



Newsletter- Friday 13th February



Children's Mental Health Week

This week was Children's Mental Health Week, and the theme was **"This Is My Place."** We know that our sense of belonging as individuals, in our friendships, in school, and in communities plays a vital role in our mental health and wellbeing. In school, we've been celebrating what makes our school a place where everyone has a space, a voice, and a sense of belonging.



Book Week

We have had a great time for Book Week with our theme 'Tell me a Story...'. We have had lots of opportunities to develop our oracy skills to talk about stories and make up our own. Doors have been decorated and new stories have been created, written and shared with other classes. We had a story telling teacher swap this week too. We were so impressed with the number of homework competition entries. Thank you for making this week so much fun! We look forward to seeing your costumes for **World Book Day on Thursday 5th March.**



Competition Winners

Maddison	Rowan	Freya	Evelyn	Evelyn-Rose	Beth	Stanley
Isla-Rose	Freddie	Effie	Harlow	Ruby	Ella	Elsie

Balance and Bikeability

Year 1 have had lots of fun during their Bikeability Balance sessions this week. They have all worked so hard and gained so much confidence riding like a kangaroo, giraffe and gliding like a bird. It has been a pleasure to watch their skills improve as they have learnt to navigate different challenges with gliding, stopping with a break and changing direction.



Year 5 have thoroughly enjoyed their time on their bikes this week! They learnt essential skills to enable them to cycle safely around our local area. This has put them one step closer to independent cycling and adventure. The instructors commented on how polite the children were throughout the week! It was wonderful to see their confidence grow! Well done, Year 5!

Year 3 and 4 Football

Well done to the group of Year 3 and 4 children who attended a football competition at Marjons on Tuesday. Despite the constant rain, the team shone with their work rate and creativity on the ball. They secured 3 wins, one draw and one defeat to qualify through the group stage conceding only two goals along the way. In the quarter final against Horrabridge Primary School, they showed great resilience to come from a goal down and secure a 4-1 win to progress. In the semifinal against Manadon, the two teams were evenly matched as they were in the group stage but unfortunately this time round, they narrowly lost 2-1. However, the team were rightly proud of how well they played, and it will be a great experience going forward.



Athletics

Earlier this week, twelve Key Stage 2 children competed in the indoor athletics championships at Plymouth Life Centre. All the children participated in both sprint and field events against 10 other schools. They performed brilliantly and there were some excellent examples of powerful running, throwing and jumping techniques. Well done to everyone who took part.



Football Event

Some of our KS2 pupils took part in a football event earlier this week and were a real credit to the school. Throughout all of their games, they demonstrated excellent teamwork, passing and dribbling skills, and impressive resilience in every match they played. They represented our school with real pride, and it was wonderful to see their smiles throughout the day. Well done to all the girls who took part.



Letters from the Headteacher

15 letters (one for each class) have been written, signed, sealed and posted today to recognise some amazing learning and achievements this term. Well done to the worthy recipients who will receive their letters at home in the coming days. We will celebrate this when we return after half term.

Celebrations

Well done to Alex in Year 6 who was awarded his Grade 1 in drumming, receiving a distinction.



Well done to Reeva in Year 5 for receiving player of the week for her football team.

Staff Update

Today we say a sad farewell to Miss Roe who is leaving Leigham after 5 years. Miss Roe is an incredibly passionate and enthusiastic teacher and has had a significant impact on the children in her classroom and beyond. Alongside her classroom roles, Miss Roe has jointly led science across the school, started our Planet Protectors and has been involved in sustainability projects across the Trust. I'd like to thank her for her commitment to the school (her own primary school as a child) and wish her the very best for the future.



Have a lovely half term week,
Mrs Barker



FOLS Newsletter

February 2026

Upcoming events

Wednesday 29th April 2026— Spring Disco

We will be hosting our second disco of the year and more information will come out to your children so please keep an eye out for it. We will be changing the booking process for all children and there will be a final deadline, tickets will not be able to be purchased on the day for health and safety reasons. All children must have a signed form to be able to attend.

We are always looking for new ideas for events/ fundraising activities so if you have any ideas please contact via email or facebook

Facebook page

Please follow our page to be kept up to date with all our events



What have we done?



Autumn Disco

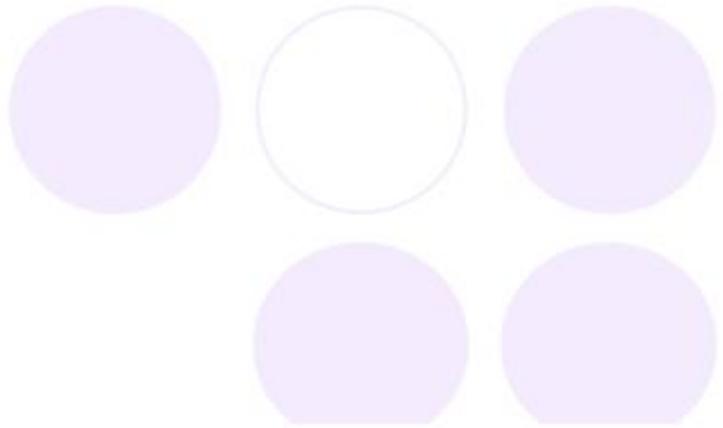
We hosted our Autumn disco back in October which was a huge success.



Christmas Event

We hosted a new Christmas event this year to get everyone in the mood with a fabulous brass band and had lots of little ones visit Santa in his grotto

Our current FOLS Chair will be stepping down at the end of this school year, and as several long standing members move on, we urgently need new volunteers to join the committee. Without fresh support, FOLS will not be able to continue, and many of the events and opportunities it provides for our children would sadly come to an end. If you can spare a little time and would like to help keep FOLS alive, we would love to hear from you—your contribution, big or small, can make a real difference. If you are keen to come to a meeting to see what we are all about please email the team at fols@leigham-primary.plymouth.sch.uk or contact us via the facebook page.



What have we helped to provide for the school?



Christmas activities

- All children enjoyed a festive lunch back in December with crackers provided by FOLS to go with their meal.
- Every class received money to enhance class Christmas activities
- Books were given to all KS1 children as a small Christmas present

Children's rewards

We are supporting the school with rewards for children

- ♥ Hot chocolates for the star readers of the week
- ♥ Golden table and tea party treats
- ♥ DOJO rewards for each class



Other items funded by FOLS

- Accelerated reader books. FOLS have purchased some new books for all children to use as part of the accelerator reader programme.
- Nursery will be purchasing some new items to help with the children's development
- Large playground games have been purchased to increase the activities for all children during break times.
- Cookery club after school has been funded by FOLS to enable the children to cook up a storm in the kitchen!

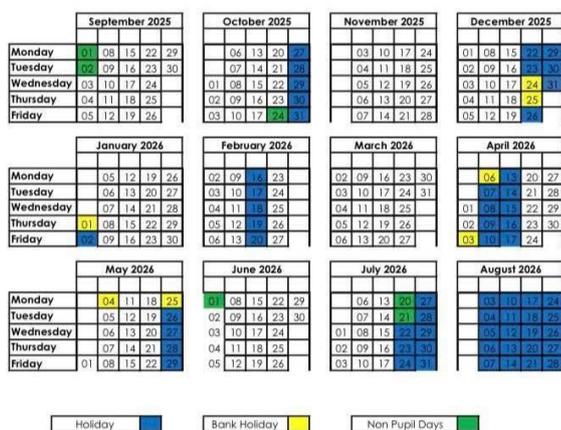


Key Dates

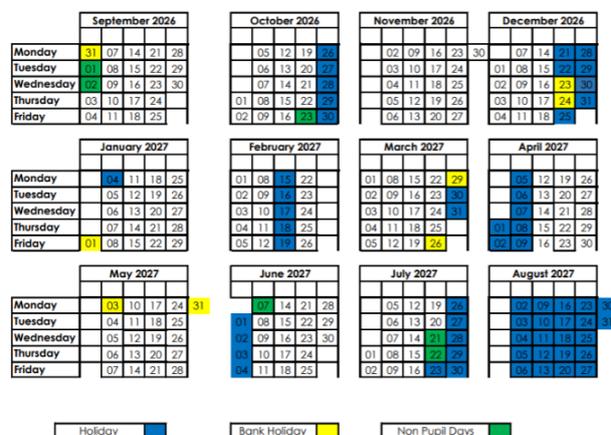
*Please check this section each week as new dates are added frequently.

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 5 th March all day	World Book Day dress up
Thursday 12 th March 2.00- 3.00	Year 1 Learning Together Session
Monday 16 th March 9.15-10.15	Nursery starters Stay & Play Session
Thursday 19 th March 9-10 * NEW DATE*	Parent Workshop led by MHST – ‘Separation Anxiety’
Monday 23 rd March 2.15- 3.00	Year 6 Learning Together Session
Wednesday 25 th March	PARENTS EVENING (All classes)
Wednesday 25 th March 1.30-3.00	Year 4 Learning Together Session
Monday 30 th March	PARENTS EVENING (OAK CLASS)
Tuesday 31 st March	PARENTS EVENING (All classes except Oak)
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 20 th April	New Nursery starters Home Visits
Tuesday 21 st April	New Nursery starters Home Visits
Wednesday 29 th April	FOLS Spring Disco – more information to follow
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

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Spring Term 2026



Week 1 Menu

Served weeks commencing 9th March, 30th March, 4th May

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal	Pork Sausages	Homemade Beef Lasagne	Roast Chicken with Gravy	Mild Beef Chilli Con Carne	Fish Fingers & Tomato Ketchup
Vegetarian	Vegetarian Sausage (v)	Vegetarian Lasagne (v)	Vegetarian Mince & Onion Pie (v)	Vegetable Enchilada (v)	Cheese & Tomato Pizza (v)
Seasonal Vegetables	Mashed Potato, Garden Peas, Carrots	Sweetcorn, Mixed Garden Salad, Diced Herby Potatoes	Roast Potatoes, Green Beans, Carrots	Fluffy Rice, Sweetcorn, Broccoli	Oven Chips, Garden Peas, Baked Beans
Sandwiches	Choose Ham, Cheese or Tuna Mayo				
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato topped with either Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato topped with either Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato topped with either Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato topped with either Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato topped with either Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise
Desserts	Lemon Sponge with Custard	Shortbread Finger with Fruit Wedges	Iced Chocolate Sponge	Apple Crumble & Custard	Famous Fruity Friday

AVAILABLE DAILY:

Choice of Freshly Baked Bread, Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt, Jelly and Water.

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Week 2 Menu

Served weeks commencing 23rd Feb, 16th March, 20th April, 11th May

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal	Beef Burger in a Bun	BBQ Chicken	Roast Turkey with Gravy	Tasty Chicken Wrap	Fish Fingers & Tomato Ketchup
Vegetarian	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Pinwheel (v)	Chickpea and Vegetable Biryani (v)	Vegan Quorn Sausage (v)	Cheese & Tomato Pizza (v)	BBQ Vegetable & Bean Wrap (v)
Seasonal Vegetables	Roast Potato Wedges, Mixed Garden Salad, Coleslaw	Fluffy Rice, Garden Peas, Broccoli	Roast Potatoes, Green Beans, Carrots	Roast Potato Wedges, Sweetcorn, Mixed Garden Salad	Oven Chips, Garden Peas, Baked Beans
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Desserts	Jam Sponge	Mini Sultana Cookie with Fruit Slices	Pineapple Upside Down Cake & Custard	Chocolate Brownie	Famous Fruity Friday

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Choice of Freshly Baked Bread, Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt, Jelly and Water.

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Week 3 Menu

Served weeks commencing 2nd March, 23rd March, 27th April, 18th May

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal	Cheese, Tomato & Ham Pizza	Mexican Chicken & Rice	Roast Gammon with Gravy	Pasta Bolognese	Fish Fingers & Tomato Ketchup
Vegetarian	Mixed Bean Fajita (v)	Macaroni Cheese (v)	Roast Quorn Fillet with Gravy (v)	Vegetarian Chilli & Rice (v)	Vegetable Fingers (v)
Seasonal Vegetables	Roasted Potato Wedges, Mixed Garden Salad, Coleslaw	Warm Baguette, Garden Peas, Broccoli	Mashed Potato, Carrots, Green Beans	Bread, Sweetcorn, Broccoli	Oven Chips, Garden Peas, Baked Beans
Sandwiches	Choose Ham, cheese or Tuna Mayo				
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Desserts	Shortbread	Chocolate Sponge with Custard	Banana Home Bake	Chocolate Cookie	Famous Fruity Friday

AVAILABLE DAILY:

Choice of Freshly Baked Bread, Salad Bar, Fresh Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt, Jelly and Water.