



Newsletter- Friday 11th September



Welcome to Foundation and Nursery Starters

This week, we welcomed new pupils to both our Nursery and Foundation Classes. The children have all settled in so well and have adapted quickly to new routines and environments. I have loved seeing the Tapestry posts from the teams and families about their positive start to life at Leigham Primary School.



Attendance

We are pleased to announce that our whole school attendance for this week was 95.84%. It is really positive to see that it is over 95%, however, we know it can be even higher! In assembly today, classes were informed of our weekly attendance and individual classes who achieved higher than 95% were identified. Each class has been given a target to beat for next week based on their attendance this week. The children have been reminded of the importance of coming to school and being on time, not only for their learning and progress but also their social and emotional well-being. We can't wait to see how we do next week!



Playtime parent survey

We are looking at our playtimes at Leigham Primary School and thinking about how we can improve them by introducing the Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) Primary Programme.

Can you help? We really want to know what you think of playtimes now. Please click this link to complete a short survey: [Playtime at School \(parent survey\) – Fill in form](#)

Thank you in advance.

Website

Please take some time to have a look at our school website and access resources for you to use at home:

<https://www.leigham-primary.plymouth.sch.uk>

Extra- Curricular Clubs

Miss Graham will be coordinating extra-curricular clubs this year and will be contacting parents via email with a list of clubs for the autumn term. As was the case last year, they will be allocated on a first come first served basis. More information to follow- please keep an eye on your emails.

Mobile Phones and Smart Watches

Children in upper Key Stage Two who walk to/from school without an adult are able to bring mobile phones into school. They are to be switched off once on site and handed in to class teachers for safe keeping for the duration of the school day. **Smart watches are not permitted in school.** Step tracker watches without phone/text/camera ability can be worn as long as they are used responsibly. Please can adults collecting and picking up their children, also not be on their mobile phones for safeguarding purposes.



Nut- Free Reminder

This is your annual reminder that we do not allow any items containing nuts in school. Please ensure that your children do not have nuts or items containing nuts in their snack or packed lunches. Thank you for your support with this very important matter.



Uniform

Thank you to all our parents for your effort in making our children look so smart as they have returned for the new school year. We wanted to take this opportunity to remind our whole school community of our uniform expectations. All staff are consistent in ensuring that our children have the correct uniform and PE kit in school. We have spare orange PE tops, as well as plain black joggers and tops, available for any children who may need to change in order to be in line with our school expectations. We also ask that children only wear one pair of small stud earrings. Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain our high standards.

GIRLS	BOYS
Black low-heeled shoes Grey or black skirt or tailored school trousers (not leggings or tights) White shirt – polo or long sleeved Sweatshirt with school badge Royal blue checked or striped dresses in summer is optional White, black or grey socks	Black shoes Grey or black trousers or tailored shorts White shirt – polo or long sleeved Sweatshirt with school badge White, black or grey socks
Sweatshirts can be purchased from the School Office	

PE AND GAMES KIT- this should be worn on PE days for all children. Please ensure that you notify parents if a PE day will change for a new term	
GIRLS	BOYS
Educational Gymnastics: Black shorts and plain house coloured T-shirt Games: Black Shorts/PE skirt, Plain house coloured T-Shirt Plimsolls/Trainers	Educational Gymnastics: Black Shorts and plain house coloured T-shirt Games: Black Shorts, Plain T-shirt in house colour, plimsolls, trainers

Track suits are a very suitable alternative for boys and girls for outdoor games. Trainers may be worn for outdoor games on the playground. Both boys and girls have games on the field and appropriate footwear, giving good grip, should be worn. All shirts to be plain in design, not designer football strips.

Space in the corridors and cloakrooms is limited, therefore, bags should be kept as small as possible and should be clearly labelled with the owner's name.

St Lukes fundraising

St Lukes is the charity that we support here at Leigham Primary. We have two pupils taking part in the Tour De Moor, 11th Oct, if you would like to sponsor them here is the link to their Just Giving page.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/ryan-ben?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL

Important Dates

Please ensure that you check the Key Dates section of the newsletter each week (starting from next week) as it is updated regularly. You can view the weekly newsletters via email, on our website or on our Facebook page. **Please note that we have a Non-Pupil Day on Friday 23rd October, just before the October half term break.**

Celebrations

Rosie - Year 3 - Willow We are so very proud of Rosie that she has now moved up a class for swimming and got her badge and certificate today after starting at the end of the summer holidays 😊

With warmest wishes,
Mrs Pimlott

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 to admin@leigham-primary.plymouth.sch.uk with 'Newsletter Celebrations' in the subject line

Awards Pages

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 the Nursery children		
Ash	-	Willow	Mckenzie-Lee
Oak	-	Larch	Louie
Pine	Aysha	Spruce	Reggie
Yew	Jacob-Lee	Beech	Oskar
Maple	Maddison	Hazel	Connor
Palm	Ruby-Sue	Fir	Sophie
Poplar	Evelyn	Elm	George



Whole School Attendance



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.



Is my child too ill for school?



Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)?

YES Keep them off school until it goes away.

NO Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.	Cold sores Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.	Impetigo They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.	Ear infection If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.
Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	Conjunctivitis Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.	Ringworm See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.	Measles They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.
	Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.	Scarlet fever They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.	Vomiting & diarrhoea Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).
	Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.	Chickenpox Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	
	Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.		

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'

Connect Academy Trust Term Dates 2026-2027



Term Dates 2027-2028

September 2026			
Monday	31	07	14
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Friday	04	11	18

October 2026			
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November 2026			
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December 2026			
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January 2027			
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February 2027			
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March 2027			
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April 2027			
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May 2027			
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June 2027			
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Holiday

Bank Holiday

Non Pupil Days

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COME FOR COFFEE AND CAKE



WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT



Coffee Morning



Friday
25th September |



8.45 - 9.45am



Leigham Primary School

Raising money for
Macmillan Cancer Support



Also a great opportunity
to meet our new Family
Support Advisor, Amy!



All welcome



Cake, coffee, chat & support!





Our **fun and accessible sessions** are for participants **aged 8-11** to explore drama, make new friendships, build confidence and have fun!

Participation in arts activity has an incredible impact on young people, and drama in particular can support growth in confidence, communication skills, empathy, imagination, problem solving and so much more.

Navigators take place on a **Monday evening from 4.30pm- 6pm** at Barbican Theatre Plymouth. We are offering free taster sessions, tiered pricing and no questions asked bursaries, aiming to ensure that anyone who does want to take part can without financial barriers.

Find out more about our sessions here: <https://www.barbicantheatre.co.uk/bt-youth-theatre> or if you'd like to book a free taster session or have any questions, email sally@barbicantheatre.co.uk We look forward to welcoming you to Barbican Theatre.



Pet Service

Sunday 27th September
15:00hrs

St Edward's Church
EGGBUCKLAND

Bring your animal or a photo for a blessing

'A righteous person cares for the needs of their animals'
Proverbs 12:10



ROCK SOLID

FREE YOUTH CLUB FOR YEARS 5-8 MONDAYS 6pm-7:30
CHRIST CHURCH ESTOVER PL6 8UE
GAMES, CRAFTS, SNACKS & EXPLORE FAITH

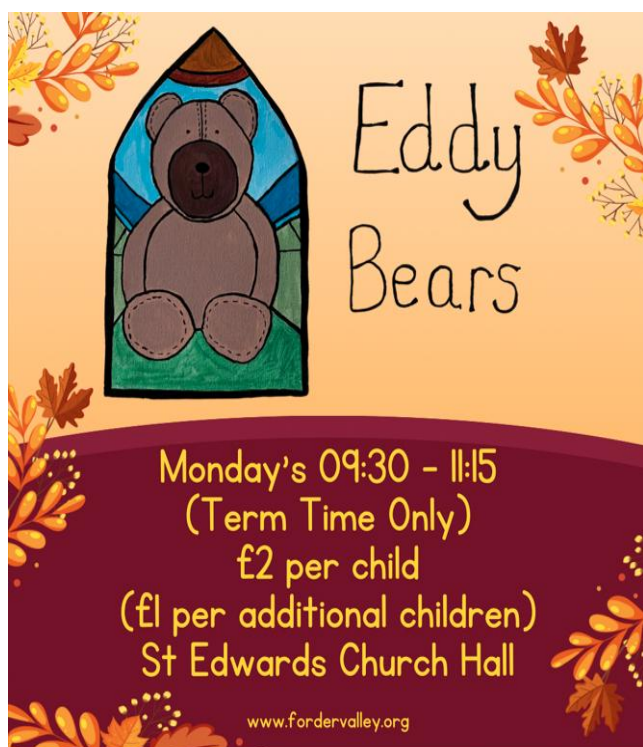
Weekly starting Monday 21st September
Term - time only

 **Forder Valley**  07578668859



JESUS and ME

A new younger youth group for
Years 3-4
Weekly on Mondays 16.00-17.30
to find out more email:
contact@fordervalley.org



Eddy Bears

Monday's 09:30 - 11:15
(Term Time Only)
£2 per child
(£1 per additional children)
St Edwards Church Hall

www.fordervalley.org



St Edward's Church
EGGBUCKLAND

Join us for BUBBLE CHURCH

Every second Sunday
9am
at
St Edwards Church Hall,
Eggbuckland



ATTENTION PARENTS!

WE HAVE A FREE OPEN DAY IN PLYMOUTH!

**SATURDAY
12TH SEPTEMBER 2026**

MIGHTY MATTS (3-6 YEARS)
9:00 - 9.45AM

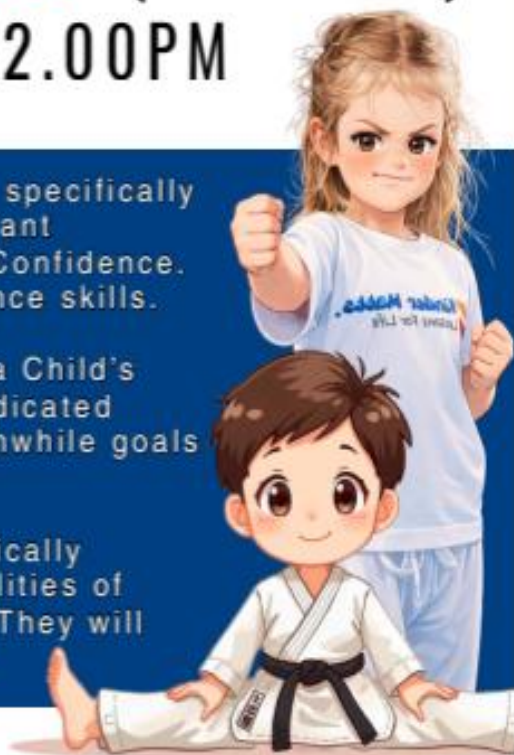
JUNIORS & FAMILY (7+ YEARS)
11:00 - 12.00PM



Our award winning MIGHTY MATT'S programme is specifically designed to help teach 3 to 6 year olds the important qualities of Respect, Discipline, Self control and Confidence. They will also learn great character and self-defence skills.

Our JUNIOR programme works hand in hand with a Child's school work, providing many benefits. Through dedicated intense work our students are taught that all worthwhile goals in life are possible.

Our award winning children's programme is specifically designed to help teach children the important qualities of Respect, Discipline, Self control and Confidence. They will also learn great character and self-defence skills



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Year 5

Open Evening

Thursday 24th
September

5pm - 7.30pm

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:

5.10pm

5.50pm

6.30pm

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