



Newsletter- Friday 4th July



Field Gun Competition

Wow! What a great day on Plymouth Hoe on Saturday for Leigham's very first Field Gun Competition as part of Armed Forces Day! The 16 children that took part were fantastic, showing great team work to complete their three races. We are so proud of how much hard work they have put into practicing over the last few months. **A huge thank you to Mrs Tucker who has made all of this possible** and to the other staff who have supported the club and the event. Well done Field Gunners!



Football

On Monday, our school football team took to the pitch for the final of the Plymouth Knockout Cup. After an impressive 4-0 win over Oreston Primary in the semi-final, the team went into the final full of confidence to take on Glen Park. It was a tough game, played in extremely hot conditions, but the boys showed real determination and gave it everything they had. It was a close contest from start to finish, but despite their best efforts, we were narrowly beaten 2-1. Although we didn't come away with the trophy, the team can hold their heads high. Reaching the final and performing so well is an achievement to be proud of, and it's been a brilliant season overall.

A big thank you to all the parents and carers for your fantastic support throughout the year- it's made a huge difference!



Year 6 Bell Boating

On Monday and Tuesday morning, each of the Year 6 classes took part in a Bell Boating session led by Plymouth Schools Sports Partnership at Oreston Quay. It was beautiful weather, and the children worked so hard in their teams. Well done to Maple and Palm Classes!



Year 1 Learning Together

On Tuesday afternoon, the Year 1 children had a fantastic afternoon making their clay fish! A massive thank you to all of the parents who came to our Learning Together session to complete these great sculptures. We appreciated your help and patience, despite the scorching temperatures! The children are already looking forward to completing the next stage of this project.



Summer Fair

This is a reminder that our Summer Fair is this afternoon, straight after school. Please come along and support the event which has been so well organised and planned for by FOLS.

School Reports and Parent Survey

This afternoon your child will come home with their end of year report- please take time to celebrate this with them at home. I have also emailed a parent survey to all parents and we would really value your feedback- it is just a quick online survey which should only take a few minutes to complete. Thank you in advance for your support.

Celebrations

On Sunday 29th June Ella in Fir class took part in her very first gymnastics competition. Although she was sadly categorised incorrectly and put in with 10 and 11 year olds, she came away with a bronze medal 🥉 after achieving a fantastic 3rd place for her 3 routines all pointed together.



Harper and Lyla (Willow class) undertook their grading and achieved their yellow belt in Karate last weekend for Doryoku Ryu Karate. The girls were absolutely amazing during their grading and work so hard in every lesson.



Congratulations to Ellis in Year 3 who has recently achieved his red belt in karate.



Thomas in Year 3 went to Swindon a couple of weeks ago to complete his 1st 3 hour long martial arts panel grading. Despite being extremely nervous, he completed the grading and is now a red belt.



A huge well done to Mrs Pimlott who has been working hard all year to complete the SW100 Leadership Course. Last week was her closing residential and we are really proud of her for undertaking such a big project alongside her role in school.



Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Barker

Key Dates	
Monday 7 th July	Year 3 Ancient Greek Day
Tuesday 8 th July	Year 1 Trip to the Aquarium
Tuesday 8 th July 2.30 pm	Year 5 Learning Together
Tuesday 15 th July 6pm	Year 6 Leavers Production
Thursday 17 th July	Rocksteady Concert
Friday 18 th July	Last day of Term 6
Wednesday 3 rd September	Return to school 25/26

Connect Academy Trust Term Dates 2025-2026

September 2025	October 2025	November 2025	December 2025
Monday 01.09.13.22.29	06.10.20.27	03.10.17.24	01.09.15.22.29
Tuesday 02.09.14.23.30	07.10.21.28	04.11.18.25	02.09.16.23.30
Wednesday 03.10.17.24	01.08.15.22.29	05.12.19.26	03.10.17.24.31
Thursday 04.11.18.25	02.09.16.23.30	06.13.20.27	04.11.18.25.31
Friday 05.12.19.26	03.10.17.24.31	07.14.21.28	05.12.19.26.31
January 2026	February 2026	March 2026	April 2026
Monday 05.12.19.26	02.09.16.23.30	02.09.16.23.30	04.11.18.25.31
Tuesday 06.13.20.27	03.10.17.24.31	03.10.17.24.31	05.12.19.26.31
Wednesday 07.14.21.28	04.11.18.25	04.11.18.25	01.09.15.22.29
Thursday 01.08.15.22.29	05.12.19.26	05.12.19.26	02.09.16.23.30
Friday 02.09.16.23.30	06.13.20.27	06.13.20.27	03.10.17.24.31
May 2026	June 2026	July 2026	August 2026
Monday 04.11.18.25	01.08.15.22.29	06.13.20.27	03.10.17.24.31
Tuesday 05.12.19.26	02.09.16.23.30	07.14.21.28	04.11.18.25.31
Wednesday 06.13.20.27	03.10.17.24.31	01.08.15.22.29	05.12.19.26.31
Thursday 07.14.21.28	04.11.18.25	02.09.16.23.30	06.13.20.27.31
Friday 01.08.15.22.29	05.12.19.26	03.10.17.24.31	07.14.21.28.31

Holiday
 Bank Holiday
 Non Pupil Days

Planet Protectors Newsletter

July 2025

Welcome to our Planet Protectors Newsletter. Since we last wrote, we have been exceedingly busy...



Rubbish, rubbish, everywhere...

As always, we're upset to see the amount of rubbish that ends up in our school. This spring, we collected three sacksful of discarded litter from around our site. When we realised lots of this was from snack wrappers, we took action amongst our friends and encouraged them to get rid of their packaging properly. We also set up regular litter patrols of the playground.

Recently, we learnt about the widespread problem of sewage pollution in our rivers and seas. We lent our voices to sing on Surfers Against Sewage's campaign song, The Voice of the Water.

Wildlife

This spring, our attention turned to our school pond. We noticed it was covered with smelly, light-smothering duckweed. Keenly, we set about clearing the pond's surface over several weeks. A visit from The Devon Wildlife Trust helped us identify the problem and so we introduced Elodea, a plant to re-oxygenate our pond's water, to help the wildlife. Luckily, our hard work paid off, as we soon discovered huge amounts of frogspawn! We hope to see an abundance of frogs visiting our pond next spring.

In addition, we have dug a hibernaculum near the pond. A hibernaculum is an over-winter habitat for the hibernating amphibians and reptiles that enjoy our pond. We hope it's thronging with resting animals in the winter!



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle...

Our first uniform swap event in October was very successful, so this summer, we have decided to launch a bigger event on Monday 14th July. This will not only allow uniform to be rescued from landfill, but also let a variety of costumes find their new owners and be worn again.

Moreover, we became Planet Investigators and have started monitoring electricity usage in empty classrooms over lunchtime. Thankfully, our classmates are really good at remembering to turn off switches, boards, and lights as they leave the room.

Coming soon, we have ordered our own battery recycling box, so you'll be able to drop off dead batteries at drop-off!

Thanks for reading!

Awards Pages

If you would like to share significant successes e.g. from your child's involvement in clubs/ competitions out of school, please send a short explanation (and a photograph if you wish to include one) to admin@leigham-primary.plymouth.sch.uk with 'Newsletter Celebrations' in the subject line. Please note that the newsletter is shared via email and online through our website and social media platforms and so adding a photograph to your email means that you consent to it being shared in all of those places.

Class Charter Champion

Each week, staff recognise a class member who has demonstrated our school values of being **KIND**, **READY** for a challenge and a great **LEARNER**. They will be invited to celebrate with a hot chocolate on Friday afternoon.

Ash	Alex	Hazel	Rudy
Oak	Albie	Fir	Ella
Poplar	Bowen	Elm	Sabrina
Willow	Eden	Pine	Evelyn
Larch	Fletcher	Yew	Riley
Spruce	Maggie	Maple	Kayden
Beech	Sienna	Palm	Madeleine



Dojo Awards

The classes with the most weekly Dojos in each Key Stage are shown below.

Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2
Poplar	-

NEW! Golden Table

Each week, lunch time staff recognise a class member who has demonstrated our school values both in the dinner hall and outside during playtime. They will be invited to sit at the Golden Table in the hall on a Friday lunchtime.

Ash	Stanley	Hazel	Henley
Oak	Lucy	Fir	Daisy
Poplar	Koby	Elm	Riley
Willow	Jenson	Pine	Korbin
Larch	Tillie-Rose	Yew	Chanelle
Spruce	Lyra	Maple	Isaac
Beech	Georgia	Palm	Boden





ENDSLEIGH SUMMER ART WORKSHOPS

At Endsleigh Garden Centre, Ivybridge with Kayleigh from Colourful Horizons and Louise from Stitch and Splodge - A 2.5 hour session for children age 5 and above (and parents) to create 2 amazing creative outcomes using 2 different arty crafty techniques.
All resources are provided, guaranteed to be lots of fun.

Tuesday 22nd July, 12th Aug and 2nd Sept - 10am to 12.30pm

£20 for 1 child and £30 for 2 children
(£8 per extra child)

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Heidi - Rescue of the lynx (PG)

Wednesday 13th August, 11 am
Wednesday 20th August, 2.30pm



How to Train Your Dragon (PG)

Wednesday 30th July, 2.30pm
Wednesday 6th August, 11 am



Elio (PG)

Wednesday 13th August, 2.30pm
Wednesday 20th August, 11 am



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