was here at Reed. This time, we welcomed Anstey and Jenyns here for 'Rounders at Reed'.

Layton Class have taken their rounders very seriously and have progressed from looking like rabbits in headlights to a group who are brilliant and tracking the ball, throwing and catching, working as a team and getting those rounders!

Particular resilience has been seen by some who have fielded a ball to a stop with various body parts - sometimes intentional, other times not so much, but with instant willingness to get back on the pitch and carry on and still smiling (mostly) as the photo proves!





## **Nearly there but packing it in!**

The summer term is always a favourite of mine, not just because of the weather but the sense of achievement I get as I see just how much we get done even though the thought of a break is a welcome one in a few weeks!

June has been packed as you can see, but July has a great deal to look forward to also! The children are as ever showing real enjoyment and enthusiasm rehearsing for the summer show; I imagine many of the songs are being sung at home! Trips are still planned for Layton and Bysouth, PE lessons are supporting all children to get ready for Sports Day and Layton have a tea party to host and a camp out to attempt to sleep at!

Our Y3 and 4 children have been writing more letters to invite members of the village to their tea party. Some of the children came out for a walk to deliver the invites and the children have all been thrilled to receive replies from our guests confirming their attendance.



We look forward to sharing with you how these events go either in person or by telling you at our open day.

You may well read more in our new school newspaper too!

Jackson Class have been as busy as ever too! Thank you to all of the children for making sure our new children for September have been welcomed so warmly at their 'Play and Stay' sessions.

I have seen delicious rhubarb for sale again too and proof of how good it is on Google Classroom!



## **And finally...**

Look out for our first edition of our school newspaper written by the children in Layton Class for the community.