



Newsletter- Friday 11th July



SATs Results

This week, we received our SATs results for our Year 6 pupils I wrote the following to their parents:

I cannot tell you how proud we are of this cohort of children. They have worked so hard throughout their time at Leigham Primary School and have been an absolute credit to the school and their families. These results do not define the children. There is so much more to them all as individuals than whether they are good at English, Maths and Science but the results of the whole cohort is phenomenal and very well deserved.

We look forward to the children sharing their end of year Leavers Performance 'Matilda' with their families next week and wish them an enjoyable final week at primary school.

Football

On Monday afternoon, our last sporting fixture of the year took place as we welcomed Mount Street Primary for our annual friendly match! The match was played in great spirit and was very tight for the first 45 minutes; however, in the last quarter, a flurry of goals secured a comfortable 5-0 win for Leigham. Thank you to the staff at Mount Street for transporting their children to us and allowing more of our wonderful Year Sixes to represent the school one last time!



Year 3 Ancient Greek Day

On Monday, Year 3 had an amazing Ancient Greek Day. They designed their own labyrinths, tackled challenging maths problems, and decorated some pots. They were excited to make tzatziki and flatbreads, and were (mostly) impressed when it came to tasting, too! Thank you to all of the families for supporting with costumes.



Year 5 Learning Together

On Tuesday afternoon, Year 5 had their final learning together session of the year. This showcased all of their learning about the Ancient Egyptians in the form of a museum. The children created models, power points, posters and many other things to showcase their learning to their parents. We really enjoyed getting to share this with all who visited!



Year 1 Aquarium Visit

What a busy week Year 1 have had! They had a fantastic time at the National Marine Aquarium, working hard throughout the day to learn facts about the sea life looked after there and engaging positively to become ocean scientists in the afternoon! We were so proud of all of them as they represented our school brilliantly. What superstars!



Nursery – A Bug's Life!

Nursery really enjoyed meeting the 'Bug Man' (Dave, from [Bugs Life kids parties and events](#)) this week! He brought along lizards, a tortoise, a skink, a gecko, bearded dragons, snakes, a hedgehog, millipedes, hermit crabs, cockroaches, a bullfrog and a tarantula. The children were kind and careful and really enjoyed learning about, looking at, touching and holding the animals. Well done Nursery we are so proud of you!



Summer Fair

We are delighted to announce that the summer fair last week raised **£1900** for the school. This is incredible and it is thanks to all of the hard work and preparation from our dedicated FOLS team. We held a thank you coffee morning this morning to say thank you to our FOLS members for all of their dedication this year. Thank you to all of the families who came along to support the event.



Compassionate School Success

I am thrilled and incredibly proud to say that we have had confirmation that we are now an official 'Compassionate School' through all of our work supporting children and families through bereavement and anticipatory grief. We have been working closely with St Luke's Hospice towards this and will be presented with our certificate in the autumn term. This afternoon we are holding a tea party with the Compassionate Buddies- the Year 5 and 6 children who have volunteered their time to support friends this year. They will each receive a certificate as a token of thanks from us all at school.



On a related note, I will be taking part in the Midnight Walk this evening- 13 miles- to support St Luke's- a charity so close to so many of our hearts. I might see some of you there or on my trek around the city!

Uniform Swap

Please see the flyer attached to the bottom of the newsletter for information regarding a uniform swap led by the Planet Protectors on Monday.

Information for Next Year

Earlier this week, you will have received an email with key information and dates regarding next year. Please keep this safe for future reference.

Menu Change

Please see the menu change information which applies to next Wednesday.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Barker

Connect Academy Trust Term Dates 2025-2026

September 2025					October 2025					November 2025					December 2025						
Monday	01	08	15	22	29		06	13	20	27		03	10	17	24		01	08	15	22	29
Tuesday	02	09	16	23	30		07	14	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	
Thursday	04	11	18	25		02	09	16	23	30		06	13	20	27		04	11	18	25	
Friday	05	12	19	26		03	10	17	24	31		07	14	21	28		05	12	19	26	
January 2026					February 2026					March 2026					April 2026						
Monday		05	12	19	26	02	09	16	23		02	09	16	23	30		06	13	20	27	
Tuesday		06	13	20	27	03	10	17	24		03	10	17	24	31		07	14	21	28	
Wednesday		07	14	21	28	04	11	18	25		04	11	18	25		01	08	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		
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	
Tuesday		05	12	19	26	02	09	16	23	30		07	14	21	28		04	11	18	25	
Wednesday		06	13	20	27	03	10	17	24		01	08	15	22	29		05	12	19	26	
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Friday	01	08	15	22	29	05	12	19	26		03	10	17	24	31		07	14	21	28	
Legend					Legend					Legend					Legend						
Holiday					Bank Holiday					Non Pupil Days					Non Pupil Days						

Holiday

Bank Holiday

Non Pupil Days

Key Dates	
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



Monday 14th July from 3:15pm Uniform and Costume Swap

Viking, Roman, or Greek Day?
Has your child grown out of World Book
Day outfits?

Halloween costumes no longer fit?
Swap costumes for next year!



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	Stanley	Hazel	Henley
Oak	Noah	Fir	Miyah
Poplar	Rafe	Elm	Ella
Willow	Harper	Pine	Everyone
Larch	Imogen	Yew	Everyone
Spruce	Samaria	Maple	Jenson
Beech	Ruby	Palm	Charlie



Dojo Awards

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

Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2
Year 1	Beech

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	Alex	Hazel	Skylar
Oak	Sophia	Fir	Ben
Poplar	Monroe	Elm	Summer
Willow	River	Pine	Scarlett
Larch	Pixie	Yew	River
Spruce	Milana	Maple	Axel
Beech	Thomas	Palm	Leo



SUMMER 2025 THE ART SIDE ART COMPETITION

Competition running from 1st July to 30th Sep
Any medium welcome
Title - Wild Spaces

Category 1: Under 16's

Judged by: The Schoolwear Shop

Category 2: Over 16's

Judged by: Plymouth Central Library

1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes in each category. Prizes to be supplied by The Art Side value ca £500

Pop into our shop to collect your entry ticket and submission instructions.



FAMILY & PEOPLE
SUPPORT



NATIONAL PLAYING OUT DAY Play for all ages

Crownhill Community Centre

2 September 2025

10.00 - 11.30



For more information
go to RN Forum/Events

A JOINT CREATIVE ARTS AND CRAFT ADVENTURE!



CREATIVE SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB

Each session will include a range of arts and craft as well as getting out in nature (weather depending), crafting outside and fun and games!

Foundation,
KS1 & KS2

Rees Centre
Plympton

9am - 1pm
(drop off session)

Lunch
included

Thur 31st July -
Superhero
Fri 1st Aug - Dinosaur
Thur 7th Aug - Pirate
Fri 8th Aug - Monsters
& Aliens

£30

Fit and Fed

Free Fit and Fed spaces available
for eligible Plymouth children



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emmaginationcraft@yahoo.co.uk or 07776141293

Special Events This Summer

Sunday 20th July 3–4pm Forget-me-not Tea for the bereaved St Edward's Church Hall

Monday 21st July 9.30–11.15 Eddybears Stay and Play for Pre-schoolers

Sunday 27th July 10.00–11.00 Holy Communion St Edwards' Egguckland

11.00–13.30 Church Family Lunch and Mini Golf St Edward's Church Hall

Monday 28th July 09.30–11.15 Family Fun, Mini Golf and Crafts at St Edward's Church Hall

Tuesday 29th July 09.30–11.15 Family Fun, Mini Golf and Crafts at St Edward's Church Hall

Wednesday 30th July 11.00 Community Café St Edward's Church Hall

Sunday 17th August 10.30 – 11.30 All Age Church Service Christ Church Estover

11.30 – 13.00 Church Family Lunch, Mini Golf Christ Church Estover

Monday 18th August 14.00–16.00 Family Fun, Mini Golf, Crafts at Christ Church Estover

Monday 1st September 9.30–11.15 Family Fun at St Edward's Church Hall

Follow us on Facebook for incidental meet ups and activities over the summer
Christ Church, Estover or St Edward's Church Egguckland



EVERYTHING WE OFFER IS FREE BUT DONATIONS APPRECIATED

ROCK SOLID SUMMER PARTY

PIZZA, DOUGHNUTS, GAMES & MORE

**MONDAY 14TH JULY
6–7:30PM**

CHRIST CHURCH, ESTOVER

For young people in school years 5-8



To book email:

info@plymouth.yfc.co.uk



**THURSDAY 14th August
10.15-11.15am
Rees Centre
Plympton**

Circus Summer Holiday Family Craft

Craft sessions for all the family from around 2 to 8 years old. Join us to explore 5 creative stations! Perfect to keep siblings of different ages occupied over the holidays. These sessions are child led creative sessions where parents are encouraged to follow their child's lead!

Book Now
www.singingintheest.co.uk
Click on the "book a session" button

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!

