



**Principal:** Mr Sam Done BA (Hons)

**Chair of Governors:** Ms Annie McMaster  
**5 September 2025**

Welcome back Little London families,

An amazing first week back at Little London, great to see you all back after a long summer break.

#### ATTENDANCE

We are really determined to continue improving attendance this year, and to reduce persistent absence.

Remember if you have less than 90% attendance this is classed as persistent absence. If you take time out of school with your children, you may receive a fine of £80 per parent, per child directly from Leeds City Council.

Please keep supporting us by bringing your child every day and on time. Gates open at 8.40am and school starts at 8.50am when the gates are closed and locked.

If you arrive after 9.20am when registers close your child is likely to have an absent mark against the whole morning.

#### ABSENCES FOR APPOINTMENTS

We do not allow children time out of school for routine check-ups at the dentist or doctors. Please arrange these in either after school or at the weekend/in the holidays. Urgent medical or dentists appointments must get the permission of Mr Done or Mrs Thackray with as much notice as possible, not on the day of the appointment.

#### UNIFORM

Children have returned this week looking VERY smart and we would love to keep it that way. Remember, every day of full uniform and/or PE kits can help your child to achieve 3 star stamps at the end of each week. Remember, other jumpers with the old logo are still available from the school office at a cost of only £5 and we will be selling these for the next few weeks, stock is running out fast! We will also be holding a uniform swap stall in the coming week or so, where families can donate old uniform and we will offer clothing which has been donated and washed and dried to be shared with any family who needs it completely free. Any pre-owned Little London Academy logo garments will be offered for £5. Keep an eye out for the stall, and please remember all black shoes or trainers, all black PE kit without logos and any colour sport trainers.

#### CHROME BOOKS

The very expensive lease on chromebooks has now come to an end and unfortunately so many have been damaged that we can no longer afford to replace them, and every child will not be issued with their own device this year. Instead, later on next week, when the remaining chromebooks have been reconditioned, any families who do not have a device that their child can readily access for home learning, will have the chance to borrow a chromebook for their LLA child, completely free. We hope, before too long, to open a brand new state of the art IT suite, so that children can learn how to use a PC not simply a touch screen device or a chromebook. The remaining chromebooks will stay in school in our laptop trolleys for classes to borrow when they are needed for the learning.

#### SUMMER FAYRE TOTAL

Office staffing has been affected by sickness this week, but I am sure you will agree that the staff who have stepped in to help Mrs Parchment and Mrs Dugal have been most helpful. We will continue to admit children and deal with queries but please remember this is our busiest time of the year so please do be patient.

#### NURSERY EXPANSION

Thanks to a very generous grant from the Department for Education, and a very busy summer of contract works, this Autumn we will be able to expand our offer for Nursery to provide a small increase in places, 6 in the morning and six in the afternoon for ages 3+. Unfortunately the 2+ provision we explored was a non starter and would have provided unfair competition to neighbouring nurseries for very few children (very low birth rates in this catchment age) so we had to modify our scope.

#### EXTENDED LEAVE AND HOLIDAYS

Last August the Government increased the cost of a fixed penalty notice (fine) to £80 per parent per child, which means that if you take a child out of school for more than 4.5 days, Leeds City council will issue a fine to you for £80 for every adult that travels in your holiday party. Please try to arrange visa visits in the holidays, the next holiday is in the last week of October/first week in November.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Sam Done  
**Principal**

Kelsey Thackray  
**Vice Principal**

Year group	Class name	STAR AWARD	ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
	Friendly Foxes		
Reception	Resilient Rabbits		
	Helpful Hedgehogs		
1	Ellie Simmonds	Maha	Mohammed
	Sir David Attenborough	Rawan R	Zand
2	Wilma Rudolph	Grayson P	Abrar A
	Nicola Adams	Arran	Makbiel
3	Neil Armstrong	Umar	Azkiyah
	Delia Derbyshire	Husna	Pueras
4	Marley Dias	Arpita	Siddarth
	Mohammed Ali	Sheila	Khojessteh
5	Tu You You	Tamana	Zeen
	Alex Honnold	Nujood	Gabriel
6	Evelyn Glennie	Brooklyn	Irene
	Georgia O'Keeffe	Amari	Shahd