



Newsletter- Thursday 2nd April



Easter Service

Thank you to everyone who was able to come and join us for the Easter Services this week. The children did such a great job saying their words and singing so beautifully.

Guiding Lights

Our lighthouse for the St Luke's Guiding Lights trail is now complete. A huge thank you to all of the children across the school whose ideas were incorporated into the design. Thank you to the artists in Key Stage 2 and Mrs Vaudin who have spent countless hours bringing our lighthouse to life. We held a lighthouse design competition amongst all of our pupils and the most creative entries were chosen and awarded with a certificate and Easter egg in this morning's assembly. Well done to:

Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
Evelyn D	Lyra R	Louie R

The children, parents and staff all thought about ideas for a name for our light house and we have taken lots of ideas to come up with our final name to accompany the description which will accompany the lighthouse on the St Luke's Trail. We can't wait to see it in the summer as part of the lighthouse trail.

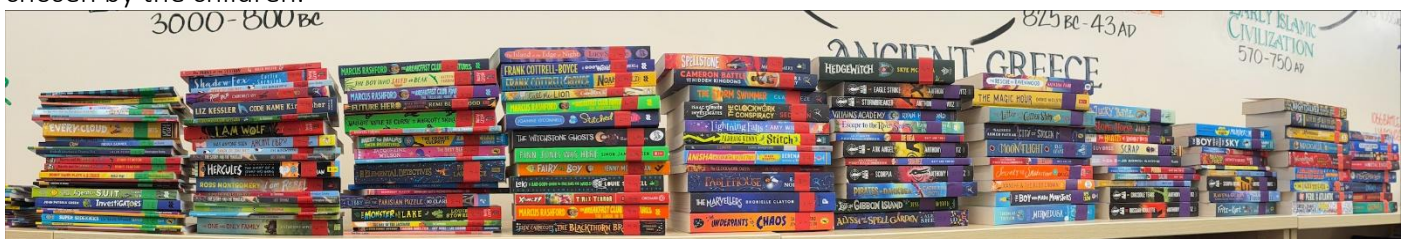
'Leigham's Beacon of Everlasting Love'

Our lighthouse's final design was created from an amalgamation of children's ideas throughout the school - valuing each and every idea. It is painted in shades of blue and yellow- our school colours- and the sea creatures are inspired by our unique Ocean Curriculum On the very top sits a starfish, symbolising our school's Starfish Club. This is run by our Compassionate Friends staff to support children who have experienced bereavement or anticipatory grief.

As a school proud to hold St Luke's Compassionate School Status, this lighthouse shines as a powerful symbol of care, empathy, and togetherness. It reflects our deep commitment to nurturing one another, offering warmth and understanding, and standing side by side as a school community. In moments of challenge and uncertainty, it guides us with hope and compassion, reminding every member of our school family that they are seen, supported, and never alone.

New Library Books

We are incredibly lucky to have been able to purchase a huge selection of new books for the library funded by FOLS (Friends of Leigham School). Mrs Biggs (who used to be our Business Manager) kindly gave up her spare time to label and prepare them for Accelerated Reader and they are now in the library ready to be chosen by the children.



Connect Games- Squares

On Friday last week, some of our Year 4 children participated in the latest instalment of the Connect Games at Manadon Primary School. They played the game of Squares which is a throwing and catching game and competed in lots of matches against other teams from our Connect Academy. They represented the school brilliantly and returned to school with huge smiles on their faces.



Rowing Event

On Wednesday afternoon, some Year 5 and 6 pupils represented our school at the annual Indoor Rowing Championship at Plymouth Life Centre. They all competed in an individual race as well as a team event. They showed some incredible determination, power and stamina to complete the races with some of the team placing in the top 3 in their individual heats. Well done to everyone who took part.



The Big Walk and Wheel

Well done to all the children who participated in the recent Big Walk and Wheel 2026 event. This annual event helps to promote the benefits of a healthy lifestyle and having a positive impact on the environment. Congratulations to our KS1 winners, Ash class who completed 153 active journeys over the two week period and Beech class in KS2 who completed 130 active journeys. In total, the whole school amassed 1,399 active journeys which was an average daily participation percentage of 45%. Thank you to everyone who supported this event.

Letters from the Headteacher

This week, I have written and posted this term's surprise Letters from the Headteacher and they are winging their way to one member from each class. Mrs Pimlott is looking forward to celebrating with the recipients when you all return after the Easter holidays.

Celebrations

Well done to Pixie in Year 3 who competed in a swimming competition and came away with 4 golds and 1 silver medal. In doing this she broke 4 club records. What an amazing achievement- we're so proud of you Pixie.



Staffing Update

Earlier this week, Mrs Biggs had her final day in school as she started her maternity leave. We would like to wish her all the best and can't wait to meet her new arrival.

I wrote my last letter to you all yesterday and all that is left for me to say is that I wish you all the very best for the future. It has been an honour and privilege to be part of this special school and community. Have a lovely Easter break.

With warmest wishes,
Mrs Barker

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	Sam	Spruce	Lyra
Oak	Daisy	Beech	Sienna
Maple	Noah	Hazel	Harrison
Palm	Theo	Fir	Hallie
Poplar	Rosie	Elm	Freddie
Willow	Grayson	Pine	Rhys
Larch	Pixie	Yew	Josh



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.



Key Dates

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

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

Connect Academy Trust Term Dates 2025-2026

September 2025					October 2025					November 2025					December 2025					
Monday	01	08	15	22	29		06	13	20	27		03	10	17	24	01	08	15	22	29
Tuesday	02	09	16	23	30		07	14	21	28		04	11	18	25	02	09	16	23	30
Wednesday	03	10	17	24		01	08	15	22	29		05	12	19	26	03	10	17	24	31
Thursday	04	11	18	25		02	09	16	23	30		06	13	20	27	04	11	18	25	
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Wednesday		07	14	21	28	04	11	18	25		04	11	18	25		01	08	15	22	29
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Plymouth Miniature Steam
Railway

PENDEEN CRES

SOUTHWAY PLY

Easter
Egg Hunt
£1 EACH

**Sunday
5th April**

1:00pm Til 3:30pm

Raffle draw at 4pm

Trains running from 1:30pm