



Newsletter- Friday 5th December



Christmas FOLS Event

On Friday last week, FOLS organised a fantastic festive gathering for our children, families, and the wider community. We enjoyed music from the Plymouth City Brass Band, a wonderful performance from our school choir, and lots of festive treats- and of course, a visit from Santa! Thank you to FOLS for organising such a brilliant event, and to all our families who came along to support- we raised an incredible £731.



Year 3 Cluster League

On Monday afternoon, a team of year 3 and 4s returned for the finals of the Plymouth Argyle in the Community Cluster League. As expected, the teams involved were evenly matched but the team rose to the challenge and made it through to the semi-finals where they narrowly lost 2-1. It was a great experience of local tournament football which they can learn and build upon in the future. Well done to everyone who took part.



Year 2 Learning Together

A huge thank you to all our Year 2 grown-ups who joined us on Monday afternoon to help the children in Year 2 bring their junk-model ship designs to life! The children worked brilliantly- carefully following their plans and creating ships fit for an explorer like Christopher Columbus.



Steam Train Visit to Foundation!

On Wednesday, Foundation were visited by Ian and Ti from Plymouth Miniature Steam. They explained to the children how burning coal creates steam, and steam goes into the piston, causing the wheels to turn. All children handled a piece of coal and asked lots of brilliant questions about the steam engine. The children then had the opportunity to get up close to the engine and ask about the individual parts. Plymouth Miniature Steam runs April - October at Goodwin Park (Southway) every Sunday and is a brilliant, volunteer run railway. They would love to get more local families visiting to ride the engines (and any adults to volunteer to help run the railway!) <https://plymouthminiaturesteam.co.uk/> Thank you Ian and Ti for volunteering and giving up your time!



Stories with Santa

On Monday after school, we held a Stories with Santa event for our preschool friends. We all enjoyed a festive story with Santa himself, along with hot chocolate and cookies, and we even made our very own baubles. It was so lovely to see some new faces and get festive together. Thank you to our Foundation Team for organising this event and thank you to FOLS for their help with the grotto.



Road Safety Assembly

We absolutely loved having Angelique from the Plymouth City Council Road Safety Team visit us. She delivered two engaging assemblies to KS1 and KS2 on the importance of road safety and safe ways to cross the road. The children learned that they need to **Stop, Look, Listen and Think**. We also discussed the importance of considerate parking around our school community to help keep everyone safe. Thank you to Angelique for two very inspiring presentations.



Rock Star Day Friday 12th December

Next week, is our trust-wide annual Times Tables Rockstars Competition where all the nine Connect schools battle it out to clock up the most time on TTRS. To finish the week, children are invited to come to school next Friday dressed as a rockstar. Please don't spend money on outfits- be creative and just crazy hair would be great.

Celebrations

Well done to Harrison in Year 4 who competed in Wheatley Championship Gymnastics recently. Harrison came 4th overall out of 27 in his age category and got 1st place for his floor routine.

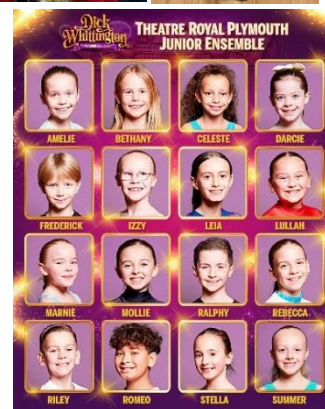
A huge well done to Ryan and Benjamin- and the rest of the Dooley family- for completing a charity Santa bike ride. They raised £100 for FORCE- a local cancer charity.



Well done to Izzy in Year 6 who can finally announce that she is part of the cast for this year's pantomime of Dick Whittington in the Theatre Royal.

Staff Recognition

This week, I would like to recognise Natalie Band- not an official staff member- but a volunteer and our Chair of FOLS (Friends of Leigham School). Natalie is an incredibly dedicated volunteer who leads the team, alongside working in her full-time job and has been instrumental in raising an amazing amount of money for the school in her time as chair. Thank you Natalie! 😊



This is a reminder that next week is the last week of extra-curricular after school clubs.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Barker

Key Dates

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

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| 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) |
| Wednesday 17 th December | Christmas Lunch |
| Wednesday 17 th December | Parents craft afternoon (Nursery) 2.15pm |
| Thursday 18 th December | Rocksteady Concert for children and parents 2.15pm |
| Friday 19 th December | Last day of Term 2- Christmas Jumper Mufti Day |
| Monday 5 th January | Start of Term 3 |

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Term Dates 2025-2026

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Holiday Bank Holiday Non Pupil Days

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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.

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| Ash | - | Spruce | Harlow |
| Oak | - | Beech | Jax |
| Maple | Rowan | Hazel | Evelyn C |
| Palm | Sophia | Fir | Tristan |
| Poplar | Annie | Elm | Summer |
| Willow | Ellis | Pine | Harvey |
| Larch | Polly | Yew | Leo |



Dojo Awards

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

| Key Stage 1 | Key Stage 2 |
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| Palm | Larch |



FAMILY CRAFTERNOON WORKSHOPS



Saturday 13th Dec

Cardboard Christmas 'Gingerbread' Village

2pm - 3.30pm (£15 - 1 child & 1 adult)

Monday 22nd Dec




Christmas paperchain making

2pm - 3.30pm (£20 - 1 child & 1 adult)



**Book
Now!**

Includes

-  Tuition
-  Resources
-  Tea & coffee



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Stitch & Splodge

**SCAN
ME!**

