



Newsletter- Friday 17th July



We made it! As another academic year draws to a close, it is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on everything we have achieved together over the past 11 months. There is far too much to mention individually, but we are incredibly proud of all that our school community has accomplished. From providing a rich and exciting range of curricular and extra-curricular opportunities for our children, to supporting them in achieving such positive academic outcomes, this has truly been a year to celebrate. We have also enjoyed tremendous engagement and success in sport, expanded our work to promote mental health and wellbeing, and were delighted to achieve our Compassionate School status. I still have to pinch myself that I have the privilege of being the Headteacher of such an incredible school. It is an honour to work alongside such dedicated staff, wonderful children and supportive families. As if all of that were not enough, this final term has been absolutely jam-packed with memorable events, celebrations and opportunities. It has been a fantastic way to round off an exceptional year, and I hope you enjoy looking back at just some of the highlights in this newsletter.

Year 6

Today we say a fond and emotional goodbye to our Year 6 classes, Yew and Pine, as they leave us to begin the next exciting chapter of their lives. They absolutely blew us away this week with their West End-worthy performances of *Shrek*, and we could not be prouder of everything they have achieved during their time at Leigham. I have had the privilege of being part of their journey over the past five years, and it has been a joy to watch them grow into the kind, resilient and talented young people they are today. They are an exceptional group of children, and I have no doubt they will embrace the opportunities ahead, dream big and achieve great things. A special thank you also goes to the parents and families whose journey with Leigham comes to an end today as their youngest child leaves our school. Thank you for your support, trust and partnership over the years-it has been a pleasure to share your children's primary school journey with you. Good luck, Year 6. We are so incredibly proud of every single one of you, and we can't wait to see all that you achieve in the future.



Staff Farewells

Today we say a fond farewell to a few members of staff who are leaving us.

Miss Johnson- who joined our school family 7 years ago with our current Year 6s, Miss Laine- a fabulous teaching assistant in Year 1 who is going on to complete a teaching degree and Mr Williams who is also leaving to go onto university and complete a degree. Not only our pupils dream big but our staff too! We are so sad to see these great staff members leave but would like to thank them for their hard work and commitment to the school and wish them the very best for their futures.

Reports

We hope you have all had the opportunity to read your child's class report and celebrate with them what an amazing year they have had. We look forward to watching them continue to grow and thrive as they begin their next chapter.



Dates and Uniform

Please check the Important Dates section at the end of the newsletter for information regarding the return to school in September. Any uniform can be ordered through the Plymouth Schoolwear Shop

<https://plymouthschoolwear.co.uk/product-category/school/school-leigham-primary-school/> where you can:

- Order online and opt for delivery to be made to school for free – deliveries will be when we return to school
- Order online and pay for postage to your address
- Buy in store (in Mayflower Street)

Holiday Contact

The admin email address will be monitored during the holidays if you have any important queries prior to returning in September. A response may be slower than during term time.

Staff Appreciation

I just wanted to take a moment to thank the incredible staff team at school for all of their hard work and support this year. We are really lucky to have such a dedicated and caring team as part of our Leigham Family who are always going above and beyond for our children and their journey through school.

In September we will welcome the following new staff:

I'm Miss Francis and I am delighted to be joining the school team and am looking forward to getting to know the children, staff, and families. I have a real passion for creating a positive, supportive environment where every child feels encouraged to learn and grow. Outside of work, I enjoy spending time with my family, my horse, and making the most of the outdoors. I'm excited to be part of the school community and can't wait for the year ahead.



Hello everyone! My name is Mrs Lake, and I am so excited to be joining the Year 3 team at Leigham Primary School! I love making learning fun and helping children grow in confidence, develop new skills, and enjoy every day at school. I can't wait to get to know all of the children and become part of the wonderful Leigham community. When I'm not at school, I enjoy spending time with my family, keeping active, travelling, and planning our next adventure. I'm really looking forward to an exciting year ahead and getting to know all the children and their families!



Celebrations

Rhys in year 6 completed the 7.5 miles midnight walk on the 10th of July in just over 3 hours constant walking and raising over £100 for St Luke's Hospice despite the heat and uncomfortable sling for his fractured arm. He even said he would do it again next but maybe the 13 miles. Well done Rhys we are so proud of you.

Honey, Year 4. Honey completed the St Luke's Midnight Walk, walking an incredible 13.5 miles and raising over

£500 for St Luke's Hospice. At just 9 years old, completing 13.5 miles is a huge achievement, and we're so proud of her, she also has been awarded the U10 DJM Respect Award for consistently showing a fantastic attitude, always being polite and respectful, and being kind and supportive to her teammates. We're incredibly proud of her for being recognised for her character as well as her achievements.

We are super proud of Rupert – Willow class for achieving his 600m swim badge last night.

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.

Progress Award

At the end of each academic year, we will be awarding one pupil from each year group a progress award. The progress award will be awarded to someone who has made exceptional progress either academically or in their attitude to learning.

Nursery	Karter- Jay	Foundation	Hero
Year 1	Neytiri	Year 2	Ben
Year 3	Henry	Year 4	Teddy
Year 5	Lexi	Year 6	Riley

Gone Green

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.

Thursday 3rd September

Start of the Autumn Term

Connect Academy Trust Term Dates 2026-2027

September 2026						October 2026						November 2026						December 2026							
Monday	31	07	14	21	28			05	12	19	26			02	09	16	23	30	07	14	21	28			
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Term Dates 2027-2028

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Holiday Bank Holiday Non Pupil Days

MHST SUMMER CRAFT COMPETITION

clay or papier-mâché



tissue boxes



Please email a photo
of your creations by
Friday 28th August!

Include your first
name (only), age and
your carer's email.

Please state whether
you are happy to
have your monster
shared on our
Instagram page!

bubble painting



If we receive enough entries we are hoping to exhibit the
worry monsters at a central location in Plymouth. This
will be at the end of the school holidays. We will keep
you posted - check our Instagram for updates!



livewell.mhst@nhs.net



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The **winner** will receive a voucher prize and their carer will be contacted by
email.

SUPER SUMMER FUN!

**JOIN US AT WATERSTONES PLYMOUTH THIS SUMMER HOLIDAYS
FOR LOTS OF GREAT ACTIVITIES**



Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre

**Wednesday 29th July
11:00am**

Kick off the summer holidays with the creators of the fantastic Adventuremice series, who will be in store for lots of Adventuremice fun.



**Jungle Colouring
with Michelle Beech**

**Wednesday 5th August
11:00am**

Join author and illustrator Michelle Beech for a storytime and jungle colouring to celebrate her beautiful new picture book *The Tiger Child*.

**Frog Mask Making
with Jack Viant**

**Wednesday 12th August
11:00am**

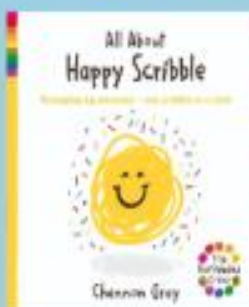
Go frog mad with a crafty frog mask making session accompanied by a storytime from the illustrator of *I Am Going to Jump This Log*.



**Creative Writing Workshop
With Becca Rogers**

**Saturday 15th August
11:00am**

Have a passion for writing? Join author Becca Rogers for a children's creative writing workshop for tips and advice about starting your own book.



**Meet the Scribbles
With Channon Gray**

**Monday 17th August
11:00am**

Untangle your emotions - one scribble at a time. Channon Gray will be here for a storytime to help little ones understand their feelings and making Happy Maps about all the things that bring joy.



**Magic Tricks
With Justyn Edwards**

**Saturday 22nd August
11:00am**

Watch in wonder as author Justyn Edwards will be performing magic tricks to celebrate *The Great Fox* series, but will you be able to work out how they are done?




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PLYMOUTH HOLIDAY CLUBS

- ★ Boringdon Primary School, Plymouth, PL7 4HJ
- ★ Thornbury Primary School, Plymouth, PL6 8UL
- ★ Monday 27th July - Thursday 27th August
- ★ Multi-Activity Club! Including Sports, Arts & Crafts, Games, & Play
- ★ 8:30am - 3:30pm / 8:30am - 5pm

MEGA SUMMER OFFER - JUST £19.99 / £24.99 PER DAY!!

- ★ Available to children aged 4 - 11
- ★ Book at www.premier-education.com/holiday-clubs
- ★ Contact dcrysell@premier-education.com for queries

PROMOTIONS & DISCOUNTS!

- ★ 3x Half price day if you attended during Easter or May 2026!
- ★ 3x Half price days if you've attended 5 or more Premier Education Wrap Around Care sessions this term!

To book promotions & discount message us on Facebook to book
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Our Holiday Clubs keep children active, safe, and entertained throughout the school holidays.

Join us this holiday period as we offer a wide range of fun activities, including sports, arts and crafts, dance and games, all at great value. There's something for every child to enjoy this half-term!

Book now for a holiday full of excitement!



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PLEASE BRING
A packed lunch
Plenty of water
Suitable clothing
Loads of energy!



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PLYMOUTH FAMILY HUBS

INCLUSIVE SESSIONS

Siblings welcome

ALL ACTIVITIES ARE FREE

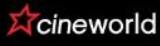
These free activities are being provided to support children with SEND to participate in fun activities with their peers, encouraging friendships and social interactions. Whilst providing parents and carers the opportunity to relax have a coffee and chat.



6th August, 4-5.45pm
Come and join us for soft play fun at 'Jump'
Child's meal included!



13th August, 5-7pm (Please arrive from 4.30pm)
Come along to our exclusive Adrenalin Plymouth session! (5+ years)
Free squash included!
Please be aware you will need trampoline socks these can be purchased on arrival.



20th August, 12.30-2.30pm
Come and join us for a private screening of 'Minions and Monsters' at Cineworld. Film starts at 1pm (no trailers)
Please arrive no later than 12.45pm. Don't forget your snacks for the film!

If you would like to attend any of these events please let us know by scanning here:



Please consider your child's needs to ensure they are able to fully participate in the activities safely. Children do not have to have a diagnosis in order to attend. If you have any questions or need support to book please contact Four Woods Family Hub on 01752 366795

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Thursday 6th August

1pm - 4:30pm

NETHERCOTT HOUSE OPEN GARDEN

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The perfect opportunity to explore the spectacular Nethercott House garden and learn about the charity Farms for City Children, now celebrating 50th years!

All proceeds will go towards supporting the charity and its important work. For more information, head to: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GFKN>

Tickets £7.50, children free

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PLYMOUTH

Argyle Football Camp unless stated

Monday, 27 July
Home Park
Manadon Sports Hub

Tuesday, 28 July
Manadon Sports Hub
Wembury Primary School
- Multi Sports / Gym
The Hub at Foulston Park
- Elite Training Day

Wednesday, 29 July
Manadon Sports Hub
Ivybridge CC
The Hub at Foulston Park
- Elite Training Day

Thursday, 30 July
Manadon Sports Hub
Ivybridge CC

Friday, 31 July
Home Park
Home Park - Girls Only
Manadon Sports Hub

Monday, 3 August
Home Park
Manadon Sports Hub

Tuesday, 4 August
Manadon Sports Hub
Wembury Primary School
- Multi Sports / Gym
The Hub at Foulston Park
- Elite Training Day

Wednesday, 5 August
Manadon Sports Hub
Ivybridge CC
The Hub at Foulston Park
- Elite Training Day

Thursday, 6 August
Manadon Sports Hub
Ivybridge CC

Friday, 7 August
Home Park
Home Park - Girls Only
Manadon Sports Hub

Monday, 10 August
Home Park
Manadon Sports Hub

Tuesday, 11 August
Manadon Sports Hub
Wembury Primary School
- Multi Sports / Gym
The Hub at Foulston Park
- Elite Training Day

Wednesday, 12 August
Manadon Sports Hub
Ivybridge CC
The Hub at Foulston Park
- Elite Training Day

Thursday, 13 August
Manadon Sports Hub
Ivybridge CC

Friday, 14 August
Home Park
Home Park - Girls Only
Manadon Sports Hub

Monday, 17 August
Home Park
Manadon Sports Hub

Tuesday, 18 August
Manadon Sports Hub
Wembury Primary School
- Multi Sports / Gym
The Hub at Foulston Park
- Elite Training Day

Wednesday, 19 August
Manadon Sports Hub
Ivybridge CC
The Hub at Foulston Park
- Elite Training Day

Thursday, 20 August
Manadon Sports Hub
Ivybridge CC

Friday, 21 August
Home Park
Home Park - Girls Only
Manadon Sports Hub

Monday, 24 August
Home Park
Manadon Sports Hub

Tuesday, 25 August
Manadon Sports Hub
Wembury Primary School
- Multi Sports / Gym
The Hub at Foulston Park
- Elite Training Day

Wednesday, 26 August
Manadon Sports Hub
Ivybridge CC
The Hub at Foulston Park
- Elite Training Day

Thursday, 27 August
Manadon Sports Hub
Ivybridge CC

Friday, 28 August
Home Park
Home Park - Girls Only
Manadon Sports Hub




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5-13 YEARS
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