

LEEDS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE



**BACK TO
SCHOOL**

**NEW ACADEMIC YEAR
2025/2026**

SCHOOL OPENING DAYS

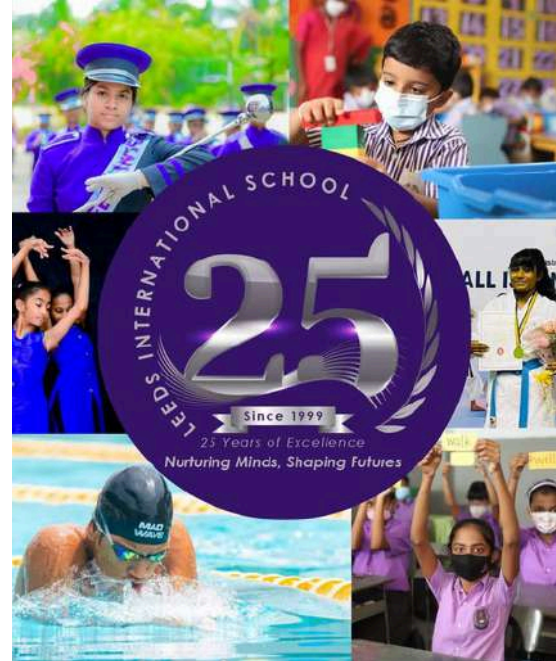
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STUDENTS : 2ND SEPTEMBER 2025**



Nurturing Excellence Across Sri Lanka

Established in 1999 in Panadura, Leeds International School has grown into a leading private school network with 17 branches across Sri Lanka, serving over 6,000 students from Playgroup to A/Ls. Offering both the National Curriculum and the British Curriculum (Pearson Edexcel), Leeds provides globally recognized, English-medium education.

The school's holistic approach integrates academics, sports, aesthetics, and leadership development, nurturing well-rounded, responsible citizens. With modern facilities and a dedicated team of educators, Leeds fosters excellence in every learner. Its founding vision remains strong: to inspire and prepare future leaders through knowledge, values, and character.



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“Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.”

William Butler Yeats

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Principal's Message

It brings me great pride to share this message as the Principal of Leeds International School, Maharagama — one of 17 dynamic branches in the Leeds network, founded in Panadura in 1999. Today, we serve nearly 6,000 students island-wide, offering holistic, English-medium education that blends academic excellence with strong values and character formation.

At Maharagama, we remain deeply committed to nurturing future-ready learners through both the National and British Curricula. This year, we proudly launched the iPrimary Programme under Edexcel, broadening global opportunities for our students.

Education at Leeds is a journey enriched by creativity, co-curricular engagement, sports, aesthetics, and community spirit. We aim to shape not only scholars, but thoughtful, compassionate, and capable young leaders.

As July, a month of renewal, unfolds, we are honoured to lead this edition of the network newsletter. Thank you to our dedicated staff, students, and parents for upholding our shared vision.

Warm regards,
Nadeeka Liyanagamage Principal
Leeds International School Maharagama





MAJOR MILESTONE ACHIEVED!

Leeds International School proudly launched the globally recognized Pearson Edexcel iPrimary curriculum on July 8th, 2025 - a transformative moment in our educational journey!

The Historic Launch:

The ceremony at Leeds International School Auditorium, Panadura, brought together distinguished guests Ms. Emma Whale (Vice President International, Pearson) and Ms. Premila Paulraj (Director, Pearson South Asia), alongside our esteemed leadership team - Chairman Dr. Sarath Jayatissa, Deputy Chairperson Mrs. Malithi Jayatissa, Directresses Mrs. Hemamala Jayatissa and Ms. Kinithi Jayatissa, Coordinating Principal Mrs. Kaushalya Illeperuma, and Head of Academic Mrs. Ayonie Nanayakkara. Principals from all Leeds branches, Sectional Heads, teachers, parents, and students witnessed this landmark achievement.

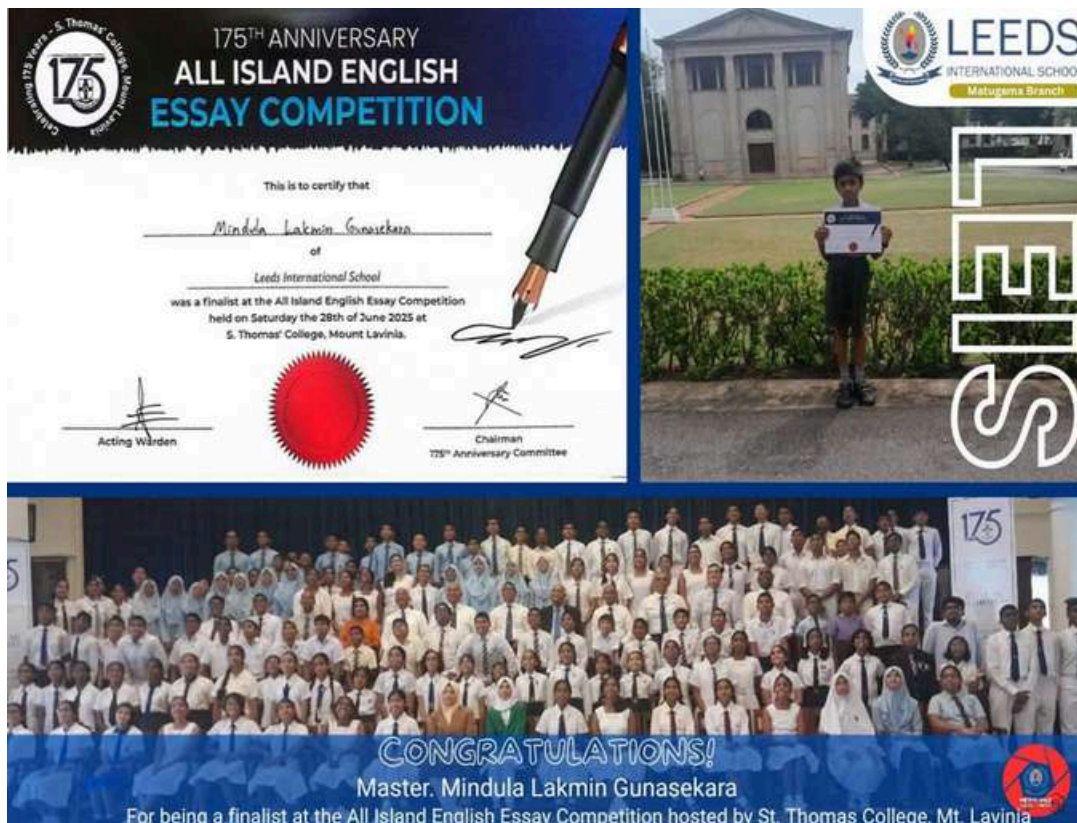
Changing Features:

- World-class curriculum for Primary 1 to Form 1 (2025/2026)
- Focus on English, Mathematics & Science
- 21st-century skills development
- First international assessments in May 2026
- Part of a global network of excellence

This strategic move reinforces Leeds' position as a leader in international education, seamlessly blending national values with global standards. We're not just changing curriculum - we're shaping future global citizens!

Congratulations!

PENS THAT SPEAK



We are proud to announce that Master Mindula Lakmin Gunasekara of Leeds International School, Matugama Branch, was a finalist at the prestigious All Island English Essay Competition held to mark the 175th Anniversary of St. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia.

Leeds Swimming Championship 2025



11th Inter-Leeds Swimming Championship 2025 – A Splash of Glory and Team Spirit
The 11th Inter-Leeds Swimming Championship 2025 was held in grand style on 12th July 2025 at the Panadura Swimming Pool Complex, marking yet another milestone in the sporting calendar of the Leeds International School Network. Organized by Leeds International School, Maharagama, this much-anticipated annual event brought together talented swimmers from across our network of schools. With vibrant team spirit, fierce competition, and unwavering sportsmanship, the tournament was one of the most eye-catching and memorable events of the year. After a day of intense and thrilling competition in the water, Leeds International School, Panadura emerged as the champions, showcasing outstanding skill and coordination. Leeds Galle claimed the runners-up position, followed closely by Leeds Ambalangoda, who secured the title of second runners-up.

Ice cream and bread dansal at Piliyandala and Bandaragama

On the sacred Poson Poya Day, school premises of Piliyandala and Bandaragama became a place of unity, kindness, and joy as they organized a special Ice Cream Dansal for the community. Both the event brought together the warmth of Poson with delightful treats for everyone.



Esala Procession

Homagama Leedians lit up the streets with their vibrant Esala Procession. Organized with love and dedication, the event saw enthusiastic participation from our Play Group, KG 1, and KG 2 students.

The procession was filled with colorful highlights – from beautifully decorated bicycles (mal bicycles) and traditional Kasa to a variety of lively cultural dances. The little ones proudly showcased their talents as they paraded joyfully from the school premises to the Homagama Temple.



Nurturing Creativity and Calmness!

At Leeds International School Matugama, our students actively explore their talents through diverse lessons — from choreographing dances for stage drama acts to practising mindful breathing before music sessions

In their drama lesson, students creatively choreograph dance movements to bring their stage acts to life, building confidence and teamwork.

In music, they begin with mindful breathing exercises — calming their minds and preparing to create beautiful melodies together.

We believe in inspiring our Leedians to grow in confidence, discipline, and creativity every step of the way



Exploring Words in the Wild “A Woodland Dictionary”

Leeds Matugama Primary 2 students enjoyed a unique and interactive English lesson under the trees! Guided by their teacher, they explored nature while learning new vocabulary inspired by the woodland around them. The lesson titled “A Woodland Dictionary” brought words to life in the most engaging way — through observation, discussion, and hands-on discovery!

It was a refreshing break from the classroom and a beautiful reminder that learning can happen anywhere — especially in the heart of nature.



Father's Day at Tangalle , Tissa, Bandaragama, and Pilyandala

Father's Day is a celebration honouring fathers & fatherhood, parental bonds and the role of fathers in shaping the lives of their children. Leedians of Thissamaharama, Tangalle, Bandaragama and Pilyandala celebrated Father's Day by making cards showing their love & care for their fathers with great enthusiasm & joy. The event aimed to honour the fathers & acknowledge the significant role they play in their children's lives.



Morning Assembly

Morning assemblies of Matugama branch conducted in the month of July, plays a major role in the school that shapes the lives of our young. These assemblies enable to recognize and encourage our young learners with the Rebadging of the Best English Speaker of the Week, motivating them to express themselves confidently in English and strengthen their communication skills.



Five Senses Organs Program A Day of Discovery!

Homagama Leeds Preschool organized the Five Senses Organs Program on June 13th, aimed at imparting practical knowledge to our young learners. Through a series of engaging and interactive activities, children explored the five senses — sight, hearing, smell, taste, and touch — in a fun and educational environment.

This hands-on experience helped children understand how their senses work and how they use them to interact with the world. It was a joyful and enriching day filled with learning, laughter, and exploration!



History Project Leeds Ambalangoda

Form 2 students completed their History project under the guidance of our History teacher, Ms. Kaveesha. Practical lessons like this are extremely valuable, as they go beyond the traditional teacher-centered classroom and actively engage students in learning.



Little Picasso 2025

Leeds Preschool, Homagama, proudly hosted its vibrant "Little Picasso 2025" Art and Craft Exhibition on the 15th of July 2025. It was a joyful and colorful celebration of imagination, talent, and the boundless creativity of our little artists.

This year's exhibition featured a variety of captivating themes including:

- Dreams of Colours
- Under the Sea
- Japanese Culture
- Jungle World
- Garden Bliss
- Day and Night Differences
- Modes of Transportation

Each classroom was transformed into a world of wonder, beautifully decorated with handmade art and craftwork lovingly created by the children. Every theme reflected the hard work, dedication, and joyful spirit of our little learners, guided by their passionate teachers.





Linguafest 2025

On the 4th of July 2025, Leeds International School, Matara, came alive with the rhythm of words, creativity, and performance as we celebrated Linguafest – English Literary Day 2025.

The event was honored by the presence of our Chief Guest, Mr. Sumith Hettiarachchi, the Coordinator of the Regional English Support Centre – Matara. His inspiring address and encouragement uplifted the spirits of our young learners and added great prestige to the celebration.

The day was filled with vibrant performances, powerful speeches, creative dramatizations, and lively group presentations, each one reflecting our students' passion, confidence, and deep appreciation for the English language and literature.



Reading Camps and Clubs at Tangalle, Bandaragama and Ambalangoda

Reading Camps and clubs were joyful experience to our kids as they dived into the world of books. They enjoyed listening to stories with their teacher and explored colorful books independently in cozy reading corners. The day nurtured imagination and built early reading skills through fun and engaging moments.



Sago making day at TISSA

On the 17th July 2025, our little KG 2 chefs of Thissamaharama Leeds joyfully engaged in preparing Sago with their teachers excitedly & eagerly.

It was really an educational & fun-filled activity where students learn about different ingredients & enjoying the process of creating & tasting a delicious & refreshing beverage especially during this warm whether spreads throughout the area.



Poson Festival Devotional Songs Homagama and Malabe

Dressed in serene white attire, our students sang devotional songs with great respect and devotion. The sweet voices of the children created a peaceful and spiritual atmosphere, reminding everyone of the importance of mindfulness, kindness, and gratitude. May the blessings of this sacred occasion continue to guide and inspire us all.



POSON SIL PROGRAMME TISSAMAHARAMA

On June 6th Leeds, Thissamaharama held Poson Silprogramme embracing the spirit of values of mindfulness, companion & inner peace. Students & teachers came together to observe sil, meditate & engage in Dhamma discussion. The event reflected the commitment of the school to preserving Buddhist traditions while nurturing moral values in little Leedians' minds.



Pyjama Day Fun



Leeds Preschool Malabe turned into a cozy haven on the 11th of July as our KG I kids celebrated Pyjama Day in the most delightful way! Dressed in their cutest nightwear, the little ones brought their favourite teddies to school, ready for a day filled with comfort, laughter, and imagination.

Weather Day at Tangalle

Kindergarten and Play Group students celebrated Weather Day with excitement! They dressed for rainy, sunny, and snowy days, and enjoyed fun activities to learn about different weather types through play, stories, and crafts. It was a joyful day full of learning and laughter!



Nightcamp

A special experience filled with adventure, fun activities, and a memorable bonfire took place at Malabe preschool

The children enjoyed a variety of engaging activities such as games, singing, dancing, storytelling, and art sessions. These fun-filled moments helped our kids develop confidence.

The highlight of the camp was the warm and cheerful bonfire. The children gathered around, singing songs, sharing stories, and enjoying delicious treats together. The joy and laughter around the bonfire created memories that our students will treasure forever.

