



Newsletter- Friday 3rd July



Summer Fair

This is a reminder that our Summer Fair is this afternoon, straight after school. Please come along and support the event which has been so well organised and planned for by FOLS.

Connect Games

Last Friday, it was our turn to host the latest instalment of the Connect Games. Some Year 6 Leigham girls and boys participated in the six-a-side football tournament and played some great football. For many, this will be the last time they sport the Leigham Primary School kit before they depart for secondary and we couldn't be prouder of how well they represented the school. Congratulations to Manadon Vale who were today's overall winners.



Tea and Times Tables

A huge thank you to all the parents/carers that could attend our Year 3 Tea & Times Tables event this morning. It was great to see the children engaging in important fluency practice with their adults whilst learning about the many ways that children can be supported at home. A big thanks to our Year 6 Maths Mentors who helped run the session, and Mrs James and Mr Bradley for organising such a fantastic event.

If anyone has any questions about how to support with Times Tables at home, please feel free to get in touch.



Knock Out Champions

Earlier this week, we travelled to the Manadon Hub for the final of the Knockout cup. It was a very exciting final against Bickleigh. For many of the girls, this victory has been years in the making and, for our Year 6s, the perfect way to sign off their time at Leigham. A special shoutout to our star defender who couldn't be there today... and every other girl who has been to football club, shown an interest and helped raise the profile of women's football at Leigham...you are in every way a part of that victorious team!



Field Gun

Mrs Tucker and Mrs Bentley had an amazing day with the team on Saturday and were incredibly proud of them all. They demonstrated fantastic teamwork, determination and supported one another throughout the competition. A special thank you to our Year 6 pupils, as this was their final Field Gun Competition representing the school. They have been wonderful role models, and we are especially pleased that some have enjoyed the experience so much that they have signed up to return next year as Field Gun ambassadors. We are very proud of you all!



Cook Stars Plymouth

Our MKC Heroes children had a fantastic workshop this week with Leanne from Cook Stars Plymouth Central! Thanks to funding from MKC Heroes, the children had the opportunity to make some delicious chocolate brownies from scratch. They had a brilliant time developing their cooking skills, following recipes and, of course, enjoying the wonderful smell of freshly baked brownies! Everyone was able to take their tasty creations home to enjoy at the end of the day. A huge thank you to MKC Heroes for funding this wonderful experience and to Cook Stars Plymouth Central for such a fun and engaging workshop!
@MKC Heroes @Cook Stars Plymouth Central



Year 2 trip to Plymbridge

Year 2 had a fantastic day in Plymbridge Woods this week! We spent the day exploring nature through den building, a nature scavenger hunt, creating beautiful nature art, and had a few games of Pooh Sticks from the bridge. It was wonderful to see the children working together, using their imagination and enjoying our beautiful local area. How lucky we are to have such a fantastic space right on our doorstep! A brilliant day full of adventure, teamwork and smiles was had by all!



Meet and Greet with the Lord Mayor

A big thank you to the Royal Navy for sending us the photos from our meet and greet with the Lord Mayor last week. It was a fantastic experience, and we're grateful to have been part of such a memorable occasion.



Year 1 Learning Together Session

Year 1 have had an amazing Learning Together session this afternoon! Thank you to all the parents who came to support their children to make a clay fish. We were blown away with the children's skill and creativity. We look forward to seeing how they dry and will paint them next week.



Year 5 trip to The Box

Year 5 enjoyed a busy day at The Box today. All the children took part in an Ancient Egyptian workshop; where they experienced creating an exhibition and then had a guided tour around the exhibition rooms and galleries. They asked some great questions and learnt lots of new facts about Ancient Egypt, animals and local history.



With warmest wishes,
Mrs Pimlott

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.

Nursery	Harper		
Ash	Teddy	Spruce	Harry
Oak	Bonny	Beech	Amelia-Jane
Maple	Louie	Hazel	Ryan
Palm	Albie	Fir	Gracie-Mae
Poplar	Nellie-Bleu	Elm	All of Elm
Willow	Nelly	Pine	Marley
Larch	Lincoln	Yew	-



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 Rory this week's Nursery Reading Champion.

Key Dates

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

Monday 6 th July	Allowing late start until 10am (England match)
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 1.45pm 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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Non Pupil Days

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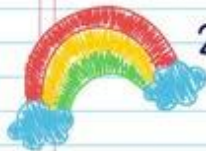
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READY, STEADY, SCHOOL!

Is your child starting school in September?
Would you like some support with this?
Join us for a FREE 6-week course with your
child to our transition to school group.

When: 11th June, 18th June, 25th June,



2nd July, 9th July and 16th July

Time: 1.00pm-2.30pm



Where: Mini City, Royal Parade, Plymouth
Snack included

Spaces are limited, to book a space please email
greenarkcc@actionforchildren.org.uk



FAMILY
HUBS

Plymouth Family Hubs working in partnership with...





Summer Dance Camp

WEEK 1:

MARINE ACADEMY PLYMOUTH
Monday 3rd - Friday 7th August
10:00 - 15:00 (Ages 6+)

**BALLET, DANCE, PERFORMING,
CRAFTS, GAMES & MORE!**



£25 per day
Fit & Fed Spaces Available



BOOK BY EMAILING

INFO@PLYMOUTHBALETSCHOOL.CO.UK

Plymouth Arts Cinema presents SUMMER HOLIDAY CINEMA

Tuesday 28 July - Thursday 6 August



Toy Story 5 (PG)



Shrek (U)



Minions and Monsters (U)

Great British Summer Savings - Child cinema tickets £4.38!
Relaxed, accessible and neurodivergent friendly
Cinema snacks and hot and cold drinks at the bar
Award-winning local independent cinema!

Join us for friendly and social pre-film activities!

LUSH Plymouth Bath Bomb making workshops (£7.50)
Drop-in colouring sessions before selected screenings (FREE)

Info and booking: plymouthartscinema.org



DICE Parenting Programme

DICE is a 4 week free universal support for parents/carers of pre-teens and teens who are worried about parenting in the modern world, with the risks and challenges this presents.

DICE provides families with information, advice and support to help them provide a safe and protective environment for their child or young person.



The programme is running on a regular basis throughout the year, online and face to face. Contact details overleaf for further information or a referral form.

01752 256339

exceed@barnardos.org.uk

[Online referral form](#)

www.barnardosexceed.org.uk



You can email us to be sent a referral form, or follow the link/scan the QR code for our online referral form.

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Session 01: Introduction and the life of a teenager

The teenage brain, why teenagers might take risks and the pressures they face in the modern world.

Session 02: The exploitation of children and young people

Grooming - what is it, how does it happen, where and by whom? How can we spot the signs?

Session 03: Digital dangers

Social media, nudes and the complexities of the online world. How can we be better digital parents/carers?

Session 04: a safe place to share ideas about parenting

Parenting top tips - practical advice and information about communicating effectively, support networks and working together.

The Barnardo's Exceed service is open 9am - 5pm Mondays to Fridays (not including bank holidays). We aim to get in contact with you within 1 working day after receiving your enquiry.

For all enquiries, further information or a referral form please contact - exceed@barnardos.org.uk

SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AT...



MARINE ACADEMY
PLYMOUTH

FOR AGES 6-11

TWO WEEK ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

Flexible booking to meet your needs, book as many days as you require.

Indoor & Outdoor facilities

- **Football Camp**
 - **Fit & Fed spaces available**
- Further information enclosed

Places need to be booked via
samantha.drewery@marineacademy.org.uk

WEEK 2 FOOTBALL CAMP:

**MON 3RD, TUES 4TH, WEDS 5TH,
THURS 6TH AUGUST**

AGES 6-11

9.30AM-3PM (DOORS OPEN AT 9AM)

£15 PER DAY

SPORTS HALL SESSIONS & OUTDOORS ON OUR 3G!

Dribbling, shooting & finishing, skills, free kicks, ball launcher, small sided games, Futsal, World Cups and much much more!

If you love football this is the one for you.



Reminder if you have a Fit & Fed code you can attend this week free of charge.

See back page for more details

Places need to be booked via
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WEEK 1 FOOTBALL CAMP:

**MON 27TH, TUES 28TH, WEDS 29TH,
THURS 30TH JULY**

AGES 6-11

9.30AM-3PM (DOORS OPEN AT 9AM)

£15 PER DAY

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Fit & Fed

Have you a child on Free School Meals or a child with an EHC Plan & receive a unique code? You are able to attend our Football Camp free of charge during our Summer Holiday Activities over the 2 weeks.

Spaces are limited so early booking advised. Email mapfc@outlook.com to book your place, along with your Fit & Fed Code that can be obtained by Plymouth City Council or through your school.



Free School Meals

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Date July 2026

My Ref

Your Ref

Dear Parent/Carer

Important Update – Free School Meals (FSM)

We are writing to inform you about important changes to the Free School Meals (FSM) process following updated government guidance.

The transitional protection for all Free School Meal (FSM) claims, which has been in place since 2018, will end this summer.

We will be reviewing eligibility and updating schools over the coming weeks.

If your child is no longer eligible following this review, you may wish to reapply in September, as additional changes to the Free School Meals come into effect.

From September, there will be two categories of Free School Meals:

- **Targeted FSM**
Students with household earnings of £7,400 or less (these students will continue to attract Pupil Premium and other associated funding, such as the Fit and Fed scheme)
- **Expanded FSM**
Students in receipt of Universal Credit above this threshold (meal entitlement only)

What you need to do

If you are currently claiming Free School Meals, we will recheck your eligibility via the DfE Checking Service using the details you provide at the time of your initial application. Please note if your claim details or the applicant has changed, you will need to reapply for Free School meals.

If your child currently does not receive Free School Meals and you believe you may now be eligible, please complete an application using Plymouth City Council's online system:

<https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

Why this is important?

- Targeted FSM eligibility is linked to certain benefits
- It also ensures that the school receives essential funding.
- Children in both FSM categories will be provided with a nutritious meal during the school day



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

What has changed?

The main change is that eligibility must now be reassessed rather than it continuing automatically. This helps confirm that families still meet the qualifying criteria. All claims will be reassessed each year during the summer. We will email you each year to let you know when this needs to happen.

What happens if I don't reapply due to change of circumstance?

If you do not submit a new application due to a change of claim detail such as your surname, your child's Free School Meals will end, even if you were previously eligible. This is because we will not be able to match your details with your benefit claim to show your eligibility. You will not be entitled from 1 September.

Will my child lose their meals straight away?

All children with a current FSM claim will continue to receive their meals until July 2026. We will update schools over the summer about your eligibility for September.

What benefits qualify for Free School Meals?

Eligibility is based on receiving certain benefits, such as Universal Credit. Full details are available on our website.

Does this affect Universal Infant Free School Meals?

No. Children in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 will still receive Universal Infant Free School Meals regardless of income. However, families are still encouraged to apply, as it may provide additional support and funding for the school.

How long does the application take?

The online application is quick and simple to complete and should only take a few minutes.

What if I need help applying?

If you need help completing the application, please contact your school for support.

Kind regards,

Free School Meals