

The Owl – June 2026

Athlete in School – my highlight of the month!

When I book Athletes in School, I am always confident that the event will be both successful and inspirational.

As Alice Sharpe told the children the story of her journey to success as Ireland women's pursuit squad, the children were quick to recognise all of our values used to shape her accomplishments. **Independence** in training on days where she had to really dig deep to motivate herself. **Resilience**, where she continued after a significant accident on the track, as if she not raced, she would not have qualified. **Aspiration**, in setting goals. These continue in her next target of competing at the **2028 Paralympics** as a pilot rider for a visually impaired cyclist. We'll all be cheering her on when she gets there! Alice also spoke passionately about her team mates and the importance of working together, demonstrating our value of **Respect**.

All of the children worked so hard in the circuits with her and we had many great questions asked in Alice's assembly. Many parents have told me that their children have been regularly trying out their 'spotty dogs' ever since!

I was also immensely proud of the members of Layton Class who after pushing themselves in their circuits, stayed on to support Bysouth and Jackson Class. They were simply brilliant with their younger friends, showing them what to do, cheering them on and generally boosting their resilience to carry on!

Alice herself, said repeatedly; that she was so impressed with all of the children. She hadn't seen so many Early Years children before getting through the circuits and showing such stamina to keep going. All of the children enthralled her with the levels of both noise and enthusiasm made while cheering each other on.

Yet again, small but mighty! I have no doubt, you will see this firsthand at our Sports Day in July.



Team Reed have smashed it again, raising about **£1700** to help aspiring athletes and sport at our school! Thank you so much!

Behaviour Curriculum

Our curriculum for behaviour maps out our expectations for behaviours in areas of **social skills**, **learning skills** and **organisational skills**. The statements are broken down into Key Stage groups to set clear expectations to enable our children to be ready for the next stage in their journey as a respectful, independent, aspirational and resilient member of society. This July's whole school focus is on **Organisational Skills**:

Jackson Class: Use cutlery to eat my food and try to cut some food myself

Bysouth Class: Hold my cutlery correctly and cut my own food, eating with my mouth closed, tidying any mess I make myself.

Layton Class: Use my skills when eating to be able to support others...

The whole document is available from our website at the end of our [Values, Vision and Mission page](#).

Attendance Spotlight

June 2026

Bysouth	98.2%
Jackson	98%
Layton	97%

Why Attendance Matters

Attending school regularly helps children to:

- ✓ Achieve stronger academic outcomes
- ✓ Build friendships and develop social skills
- ✓ Strengthen emotional wellbeing and resilience
- ✓ Establish positive habits for future education
- ✓ Engage fully in school life and activities

Well done to everyone who comes to school as much as they possibly can!

Community Safety

To complement our PSHE curriculum, each year our Year 3 and 4 children in Layton Class, take part in an event hosted here at Reed; where they spend time with local services to secure their knowledge of how to stay safe. We were joined as usual by the local police and fire and rescue teams, wellbeing nurses and a local farmer.

Our event is also attended by other local small schools who we invite every year. This also offers our children the opportunity to make new friends as they transition to middle school. It was lovely to see one of our pupils delighted to sit and chat with a pupil from another school after they remembered each other from the event last year! In fact, when asked who had made a friend at the end of the morning, a sea of hands went up among the 56 children who attended the event.

Layton Class are now busy writing letters of thanks to our visitors.

Other Headteachers of visiting schools said:

'I wanted to say a huge thank you for inviting us to the community event on Friday and to feedback how much our children and staff enjoyed it and how purposeful it was for all. We really appreciate all of the planning and organising that went into it and thank you for hosting too. A really great event that we would love to come to again!'

'Thanks so much for Friday - the children had a brilliant time. They really enjoyed all the activities, especially the fire service and hearing from the farmer.'



DIARY DATES

July 2026

- 1st, 2nd, 3rd Summer performance 2pm (All classes involved)
- 7th Layton Class 'Schoolympics' at KJAR (Morning: fully funded)
- 8th Reed village community tea party hosted by Layton Class 2pm
- 9th Herts transition Day (All children spend the day with their new classes)
- 10th Open afternoon 1.30pm onwards (A chance to look at your child's learning together and for them to give you a tour of the whole school. Refreshments available)
- 14th Sports Day 11.00am – 3.15pm
- 17th Final celebration and Leavers' assembly 12.45pm
- 17th Term ends for pupils at 2.00pm

September 2026

- 1st INSET day (school closed to pupils)
- 2nd School term begins including wrap around care

Please remember all dates including term dates for the 2026 / 2027 school year are available on our [website](http://www.reed.herts.sch.uk).

Eco News

Well done and thank you to our Eco Council, who have led on the invitation to take part in the Clean Air Champions programme to support research carried out by Asthma and Lung UK. They have put monitors up for a month and will send the diffusion tubes off to be tested to see what the air quality is like in Reed. They also had a discussion on the sort of things humans could be doing every day that could contribute to poor air quality. They ask: 'Can you make some small changes to improve the air quality?'



Musical Brilliance

The children were very excited to welcome MEGSON back to school for the wonderful interactive performance!

I enjoyed the actions for the songs. Mia H

I loved listening to and learning about how to play The Waggle Dance on the banjo. Livvy

I loved hearing the laughter from the children and to be with my friends. Elodie

My favourite song was The Baby and the Band. Esme



Fabulous Farm Fun



We had a truly wonderful visit to Hay Green Farm. I have been on many farm visits over the years, and I have to say this really was excellent!

The children were able to use their existing knowledge and found out so much more with having hands on experience of caring for animals and feeding them.

Well done to Bysouth Class who asked brilliant questions and were very respectful of the farmers and the animals.

We will certainly be planning more trips here in the future!



Thank you Miss Wilson for organising the visit and to the whole of the team of staff in Bysouth for helping to make the afternoon so memorable!



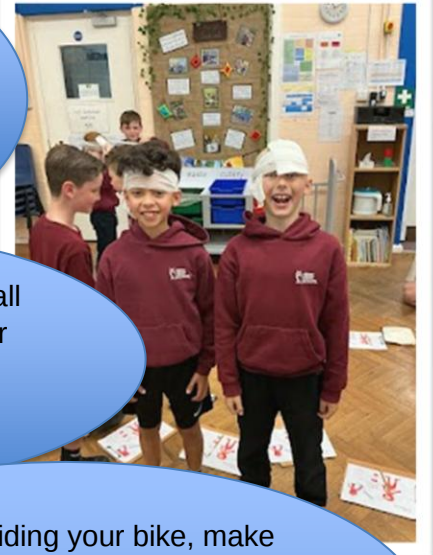
Keep a Beat
Safe in your hands



I learnt that germs can make you poorly so you must wash your hands.
Carly

If there is a big emergency, call an ambulance or even the air ambulance by calling 999.

Isaac PM



I learnt that you can use cling film to cover a burn. First though you need run it under cold water for at least 20 minutes. Frankie

If you are riding your bike, make sure you wear a helmet so you won't need an ambulance for a head injury if you fall off.

Martha



Library Challenges

Well done and thank you to our 2025 / 2026 librarians who have given the children some lovely challenges this year to inspire their reading and to share their love of books.

Thank you to those of you who have taken part each month, I know the library scavenger hunt and photos of reading in unusual places were particularly popular!

And finally...



With **Sports Day** fast approaching on **Tuesday 14th July at 11.00am**, we still need volunteers to help run the morning activities and to stand along the cross-country route around the village in the afternoon. Please do let me know if you can help. We also need 3 gazebos to be put up on the morning or night before and if possible, stay up for our final **assembly on Friday 17th July**.

Also, don't forget if you and your child would like to make a banner to cheer your House group on, they are most welcome. House points are awarded to those who make one to show team spirit!