



Newsletter- Friday 18th July



As this academic year draws to close, it is amazing to reflect on everything that has been achieved in the last 11 months. There is far too much to name everything individually, but we are proud to have provided so many rich and exciting curricular and extra-curricular activities for the children; to have supported them to achieve such positive academic outcomes; have so much engagement with and success in sport; to have expanded our focus on mental health and wellbeing and we recently achieved our Compassionate School status. To have had such a glowing Ofsted report this year which recognised all of this was incredible. We are so proud that they said, among other lovely things, *'The school's programme for personal development is exceptional. There is a sharp focus on mental health and well-being. Pupils blossom academically, socially and emotionally at this school.'*

We know that we absolutely don't get things right all of the time- but decisions made in school are done so with the best of intentions with all of the children in mind. We greatly value parental feedback, and I'd like to thank those of you who have attended Parent Forum this year or who completed the end of year survey. There are some things for us to reflect on and tweak next year because of this. **A particularly lovely comment from our survey was, 'Both our children love Leigham Primary and so do we as parents. Whenever we have had any concerns (minor) we have always been listened to, and action was taken to improve. Our children are so happy to come to school, and this is testament to the fantastic teaching staff making the environment in school wonderful and nurturing.'**

Over the last two weeks, we have been collating pupil feedback in classes too and when complete, we will use this to look at our provision and plans in September to reflect the voice of the pupils.

Year 6

Today we say a sad goodbye to our Year 6 classes, Maple and Palm, who are leaving us to embark on the next exciting chapter of their lives. The blew us away this week with West-End Worthy performances of Matilda and we are so incredibly proud of all they have achieved throughout their time with us as a cohort. As I said to their families at the Leavers' Evening, this year group really does embody our school values. They are always ready for any challenge thrown their way, they are exceptional learners and above all, they are a kind group of young people who are now ready to go on to their secondary schools to continue to shine. A thank you to the parents who are finishing their journeys with us today too as their final child leaves Leigham. Good luck Year 6- we are so proud of you all!



Staff Farewells

Today we say a fond farewell to a few members of staff who are leaving us.

Mrs Brown- who has worked in the Nursery this year, Donna Jones- a fabulous member of our cleaning team, Miss Large- who has followed Poplar Class through Foundation and Year 1, Mrs Callicott- who has worked in the Early Years at Leigham for 11 years, and Mrs Britton- who has worked at Leigham for 25 years! We are so sad to see these great staff members leave but would like to thank them for their hard work and commitment to the school and wish them the very best for their futures.



Miss Elliott is getting married in the holidays and so we will welcome her back as Mrs Blackmore in September. We'd like to wish her and her husband a fantastic wedding day!

Dates and Uniform

Please check the Important Dates section at the end of the newsletter for information regarding the return to school in September. Any uniform can be ordered through the Uniform Shop

<https://plymouthschoolwear.co.uk/product-category/school/school-leigham-primary-school/> where you can:

- Order online and opt for delivery to be made to school for free – deliveries will be when we return to school
- Order online and pay for postage to your address
- Buy in store (in Mayflower Street)

Holiday Contact

The admin email address will be monitored during the holidays if you have any important queries prior to returning in September. A response may be slower than during term time.

Staff Appreciation

I just wanted to take a moment to thank the incredible staff team at school for all of their hard work and support this year. We are really lucky to have such a dedicated and caring team as part of our Leigham Family.

Celebrations

A huge well done to Chloe in Year 5 who has moved up to her red stripes kickboxing belt after successfully grading. She now moves up to the higher belts where she will have to complete a 5 hour physical panel grading exam!



All that remains is for me to wish all of our pupils and families a wonderful summer break. We look forward to seeing you all in September.

Happy Holidays!
Mrs Barker

Key Dates	
Wednesday 3 rd September	Return to school for Years 1 to 6
3 rd and 4 th September	Nursery Home Visits
3 rd , 4 th and 5 th September	Foundation Home Visits
Monday 8 th September	Half day for Foundation (either a morning or an afternoon)
Monday 8 th September	Nursery Reopens
Tuesday 9 th September	All Foundation Children in Full Time
Thursday 23 rd October	Last Day of Term 1
Friday 24 th October	Non Pupil Day
Monday 3 rd November	First Day of Term 2

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	31
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
Thursday		07	14	21	28	04	11	18	25		02	09	16	23	30		06	13	20	27
Friday	01	08	15	22	29	05	12	19	26		03	10	17	24	31		07	14	21	28

Holiday

Bank Holiday

Non Pupil Days

SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AT...



MARINE ACADEMY
PLYMOUTH

FOR AGES 6-11

TWO WEEK ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

Flexible booking to meet your needs, book as many days as you require.

Indoor & Outdoor facilities

- **Football Camp**
 - **Fit & Fed spaces available**
- Further information enclosed

Places need to be booked via
samantha.drewery@marineacademy.org.uk

WEEK 1 **FOOTBALL CAMP:**

**MON 28TH, TUES 29TH, WEDS 30TH,
THURS 31ST JULY**

AGES 6-11

**9.30AM-3PM (DOORS OPEN AT 9AM)
£15 PER DAY**

SPORTS HALL SESSIONS & OUTDOORS ON OUR 3G!

Dribbling, shooting & finishing, skills, free kicks, ball launcher, small sided games, Futsal, World Cups and much much more!
If you love football this is the one for you.



Reminder if you have a Fit & Fed code you can attend this week free of charge.

See back page for more details

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WEEK 2 **FOOTBALL CAMP:**

**MON 4TH, TUES 5TH, WEDS 6TH,
THURS 7TH AUGUST**

AGES 6-11

**9.30AM-3PM (DOORS OPEN AT 9AM)
£15 PER DAY**

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Fit & Fed

Have you a child on Free School Meals
or a child with an EHC Plan? You are
able to attend our Football Camp free
of charge during our Summer Holiday
Activities over the 2 weeks.

Spaces are limited so early booking
advised. Email mapfc@outlook.com to
book your place, along with your
Fit & Fed Code that can be obtained by
Plymouth City Council or through your
school.

Players Wanted!

2 FREE
TASTER
SESSIONS

We are looking for new players to join our netball club. Whether you are new to netball or an experienced player we have something to suit all junior players.

U10 & 11
Age 7-11

U12
Age 11-12

U14
Age 11-14

U16
Age 13-16

TRAINING - TUESDAY EVENING'S • MATCHES - SUNDAY MORNING'S

JOIN PLYMOUTH STARS NETBALL CLUB TODAY



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Performance Pathway

Regional Opportunities

S&C Opportunities



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