



Newsletter- Friday 7th November



MKC Event

Earlier this week, Mrs Tucker took some of our MKC Heroes children to the unveiling of a new remembrance statue outside the Council House in the city centre. Earlier this year, in April, these children took part in a poetry workshop with Never Such Innocence, which was also attended by Councillor Pauline Murphy and students from the Arts University. During the workshop, ideas were gathered to inspire the design of the new sculpture. A short while later, we were sent some of the proposed designs to review and provide feedback on. Once a final design was chosen, it was manufactured by Babcock International. We were lucky enough to see it beginning to take shape just last week.

At the event, one of our pupils proudly read their poem, written during that original workshop, to everyone at the unveiling ceremony. It was a wonderful moment to see the children's creativity and contributions reflected in the sculpture now standing proudly in its new home. Please see the following write up about the event:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1BJCeLW12F/?mibextid=wwXlfr>



Indoor Athletics Event

On Wednesday afternoon, children from Year 5 and 6 had the opportunity to participate in the Indoor Athletics Championship at the Life Centre. They all competed in a mixture of running and field events. Their team spirit, perseverance and athleticism really shone through and the broad smiles on their faces was a pleasure to see.



Surprise Letters from the Headteacher

Well done to all of the children who received a letter from me in the post during half term to recognise their great effort and achievements in school during the first term. It was lovely to celebrate with them when they returned back to school this week.



St Luke's Guiding Lights Trail

We are so excited that the school is one of 42 schools taking part in next Summer's St Luke's Guiding Lights arts trail. If you would like to keep up to date with all the latest news regarding this project, please sign up to receive a copy of their monthly newsletter here: [News - St Luke's Guiding Lights](#)

Celebrations

Evelyn and Ezra took part in 'Move 5' – walking 5km a day for 5 days - fundraising for the Eczema Outreach Support Charity which is a charity close to the family's hearts. So far, they have raised £180 for an excellent cause. Well done to them both!

Well done to Eloise for all her hard work at gymnastics. During the school holidays, she competed in Barnstaple Where she managed to come 1st on Beam, 2nd on floor, 2nd on bars, resulting in her placing first overall.



Remembrance Day Tue 11th Nov

Any pupils that attend Rainbows, Brownies, Beavers or Cubs are welcome to wear their uniform to school on this day instead of their school uniform.

Cosy Campfire

Please see the attached flyer for next week's Cosy Campfire session aimed at pre-school children.

FOLS Christmas Event

Please see the attached flyer for information regarding our FOLS Christmas Brass Band event at school on 28th November.

Children in Need Mufti Day – next Friday

Next Friday (14th November) is Children in Need. In school, we will be having a mufti day to support this great charity. As always, spotty attire is the theme but please don't feel pressured to go out and buy something specifically- just normal mufti will be fine! We ask that, where possible, £1 per family is donated towards this fundraising event.



Have a half term,
Mrs Barker

Key Dates

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

Friday 24 th October	Non-Pupil Day
Monday 3 rd November	Start of Term 2
Week Beginning 3 rd November	Week 5 of Clubs
Wednesday 12 th and Tuesday 18 th November (Monday 17 th for Oak Class)	Autumn Term Parents Evenings (more information and booking instructions to follow)
Week Beginning 10 th November	No Clubs- parents' evenings
Friday 14 th November	Children in Need Mufti Day- £1 suggested donation per family
Friday 14 th November (throughout the day)	Nursery Parents Appointments
Week Beginning 17 th November	No Clubs- parents' evenings
Week Beginning 24 th November	Week 6 of Clubs
Friday 28 th November	FOLS Christmas Event
Week Beginning 1 st December	Week 7 of Clubs
Monday 1 st December	Year 2 Learning Together 1.45pm
Week Beginning 8 th December	Week 8 of Clubs (final week)
Monday 8 th December 9am	NATIVITY for Y1 Parents (Y1 will narrate and sing)
Tuesday 9 th December 9am	NATIVITY for FS2 Parents-(younger siblings can attend)
Wednesday 10 th December 9am	NATIVITY for FS2 Parents-(no siblings- adults only)
Thursday 11 th December	Year 5 Viking Day Year 5 Assembly to Parents 2.30pm
Friday 12 th December	Times Table Rockstar Day (Dressing up as a rockstar)
Thursday 18 th December	Rocksteady Concert for children and parents 2.15pm
Friday 19 th December	Last day of Term 2
Monday 5 th January	Start of Term 3

Connect Academy Trust Term Dates 2025-2026

September 2025	October 2025	November 2025	December 2025
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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	June	Spruce	Samaria
Oak	Charlie	Beech	Alecia
Maple	Hallie	Hazel	Keelan
Palm	Joshua	Fir	Max
Poplar	Nellie-Bleu	Elm	Rebecca
Willow	Olivia-Jane	Pine	Korbin
Larch	Fletcher	Yew	Noah



Dojo Awards

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

Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2
Poplar	Fir



Cosy Campfire

Special event for local pre-school aged children

Join us for a session of songs, a story, and
marshmallow roasting around the campfire!

Hosted by: Leigham Primary School & Nursery

Date: Tuesday 11th November at 3:30pm

Location: Please meet at Main Reception

Activities: Singing & music

Marshmallow toasting

Story around the fire

Limited spaces – book early!

Contact: 01752 790990

admin@leigham-primary.plymouth.sch.uk

Bring wellies, coats; and your sense of adventure!

Tours of the school available following this event

Please note this event is open to all pre-school aged children
and not limited to children who attend Leigham Nursery



JOIN US
FOR
FESTIVE
FUN



*Friends of Leigham School
welcome you to our*

Big Brass Band at Christmas

Friday 28th November 3:15 – 5:15

Join us for an afternoon of live music from a local Brass Band, some lovely festive refreshments, a Santa's Grotto and a grand Christmas raffle. Please come along with your family and friends to kick off the festive season in style.

Parentkind
Member Association



Is your child due to start school?



We can offer:

- Individual tours of our amazing school and grounds
- Activities in our Foundation classrooms
- An opportunity to talk to our team and ask any questions

"Leigham is a really inclusive school and no matter what your ability, there is always something to praise and celebrate." Parent

Contact us to arrange a tour of Leigham Primary School



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



If You Are Waiting, Have You Tried...

Family Hubs



Website



Timetable

Our Family Hubs offer a range of support services for families in Plymouth – both in person and online.

Family Hubs support families from pregnancy, through childhood, and up to age 19 (or 25 for those with special educational needs and disabilities).



Autism post-diagnosis information:



ADHD for Children



ADHD for Teens



ADHD



Anxiety



Sleep



Children's Occupational Therapy Team



Activities of Daily Living



Health Visiting

Public health nursing 0-19 offer
This is an integrated service consisting of Health Visitors & School Nurses. Health visitors and school nurses are specialist community public health nurses (SCPHN). Health visitors work with families with a child aged 0-5 promoting health preventing ill health and reducing inequalities and delivering the healthy child programme across the city. School nurses work with CYP aged 4 – 19 in schools' communities and with families supporting with for example physical health, sexual health emotional well-being



Speech and Language

While you are waiting for your appointment, please check out the links and services to support speech, language and communication.
Phone: 01752 43844



CAMHS

Information advice and guidance, while you wait can be accessed through this QR code. There is also a CAMHS early help advice & support line 01752 432623
If you are in crisis support can be accessed through NHS 111 and select the mental health option



Neurodiversity Wellbeing Team

A confidential free advice line open to all CYP and their families who are on the neurodiversity pathway within Plymouth.
Telephone 01752 435404



Mental Health Support Team (MHST)

Young people and families can access useful tips and recourses through the Padlet via QR code or email livewell.mhst@nhs.uk or by phone 01752 435401



Parent information for transitions to adulthood



Take a look at the support for children and young people with SEND across the partnership at universal, targeted and specialist levels.



Plymouth GATI
Graduated Approach to Inclusion



We know reaching out isn't always easy, but you're not alone. Whether you're a young person looking for help, or a parent, carer or GP looking for more information, we are here to listen and support you. Our Wellbeing service and has been running for over 20 years. Our team are experienced, will listen, offer information and talk about some options with you.

SUPPORT FOR YOUR EMOTIONAL WELLBEING



Families First



When families need more help and when there are concerns about a child being at risk of significant harm the Families First – Children's Services team brings together information to ensure children and families receive the right response.

Plymouth Family Hubs working in partnership with...





Solihull Course

Understand your child's behaviour,
emotions and development.

Elm Wellbeing Hub

Thursday 6.30-8.30pm

Starting January 15th 2025 running for 10 weeks

Contact Leigham Primary School to book a place

01752 790990



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