



## Newsletter- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October



### Football

On Monday, a team of Year 5 and 6 girls participated in the Plymouth Argyle in the Community Clusters League football event at Manadon Hub. The girls played four games and there was some great defending and attacking play on show. The team won one match and drew two to finish joint top of the standings and will therefore return in a few weeks for the finals. Well done Team Leigham!



### Athletics

Yesterday afternoon, we took a team of Key Stage 2 cross country runners over to Eggbuckland Community College for a meet against 12 other schools from Plymouth. Everyone single one of them rose to the occasion and did themselves and the school proud with their resilience and team spirit. For some, it was their very first opportunity of running in a cross-country event and gained some valuable experience. Well done to everyone who took part!



### Accelerated Reader Workshops

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who attended our AR Workshops this week and to Mrs McKeon Carter for running the sessions. As well as explaining how this works to parents, it was useful to hear how parents feel about the system so that we can check or clarify anything as a whole school.

### Compassionate Schools Award

Today in assembly, we were joined by Judy and Tracy from St Luke's as they presented our Compassionate Schools Award to the school.

We are so incredibly passionate about providing support to bereaved children and families and those going through anticipatory grief. Being recognised as a Compassionate School and hearing about the positive impact of our work on our pupils and families has made this journey even more worthwhile. In our Ofsted visit, an inspector was brought to tears seeing first-hand how much our children had been supported by peers (Compassionate Buddies) and adults (Compassionate Friends) in school. Our lunchtime drop in Starfish Club is incredibly popular amongst students and provides a safe space for support, reflection or even a distraction. Our memory tree in the library is a lovely focus point and a way for families to remember loved ones at special times.



As Headteacher, it was my own grief and personal experiences which compelled me to sign up to the project. I lost both my mum (who worked for St Luke's) and my dad within a few weeks of each-other. My own difficulties navigating grief made me so passionate about ensuring that our pupils had support in place to help them through such difficult times. Our school project has been so well led by Mrs Marsh, Mrs Tucker and Mrs Bentley. It really has become part of what we stand for and weaves through our values at Leigham. Well done to everyone involved.

### Hello Yellow Reminder

Don't forget next Friday (10th October) is Hello Yellow Day! We're excited to brighten up World Mental Health Day by inviting all children, Nursery to Year 6, to wear something yellow for a mufti day at school. Please don't go out and spend lots on something new- just be creative if you can! By saying #HelloYellow, we're taking a small step that can make a big difference—reminding our children that they're never alone when it comes to their mental health.

★ Let's shine a little brighter—together. ★

We will also be collecting optional donations on the day, with all proceeds going to support our local Mental Health Support Team (MHST) and the fantastic work they do with our young people.



### Guiding Lights Inspiration

Our Guiding Lights launch assembly last week inspired Mia to go home and create her own lighthouse! We are so proud of her and can't wait to begin to create our own larger school model for the Guiding Lights Project.

### School Gates- Picking up from clubs

Apologies for any inconvenience but whilst we are in the process of appointing a new Site Manager, our school walk-in gates are being locked earlier each day. This means that any parents collecting children from after school clubs will need to enter and leave the site via the main entrance.

### School Disco

Please see the attached flyer from FOLS about our Autumn Disco.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Barker





# Is your child due to start school in September 2026?

We'd like to invite you to our Open Day on:

**Saturday 18th October**  
**9:00am - 10:30am**  
**Leigham Primary School**

#### We will be offering:

- Group tours of our amazing school and grounds
- Activities in our Foundation classrooms
- An opportunity to talk to our team and ask any questions you may have
- A complimentary breakfast

Alternatively, we can offer individual tours for families within the school day. Please contact us to arrange an appointment.



**Please call the office on**

**01752 790990**

**or email**

**admin@leigham-primary.plymouth.sch.uk**  
**to book your place or for more information.**

Leigham Primary School and Nursery  
Cockington Close, Leigham, Plymouth, PL6 8RF







£3 per  
child

Your child  
will bring  
home  
more info

# **Friends of Leigham School** **Autumn Disco**

**Wednesday 22nd October**

**KS1 3:15 - 4:15**

**KS2 4:15 - 5:30**

**Tickets will be available to purchase on the  
following dates outside reception before and  
after school – cash only please.**

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October**

**Parentkind**  
Member Association

## Key Dates

**\*Please check this section each week as new dates are added frequently.**

Week Beginning 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Week 2 of clubs
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	World Mental Health Day- Hello Yellow Mufti
Week Beginning 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Week 3 of clubs
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 4 Learning Together 1.30pm
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	School Photographer in all day
Week Beginning 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Week 4 of clubs
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Year 4 Roman Day
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Pie drop 2.50pm
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Last day of Term 1
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Non-Pupil Day
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Start of Term 2
Week Beginning 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Week 5 of Clubs
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November (Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> for Oak Class)	Autumn Term Parents Evenings (more information and booking instructions to follow)
Week Beginning 10 <sup>th</sup> November	No Clubs- parents' evenings
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November (throughout the day)	Nursery Parents Appointments
Week Beginning 17 <sup>th</sup> November	No Clubs- parents' evenings
Week Beginning 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Week 6 of Clubs
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Times Table Rockstar Day (Dressing up as a rockstar)
Week Beginning 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Week 7 of Clubs
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Year 2 Learning Together 1.45pm
Week Beginning 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Week 8 of Clubs (final week)
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 9am	NATIVITY for Y1 Parents (Y1 will narrate and sing)
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 9am	NATIVITY for FS2 Parents-(younger siblings can attend)
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 9am	NATIVITY for FS2 Parents-(no siblings- adults only)
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 Viking Day Year 5 Assembly to Parents 2.30pm
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery Christmas fun day and parent invited for a craft session from 2.15pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of Term 2
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Start of Term 3

## 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
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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

# 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](mailto: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.

<b>Ash</b>	-	<b>Spruce</b>	Noah
<b>Oak</b>	-	<b>Beech</b>	Alfie
<b>Maple</b>	Maddie	<b>Hazel</b>	Hugo
<b>Palm</b>	Daisy	<b>Fir</b>	Amelia
<b>Poplar</b>	Lucille	<b>Elm</b>	Joe
<b>Willow</b>	Freya	<b>Pine</b>	Eloise
<b>Larch</b>	Louie	<b>Yew</b>	Adriana



## Dojo Awards

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

Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2
Willow	Beech





## **We Do Multisports October Holiday Clubs**

**St Matthews Primary School**

Monday 27th October  
Tuesday 28th October  
Wednesday 29th October  
Thursday 30th October  
Friday 31st October

**Dodgeball, Netball, Rounders,  
Basketball and more**

At We Do Multisports, our mission is to provide a safe, fun, and inclusive environment for children to learn, grow, and excel. We strive to instill the values of teamwork, sportsmanship, and perseverance in all our athletes, and to help them develop the skills they need to succeed both on and off the field.

10.00am till 15.00pm

Drop off from 0915am

Ages 5 to 11

**Just £12.50 per child**

Can all players please bring a packed lunch, a drink and trainers. If you require any further information, contact: Joe on 07795804127 or email [Wedomultisports@gmail.com](mailto:Wedomultisports@gmail.com)



## **Wedofootball October Half Term Holiday Clubs**

**Tor Bridge School**

**Tuesday 28th October  
Wednesday 29th October  
Thursday 30th October**

Ages 5 to 14

10.00am till 15.00pm  
Drop from 09.15 am

**Just £12.50 per child**

Maximum fun, with no pressure and a safe learning environment. Can all players please bring a packed lunch and drink, boots, shin pads and trainers. If you require any further information, contact: Joe Geraghty on 07795804127 or email [wedofootball1@gmail.com](mailto:wedofootball1@gmail.com).

Drop off from 09.15am no extra cost



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