



Newsletter- Friday 20th March



Girls' Football Successes

Congratulations to our Year 3 and 4 girls football team who attended the PSSP U9 Football Cup at Marjons on Friday afternoon. The girls won three games and drew one (conceding no goals) which means they finished top of their pool and have qualified for the regional finals in May! A huge achievement and we are extremely proud of the way they played and represented our school.



There was more girls' football success on Monday afternoon as our Year 3 and 4 girls competed in the latest round of the Plymouth Argyle Cluster League event at Manadon Hub. Although there were only three schools this week, this meant there was the opportunity to play longer matches and improve their attacking and defending skills. The team were fantastic, winning both games, scoring seven goals and conceding none. The results mean the team have qualified for the finals in a few weeks' time.



Mountain Biking

What a beautiful day at Newnham Park for the very first Plymouth Schools Sports Partnership's Mountain Biking event this week! There were two challenging multi-terrain courses for all the children to compete both individual and relay races. The children were fantastic, showing great courage and resilience to complete the courses. Their hard work and determination paid off as they secured a silver and bronze in the mixed relay races. Congratulations Team Leigham!



Societree Planting Day

Children from Nursery to Year 3 spent the day on Tuesday working with SocieTree to plant our new micro forest at the front of the school. It is great that so many children could be part of this project and will be able to watch their trees grow as they move through the school. I was also asked to plant my own tree which was a lovely way to mark the end of my 21 years here. A huge thank you to Mrs Stinchcomb for coordinating this project.



MHST Parent Workshop

On Thursday we hosted a parent workshop led by the Mental Health Support Team with a focus on Separation Anxiety. Thank you to the parents who came along and to Mrs Blackmore (Y2) for organising this.

Comic Relief Break the Rules Day

Thank you all for your kind donations for our Break the Rules Day in aid of Comic Relief. We will post an update on Facebook when we know the total amount raised.

Please take a moment to read both the latest Mental Health and Wellbeing Newsletter and the Maths Update which are further on in the newsletter

Celebrations

Keelan in Year 4 attended his first Plymouth Argyle Academy Presentation this week, after doing 2 years in pre academy and completing his first year in the foundation phase of the academy. After an amazing season he was nominated as goal of the season for under 9's and won! Well done Keelan.



Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Barker

Key Dates

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

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)
Wednesday 1 st April 17:00 – 17:45 *NEW*	Nethercott Parents Information Meeting
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



Mental Health & Wellbeing Newsletter

Spring Term 2 2026

Welcome to the Spring Term Mental Health and Wellbeing Newsletter. Here you will find useful ideas, tips and links to help support the positive mental health and wellbeing of your child. Mental Health and Wellbeing has never been so important and here at Leigham Primary School we endeavour to provide a safe, supportive environment and challenge the stigma.

What's New?

Stormbreak

We're a Stormbreak School!



This term, we have launched Stormbreak, a programme that provides movement breaks for every child.

Stormbreaks combine short bursts of movement with simple moments of reflection, helping to support both physical activity and mental wellbeing during the day.

Each activity links to one of five key mental health concepts:

- ♥ Resilience – learning how to keep going when things feel challenging.
- 🤝 Relationships – building positive connections and supporting one another.
- 🧠 Self-awareness – recognising our feelings, thoughts, and how our bodies respond.
- 🌟 Hope & Optimism – focusing on positive thinking and looking forward.
- 🧘 Self-care – taking small steps to look after our bodies and minds.



Watch Kai's story to learn more about Stormbreak:

<https://youtu.be/9OZZG8t8kT0>

ELSA

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ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistants) are specially trained members of school staff who help children understand and manage their emotions. They work with pupils individually or in small groups to build confidence, develop coping skills, and support positive relationships. ELSAs provide a safe, calm space where children can talk about their feelings and learn strategies to help them thrive both in and out of the classroom.

If you think your child may benefit from receiving ELSA support, please speak to your child's teacher.

Here are our Leigham ELSAs.



Maths Updates



Excitingly, we have subscribed to NUMBOTS. This is a fun, online resource for children to practise key mathematical skills e.g. adding, subtracting and number bonds. The more fluent they are with their number facts, the easier they will understand more challenging concepts as they move through the school.

All Key Stage 1 children have been given a username and password.

We are also eager to share that we are going to be focusing on the children's successes on Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS). All children have access to their heatmap (image to the right) and have been shown where to find it on TTRS. These heatmaps show which times tables facts your child can answer fluently (under four seconds) and which they still need to learn

	10	2	5	3	4	8	6	7	9	11	12
10	10 x 10	10 x 2	10 x 5	10 x 3	10 x 4	10 x 8	10 x 6	10 x 7	10 x 9	10 x 11	10 x 12
2	2 x 10	2 x 2	2 x 5	2 x 3	2 x 4	2 x 8	2 x 6	2 x 7	2 x 9	2 x 11	2 x 12
5	5 x 10	5 x 2	5 x 5	5 x 3	5 x 4	5 x 8	5 x 6	5 x 7	5 x 9	5 x 11	5 x 12
3	3 x 10	3 x 2	3 x 5	3 x 3	3 x 4	3 x 8	3 x 6	3 x 7	3 x 9	3 x 11	3 x 12
4	4 x 10	4 x 2	4 x 5	4 x 3	4 x 4	4 x 8	4 x 6	4 x 7	4 x 9	4 x 11	4 x 12
8	8 x 10	8 x 2	8 x 5	8 x 3	8 x 4	8 x 8	8 x 6	8 x 7	8 x 9	8 x 11	8 x 12
6	6 x 10	6 x 2	6 x 5	6 x 3	6 x 4	6 x 8	6 x 6	6 x 7	6 x 9	6 x 11	6 x 12
7	7 x 10	7 x 2	7 x 5	7 x 3	7 x 4	7 x 8	7 x 6	7 x 7	7 x 9	7 x 11	7 x 12
9	9 x 10	9 x 2	9 x 5	9 x 3	9 x 4	9 x 8	9 x 6	9 x 7	9 x 9	9 x 11	9 x 12
11	11 x 10	11 x 2	11 x 5	11 x 3	11 x 4	11 x 8	11 x 6	11 x 7	11 x 9	11 x 11	11 x 12
12	12 x 10	12 x 2	12 x 5	12 x 3	12 x 4	12 x 8	12 x 6	12 x 7	12 x 9	12 x 11	12 x 12

and practise. After they can do this and successfully answer all the times tables up to 12, their heatmap will turn green. Once this happens, they will receive a 'Gone Green' certificate during our celebration assembly. They will need to continue practising to keep their heatmap green. The more they practise, the quicker they will become!



It would be wonderful to see the children practising their number facts, on either Times Table Rock Stars or NUMBOTS, 3 times a week.

Lastly, in the next week or so you should find that your child has a Beat Your Score tracker stuck within their reading records. This is to allow you to see and track which Beat Your Score your child is working on or ones that they have already achieved throughout the year. We will no longer be handing out BYS certificates.

BYS sequence in Year 3																		
Children have 4 minutes to complete their set of questions. If they get the majority right 3 times, they move onto the next. The below shows the BYS worksheet that your child is currently on. Please speak to your class teacher if you require a sheet to practise at home.																		
100 more to 100	100 less to 100	10 more to 100	10 less to 100	HTO + -1	HTO + -10	HTO + -100	2 5 10 X and +	3 X and +	4 X and +	8 X and +	Mixed 2 5 10 3 4 8	Multiply by 2 or 3 digit by 1-digit	Unit fractions	Non unit fractions	Comparing fractions	Making 1 whole	Telling the time to 1 minute	Year 3 mix

Thank you!

The Maths Team- Mrs Machin, Mrs James and Mr Bradley

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	Frank	Spruce	Noah M
Oak	Rhys	Beech	Athena
Maple	Lucy	Hazel	Theo
Palm	Freddie	Fir	Reef
Poplar	Freddie	Elm	Ava T
Willow	Violet	Pine	Ryder
Larch	Willow	Yew	Leo



Dojo Awards

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

Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2
Poplar	Pine

Gone Green Certificates

Each week, the staff will check which children in KS2 have turned their heatmap green on Times Table Rock Stars. This means they know their times tables fluently. They will receive a certificate to show this achievement.





FOLS SPRING DISCO

Wednesday 29th April 2026

★ **Foundation & KS1 – 15:15 to 16:15**

★ **KS2 – 16:15 to 17:30**

£3 per child, includes drink and a snack.

Tickets will be available to purchase on the following dates outside reception before and after school – cash only please.

- Thursday 26th March
- Friday 27th March
- Tuesday 31st March
- Thursday 2nd April
- Monday 20th April (AM ONLY)
- Wednesday 22nd April

Ticket deadline

Due to supervision and health and safety requirements, tickets must be purchased by Wednesday 22nd April 2026

Tickets will not be available after this date and no late sales will be accepted under any circumstances, including on the day of the disco. Children without a pre-purchased ticket will not be able to attend.



A JOINT CREATIVE ARTS AND CRAFT ADVENTURE!



EASTER HOLIDAY CREATIVE WORKSHOPS

Free for
eligible families
or £30 for
private spaces



Free Fit and Fed spaces available
for eligible Plymouth children

Each session will include a range of arts and craft as well as getting out in nature (weather depending), crafting outside and fun and games!



Foundation,
KS1 & KS2

Rees Centre
Plympton

Thursday 16th
and Friday 17th
April 2025

9am - 1pm
(drop off session)

Lunch
included

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For booking queries contact:
emmaginationcraft@yahoo.co.uk or 07776141293

EASTER HALF TERM



Estover Library

Tuesday 31 March, 3.30pm to 4.30pm

Come along and make a spring note pad to write down all your springtime memories. Also make an Easter card for your loved ones

Suitable for children and families



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EASTER HALF TERM



Estover Library

Tuesday 7 April, 1pm to 3pm

Let's get ready to plant our spring flowers by making your very own seed snail. Once germinated, it'll be ready to plant in your pots.

Suitable for children and their families



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