



Newsletter- Friday 10th July



Summer Fair

A huge thank you to everyone at FOLS and to everyone who came along to our summer fair last Friday and helped make it such a wonderful afternoon. We were delighted to welcome our community police officers, the fire service, ELM Hub, Barnardo's and Torbridge High, who brought along some former pupils to run a fantastic PE game. It truly had a wonderful community spirit and it was so lovely to see everyone coming together. Thank you to everyone who supported the event, we made a cracking **£1513.84**. An extra special shout out to Georgie from Year 4 and some of her friends who sold homemade slime and donated their profit of **£150** to school. This was such an amazing thing to do, well done girls!



Sport's Day Success!

Well done to all of our Nursery, KS1 and KS2 children for taking part in this year's Sports Days. Despite the hot weather, everyone showed fantastic determination, resilience and team spirit and we were delighted that the races could go ahead. A special congratulations to **Buckland House**, who were this year's



overall winners!

Thank you to our wonderful FOLS for providing refreshing ice lollies afterwards and raising **£129.45** on refreshments! A big shout out to Mr E and Mr Walker for their support during the event- it is very much appreciated!

Year 6 Football

On Tuesday, 9 Year 6 Leigham footballers faced off against our regular friendly opponents, Mount Street.

Although we didn't win, fun was had by everyone on the pitch and ended with a mini water fight and ice poles laid on by our hosts.



Forder Valley Fieldwork

Our Year 1, Year 4 and Year 6 children enjoyed visits to Forder Valley Nature Reserve as part of their geography fieldwork. During their visits, they explored the local area, developed their fieldwork skills and linked their learning to science by investigating different habitats and taking part in wildlife hunts. Year 1 compared woodland and coastal habitats as part of their ocean topic, while Year 4 built on their learning about animals and their natural habitats. Year 6 focused on identifying physical and human features within the local area.



Year 5 Learning Together

Year 5 enjoyed their final *Learning Together* session, where they proudly shared their Ancient Egyptian-themed learning, artwork and stories with their grown-ups. Visitors were also invited to explore the fantastic museum the children had created, filled with artefacts and informative displays. Well done to all of our Year 5 children for being such knowledgeable and enthusiastic curators!



Year 5 Football

What a fantastic way to close out another jam-packed year of Leigham sport! Yesterday afternoon, our Year 5 girls played a friendly against a very strong Year 6 Thornbury team and performed brilliantly. The goal was to give many of the team an opportunity to gain more experience in a match situation and they certainly developed as the game progressed. Their team spirit shone through in hot conditions, and it was a pleasure to see them playing with huge smiles on their faces. A great experience to take forward into Year 6.



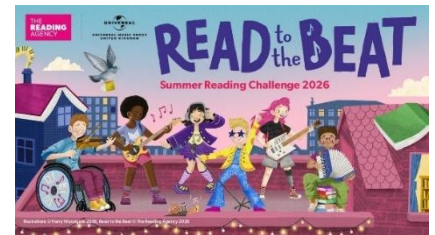
Year 2 Sleepover

Year 2 had a fantastic time at their sleepover, enjoying an evening full of fun activities. The children gathered around the campfire for songs and a story, danced the night away at the silent disco and relaxed together with a movie before settling down for the night. It was a wonderful opportunity to make special memories with friends, and the children were a credit to the school throughout the experience. Well done, Year 2 and a special thank you to the Year 2 team for making this experience happen!



Summer Reading Challenge

Today, we welcomed Sam from Estover Library to our whole-school assembly to tell the children all about this year's Summer Reading Challenge. The 2026 theme, *Read to the Beat!*, celebrates the joy of music and the power it has to move, inspire and connect us through the magic of reading. We hope lots of our children will take part over the summer and enjoy discovering new books while developing their reading skills. More information can be found at the end of the newsletter.



Geographical Model Making Competition

We have been amazed by the fantastic fragile environment models that have already been created! The children have shown great creativity in designing 3D models using recycled materials to highlight environments that can be easily damaged by natural changes or human activity. There is still time to take part! Entries for the Geographical Association competition are due by **13th July**.



Staff Shout Out

A HUGE thank you to **Mr Wren** for organising such a fantastic Sports Day! Despite having to adapt the plans at the last minute due to the rising temperatures and the guidance we are required to follow, he ensured the day was still a great success. As always, the safety and wellbeing of our children is our highest priority, and we are incredibly grateful for Mr Wren's flexibility, organisation and commitment to making sure everyone could still enjoy the event safely.

Celebrations

Robyn in Willow class has just been awarded her grey belt in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu as a result of her dedication over the last 2.5 years. She studies every Sunday at CheckMat and is a great training partner.



Albie from Palm class wanted to share with the school that he got awarded his next level swimming certificate and he was very proud of himself, as were we!

He also got a special effort award for always trying his best, listening and doing his best backstroke.

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	All of our Nursery Friends		
Ash	Jaina	Spruce	Charlotte
Oak	Thea	Beech	Maya
Maple	Leyton	Hazel	Connor
Palm	Kayden	Fir	Ella
Poplar	George	Elm	Sophie C
Willow	Rosie H	Pine	Korbin
Larch	Ezra	Yew	George



Work Experience Champions

A huge thank you to all of our wonderful work experience students who have been an incredible support across the school this week during what has been another typically busy week in primary! They have fully immersed themselves in school life, embraced every opportunity and provided fantastic support to our children with their learning. Their enthusiasm, commitment and willingness to get involved have been a real credit to them. We wish you all the very best for the future. Keep believing in yourselves, work hard, and always **#DreamBig** – we know you can achieve amazing things!

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.

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
Thursday 3 rd September	Start of the Autumn Term

Connect Academy Trust Term Dates 2025-2026

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JOIN US FOR THE

Janner Men's Shed Open Day

**SATURDAY 8TH AUGUST, 11AM – 3PM
AT LEIGHAM COMMUNITY HALL**

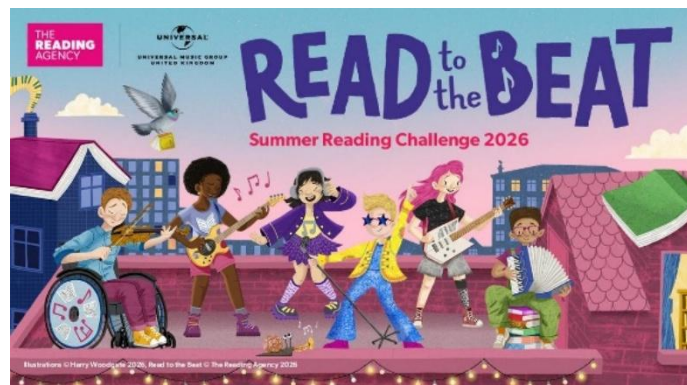
BARBEQUE **CRAFT STALLS** **BOUNCY CASTLE**



JANNER MEN'S SHED

Children must be accompanied by an adult.
Stalls are £10 per table.
Please phone Ryan on 07702 632854 for more details

Plymouth Community Homes



Starting from Saturday 4 July, children visit a [Plymouth library](#) to sign up and pick up a Summer Reading Challenge booklet and borrow books of their choice from the library.

After they have read two books, visit the library to tell us about what they have been reading and collect a sticker.

Once they have completed The Summer Reading Challenge, visit the library to receive a medal. They will also receive a certificate, during their school assembly.

PLYMOUTH LIBRARIES

PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL



Musical Crafts
Fridays in August | From 1pm

Friday 7 August – Superstar glasses and air guitars
Friday 14 August – Windchimes from recycled materials
Friday 21 August – Percussion instruments
Friday 28 August – Yogurt pot telephones

These activities are suitable for children and their families.

01752 305900
library@plymouth.gov.uk
www.plymouth.gov.uk/libraries



Holiday Club

Join us this Summer for our holiday club.

When: 19th, 20th & 21st August
10am-2pm each day
St. Edward's Church Hall, Eggbuckland
Who: 6-11 year olds

Free event - lunch and snacks included (donations appreciated)

ON YOUR MARKS...

Book here using QR Code or email contact@fordervalley.org



Mental Health Support
Team



FUN, FIT & MENTALLY HEALTHY

Move. Groove. Express Yourself.

Come along for a fun and uplifting dance session this summer! We'll explore the **5 Ways to Wellbeing** through engaging discussions and enjoyable dance activities designed to keep us active, boost our mood and encourage positive mental wellbeing.

Leigham Primary School,
Cockington Close, Leigham, Plymouth,
PL68RF

TUESDAY 4TH AUGUST 1:30PM-2:30PM

TUESDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 1:30PM-2:30PM



No need to sign up, just turn up and join in the fun!