



Newsletter- Friday 5th June



Welcome Back!

I hope you all had an enjoyable half-term break and were able to make the most of the lovely sunshine. I hope everyone is feeling refreshed, recharged, and ready for the final term of the school year. I would also like to take this opportunity to share how well all of the children have settled back into school this week. I have been incredibly impressed with their positive attitudes and how ready they have been for their learning. They have returned to school focused, enthusiastic, and eager to do their best, which has made for a fantastic start to the term. Well done to all of the children for such a positive return to school!

Letters from the Headteacher

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

Nursery	Florrie	Spruce	Harlow
Oak	Roman	Larch	Henry
Ash	Maddison	Hazel	Evie
Maple	Remy	Beech	Faith
Palm	Alex	Fir	Ben
Poplar	Violet	Elm	Ava
Willow	Freya	Pine	Eloise
		Yew	Adriana

Heatree

Year 6 have had a great week at Heatree! They have completed a range of activities from stream scrambles and adventure courses. They have not let the rain dampen their spirits as they have all engaged fully in the tasks and challenges. They visited Tamakele Island for some pirate-based challenges and enjoyed a Mission Impossible session. The children have been amazing! Thank you to all the staff who supported the children throughout the week to have the best time!



Yepi Class

Yepi class have had a fantastic week here at school and have completed a range of exciting activities. They have had fun decorating biscuits and creating tasty pizzas. They have been taking care of our school grounds with some gardening and enjoyed a walk to the local shop and park. They have played a variety of sports such as football, badminton and table tennis. Thank you to Mrs Bentley, Mrs Tickle and Mrs Turner for leading this group all week and ensuring the children have had the best time!



Christchurch Pentecost

We have been so privileged to welcome the Reverend Claire Hendy from Christchurch at Estover during the summer term to deliver weekly assemblies to KS1 and KS2. We'd like to say a big 'Thank You' to her for coming to see us each week and for their generous donation of cake to celebrate Pentecost for the church's birthday.

Children's Commissioner: The Big Future Survey

Dame Rachael de Souza, the Children's Commissioner for England, has published her final survey. The survey is open to all children in England and asks about childhood today - about the things that worry them, the things they love, the ways they have fun, and the changes they want for a better future. **The survey closes on 23rd October.** You can find it here: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/TheBigFuture/>



Year 3 & 4 Football

This afternoon, we hosted two six a side football friendlies against Thornbury Primary School. For many of our Year 3s and 4s, it was their first opportunity to play football for the school. They played brilliantly and with a great team spirit, particularly being adaptable to playing in different positions to support the team. Our Year 3s really impressed against a strong Year 3/4 team and narrowly lost 6-4. Our Year 4s produced a dominant display, securing an impressive 14-4 win. Well done to all the participants.



Archery

A group of children attended an archery session today led by PSSP. The children did fantastically, learning new skills and showing great enthusiasm throughout the session. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience and represented the school brilliantly. Thank you to Mrs Quigley for accompanying the children and to PSSP for delivering such an enjoyable and engaging event.



Celebrations

A huge congratulations to Oakley, Freddie and Stanley from Poplar and Willow Class, who recently represented their football team, Elm United, in a tournament at the home ground of Saltash United.

They played in scorching heat, and the team showed incredible determination, teamwork and skill throughout the day. We are delighted to share that Elm United went on to win the tournament!

We are all incredibly proud of Oakley, Freddie and Stanley for their fantastic achievement and for representing both their team and our school so brilliantly. Well done, boys!



AI Image Safety & School Websites

As a school, we are following new guidance regarding the publication of photographs on our school website and social media platforms, including Facebook and Instagram. As a result, some of the images we share may look different from those published previously. Photographs may be taken from a greater distance, show children from the side or behind, or feature larger groups rather than individual pupils.

These changes form part of a national safeguarding measure designed to help protect children and ensure their safety online. We wanted to make families aware of these changes so that they understand why our photographs may appear different and why there may be fewer individual images shared online. We appreciate your support as we continue to prioritise the safety and wellbeing of all our pupils.

Staff Shout Out

A huge thank you to Mrs Stinchcombe for all of her hard work in preparing for the relaunch of Leigham's Forest School curriculum. This term, every class will take part in a Forest School session as part of the relaunch, before moving on to a regular timetable slot throughout the next academic year. We are delighted to be able to offer these valuable outdoor learning experiences to all of our children. We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to Mr Haggerty, our Site Manager, who has generously given up his own time to develop and transform the first Forest School area. Through his hard work and dedication, the space has been revitalised into a welcoming and engaging environment where children can learn new skills, build confidence, and connect with nature.

We are incredibly excited about this next stage of our Forest School journey and look forward to seeing the children benefit from these wonderful opportunities.

With warmest wishes,
Mrs Pimlot

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	Effie-Rae	Spruce	Maggie
Oak	Hallie-Louise	Beech	Maya
Maple	Hallie	Hazel	Logan
Palm	Alex	Fir	Albie
Poplar	Esmae	Elm	Elliot
Willow	Amber		
Larch	Franky-James		



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.



Nursery Reading Champion

Congratulations to Eliya-Joy

Key Dates

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

Monday 8 th June	Week 5 of clubs
Monday 8 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check (+Year 2 retakes)
Wednesday 10 th June	New Foundation Parents Meeting at 2pm
Thursday 11 th June	Year 3 Trip to Paignton Zoo
Monday 15 th June	Week 6 of clubs
Wednesday 17 th June	Sports day (KS2 am, FS1 am Nursery 12:00-12:30 and KS1 pm)
Friday 19 th June	Year 3 class assembly at 2:30pm
Monday 22 nd June	Week 7 of clubs
Monday 22 nd - Friday 26 th June	Diversity week
Tuesday 23 rd June	Starfish Club with parents- invite only
Thursday 25 th June	FS2 Trip to Dartmoor Zoo
Thursday 25 th June	Year 1 Trip to the National Marine Aquarium
Friday 26 th June	Express Yourself Mufti day- donations will go towards the Summer Fair
Monday 29 th June	Week 8 of clubs
Tuesday 30 th June	Year 1 Learning Together at 2pm – Clay Fish
Wednesday 1 st July	Year 5 Trip to The Box
Friday 3 rd July	Summer Fair
Monday 6 th July	Year 3 Parents Nethercott Meeting 3:15pm (Drama Hall)
Wednesday 8 th July	Sports Day reserve
Thursday 9 th July	Year 2 School Sleepover
Tuesday 14 th July	Year 6 End of Year Performances at 2pm and 6pm
Thursday 16 th July	Rock Steady Concert at 2pm
Friday 17 th 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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Family Friendly at Plymouth Arts Cinema

The Sheep Detectives (PG)



Tickets
£5

Saturday 6th June, 11am

- Relaxed, accessible, neurodivergent friendly
- Cinema snacks and hot and cold drinks at the bar
- Babies are welcome!

Award-winning local independent cinema
plymouthartscinema.org/whats-on/the-sheep-detectives-pg/



**PLYMOUTH
FAMILY HUBS**



**FAMILY
HUBS**

Pyjamarama

Friday
12th
June

Join us for a Pyjamarama celebration!



Come along in your pyjamas to our
CHATTERBOX GROUPS for stories,
songs, rhymes and fun!



**Tothill
Community
Centre**



10:00am – 11:30am



**Whitleigh
Family Hub**



10:00am – 11:30am



Enjoy stories
and sharing
books together



Sing songs
and rhymes



Meet other
families



Wear your
favourite
pyjamas!



FREE
to attend!

Suitable for babies, toddlers
and pre-school children.

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Year 5

Open Evening

Thursday 11th
June

5pm - 8pm

Your invitation to meet our students, the Principal, and our staff.



Come and see us in action



Formal talks will take place at the following times:

5.15pm

6.00pm

6.45pm

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SUMMER FAIR

Friday 3rd July 2026

3:15 – 5:30pm



- GAMES • RAFFLE • BBQ • CAKES
- GLITTER TATTOOS
- REFRESHMENTS • FREE ENTRY
- ENTERTAINMENT • POLICE
- FIRE ENGINE • BOUNCY CASTLE

Please come and join FOLS and the school team to celebrate
the summer

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Member Association