



# Inclusion Newsletter

## Summer Term Update

Leechpool  
Primary  
School



### Introduction:

I am absolutely delighted to have joined the Leechpool family as Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion and Achievement. It's a real privilege to be part of such a caring, committed school community.

I know I have some very big shoes to fill following Miss Payne, who will be greatly missed by children, staff, and families alike. I wish her all the very best in the next chapter of her journey.

A little about me — I bring over 21 years of experience in education, having worked across schools in Yorkshire and Sunderland. I've taught all age groups and, for the past seven years, have held senior leadership roles. During that time, I've led on a wide range of areas including curriculum development, assessment, inclusion, SEND, and safeguarding. Most recently, I was Deputy Headteacher at my previous school, where I supported the team through challenges and contributed to key improvements. I'm deeply passionate about inclusion, equality, and ensuring that every child has the opportunity to reach their full potential. These values are clearly embedded in the ethos of Leechpool, and I'm truly excited to be part of a school that places such importance on nurturing and supporting every learner. I look forward to working closely with you and your children to support them to thrive. Mrs Smith

### Mental Health Awareness Week

The theme for this year is "Community," highlighting the importance of supportive communities for mental well-being.

Spurgeons are offering Free Parent Chats—Ask A Counsellor

A free 20-minute digital chat with one of their qualified counsellors. This is a space where parents can talk about whatever's on their minds when it comes to their children, and the counsellors will be there to support them in the best way they can.

**What:** Free 20-min chat with a qualified counsellor

**When:** 12 - 16 May **Link:** <https://spurgeons.org/how-we-help/family-life/counselling/ask-a-counsellor/>

**MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK**  
12-18 MAY 2025

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May**  
**10am - 12pm**  
**RSPB Pulborough Brooks**

**Free 'Tuning Into Our Senses' Walk, 10.30 - 11.30am**

Join our sensory walk or visit our stand in the yurt at Pulborough Brooks to find out more about getting involved in your local community, volunteering, walking and improving your mental wellbeing. Everyone welcome.

No charge. Chat with us at the yurt and collect your free nature trail entry ticket so you can explore all of the trails at the reserve (valid on this date only).  
Parking free for RSPB members, non-members £3.

scan QR code for venue info

**MEN WALK TALK**

**SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK**

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