



## Newsletter- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> 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:

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

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

Connect Academy Trust  
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](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>	Evie	<b>Spruce</b>	Charlotte
<b>Oak</b>	Macie	<b>Beech</b>	Hayden
<b>Maple</b>	Albie	<b>Hazel</b>	Joseph
<b>Palm</b>	Neytiri	<b>Fir</b>	Gracie-Mae
<b>Poplar</b>	Esmae	<b>Elm</b>	Isabelle
<b>Willow</b>	Stanley	<b>Pine</b>	Nancy
<b>Larch</b>	Connor	<b>Yew</b>	Isabelle



## Dojo Awards

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

<b>Key Stage 1</b>	<b>Key Stage 2</b>
Poplar	Spruce