



Newsletter- Friday 9th January



Happy New Year and a warm welcome back to school! I would also like to extend a welcome to the new children and families who have started with us this week. It was lovely spending time in the Nursery with our new starters on Wednesday!

Letters from the Headteacher

At the start of the Christmas break, some children received recognition letters in the post from me and their teachers to recognise their achievements in the autumn term. We celebrated this in today's awards assembly. Well done to all of those children, we are incredibly proud of them:

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| Nursery | William | Spruce | Louise |
| Oak | Arthur | Larch | Pixie |
| Ash | Jacob-Lee | Hazel | Connor |
| Maple | Rowan | Beech | Amelia |
| Palm | Theo | Fir | Roseanna |
| Poplar | Freddie | Elm | Summer |
| Willow | Grayson | Pine | Korbin |
| | | Yew | Ava |

Dates

Please check the Key Dates box in this newsletter as the current dates for the Spring Term and events have been added. New additions may be added as the term progresses so, please keep a close eye on this each week.

Celebrations

Over the Christmas break Chloe successfully completed her 1000m rainbow swimmer award, swimming 40 lengths of the pool in under 35 minutes. Well done, Chloe!

Well done to Louie in Year 1 who was awarded Player of the Week at the first football training session back after the Christmas break for listening, interaction, and playing well.



Staff Recognition

I would like to thank the team at Leigham who have gone the extra mile this week to ensure that the site was ready and safe for pupils and families. We are waiting for our new site manager to start soon and Steve, site manager at Thornbury, has been so helpful this term and particularly this week. This week, our cleaners have also been flexible with their hours, and many staff have supported with clearing and gritting paths and roads on site during this icy weather to enable us to be able to remain open and as safe as possible given the circumstances.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Barker

Key Dates

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

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| Wb 5 th January (3 weeks) | Year 4 Swimming at the Life Centre each day |
| Thursday 15 th – Friday 16 th January | Young Voices Event in Birmingham |
| Friday 13 th February | Last day of Term 3 |
| Thursday 29 th January 1.15pm | Year 5 Learning Together Session |
| Thursday 5 th February 2.30pm | Year 2 Class Assembly |
| Friday 6 th February 2.30pm | Year 4 Class Assembly |
| Friday 13 th February 2- 3pm | Foundation Learning Together Session |
| Wb 9 th February | Bikeability for Year 5 and Balanceability for Year 1 |
| Wb 9 th February | Book Week |
| Monday 16th – Friday 20th February | HALF TERM |
| Monday 23 rd February | First day of Term 4 |
| Tuesday 3 rd March 2.15-3.00 | Year 3 (Larch) Learning Together Session |
| Wednesday 4 th March 2.15-3.00 | Year 3 (Spruce) Learning Together Session |
| Thursday 12 th March 2.00- 3.00 | Year 1 Learning Together Session |
| Thursday 12 th March 2.15 | Parent Workshop led by MHST – 'Separation Anxiety' |
| * Date might change* | |
| Monday 23 rd March 2.15- 3.00 | Year 6 Learning Together Session |
| Wednesday 25 th March | PARENTS EVENING |
| Wednesday 25 th March 1.30-3.00 | Year 4 Learning Together Session |
| Tuesday 31 st March | PARENTS EVENING |
| Thursday 2 nd April 2.00- 3.00 | Rocksteady Concert and last day of Term 4 |
| Friday 3 rd April | BANK HOLIDAY |
| Monday 6 th - Friday 17 th April | EASTER BREAK |
| Monday 20 th April | First day of Term 5 |
| Monday 4 th May | BANK HOLIDAY |
| Friday 22 nd May | Last day of Term 5 |
| Monday 25 th - Friday 29 th May | HALF TERM |
| Monday 1 st June | Non Pupil Day |
| Tuesday 2 nd June | First day of Term 6 |
| Friday 17 th July | Last day of the academic year |

Connect Academy Trust
Term Dates 2025-2026

| September 2025 | | October 2025 | | November 2025 | | December 2025 | |
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Term Dates 2026-2027

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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 | Evie | Spruce | Charlotte |
| Oak | Macie | Beech | Hayden |
| Maple | Albie | Hazel | Joseph |
| Palm | Neytiri | Fir | Gracie-Mae |
| Poplar | Esmae | Elm | Isabelle |
| Willow | Stanley | Pine | Nancy |
| Larch | Connor | Yew | Isabelle |



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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| Poplar | Spruce |