

Leechpool Link

Academic Year 2025-2026

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General updates

Dear Families

The month of October is a very busy one at Leechpool, as all the children have now settled into their classes and assessments of the children's strengths have been updated. We have a great deal planned to continue to ensure the children have the right access to the curriculum according to their needs. Further information will be shared in our half termly curriculum newsletter. As a school, we are working very hard to ensure that we are continuing to raise achievement and outcomes across the school in a relevant and engaging way for all children of the school. Full attendance of all children is key to achieving improved outcomes. Attendance across the school for the month of September was 96.2% the national figure for the same period was 95.6%.

The responses from the smartphone survey (sent in July 2025), have been collated and analysed. Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond to the survey, the responses are available to see on our [website](#).

76% of respondents from the survey said that they would be interested in additional support for parents on the topic of smartphones. In response to this, Daniel Sykes (Cyber Protect Officer from Surrey and Sussex Police) will be running a workshop for parents on 20th November in the morning. A letter will be sent with details about how to attend, closer to the time. The workshop will focus on keeping children safe online, and will end with a Q&A session for families.

After School Clubs have started this week led by the teachers. This year we are able to provide a wide range of clubs for the children to enjoy. A big thank you to all the staff who volunteer their time to run the clubs alongside their many duties and responsibilities. Click [here](#) to see all the After-School Clubs this term and future terms.

In August we were very pleased to complete the expansion of Caterpillar Nursery and After-School Club. To see the improvements please follow the virtual link [here](#).

We are enjoying seeing all the children start to use the cookery room. Thank you to Senora Gutierrez for her continued hard work in the cooking room. Keep an eye on our social media accounts for photos of the children at work.



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- 17 Oct Christmas Card Designs to be returned
- 20 Oct Six-weeks in Event at 2.00 p.m.
- 24 Oct Inset Day School Closed to children

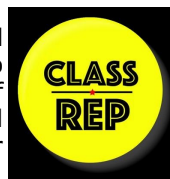
See the Diary Page Updates and the web-site calendar for further dates for this term and 2025-2026.



Class Representatives for Leaf

Leechpool is very successful with its fund raising activities and everyone is fantastic at helping on the days of the events. To make the process even smoother, we are asking for volunteers to represent each class across all year groups so that we have a good communication link to all parents to share updates and information. We know that all classes and year groups have a social media page to share information and we would like to utilise this to get all families involved.

We have sent out a separate letter to explain what is involved and would really appreciate it if we could have volunteers. There would be no face to face meetings and we would aim to hold a short Zoom meeting once a half term to share updates. Meetings would be short and used to update and share ideas. We do hope you will help us with this request. Please register your interest [here](#) by Friday 10 October 2025.



New Intake for September 2026

The school is currently welcoming interest from new families to the school for September 2026. If you have a child due to start school in September 2026, please visit www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions for further information and to make your on-line application.

Tours of the school are currently being organised. If you wish to arrange a visit please contact the School Office who will be happy to arrange a time. The visits last about 30 minutes and children are welcome to visit with their families.

Parent Consultations

A reminder to all families that the Parent Consultations will be held on **Tuesday 11 and Thursday 13 November 2025** from 3.30—6.50 p.m. Children are invited to attend the meetings with parents. All families will have the chance to meet with their child's class teacher to discuss the progress of their child and to identify areas for development. We do hope all families will attend with their children. Information on how to sign up will be shared nearer the time.

Harvest Assembly

We would like to thank everyone for their generous support at our Harvest celebrations. A wonderful collection of tinned fruit, meat and vegetables were collected for Horsham Matters – part of the Trussell Trust. A total of 27 boxes were collected. **A special thank you to the Pupil Voice Committee, Miss Lloyd Jones and Miss Currington for organising the event.**



PE and Games

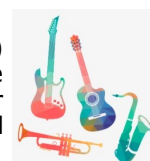
This term the school has already started to participate in a range of competitive sports. The children all enjoy representing the school and take pride in wearing the school sports kits. Staff are excited about the new competitions and have already shown their support of the children by cheering on our different teams.

We have continued to host inter school tournaments with Southwater Juniors and these events have been enjoyed by all. The children have all shown that the result is not everything and taking part is the important thing.



'West Sussex Music Service' – Recorder, Violin and Woodwind Lessons

West Sussex Music Service are currently offering violin, woodwind lessons (flute, clarinet and saxophone) and guitar lessons to children in years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. Lessons are taught in small groups and take place during the school day. There is a fee for lessons and you would need to buy or hire an instrument. For further information, please go to: www.westsussexmusic.co.uk. The link for this is available on the school website.



Mr Gilmore our music teacher also provides a range of private music lessons and can be contacted through the school office.

Inset Day

Inset Day Friday 24 October 2025

The school is **closed to all children on Friday 24 October** for staff training. This will be used to work on our Behaviour Policy and to work on reading and the mathematics focus of reasoning and problem solving.

Reminders

Coats in School

A reminder to everyone that all children need to wear a warm waterproof coat to school so that they can get the most out of break and lunchtimes. Children are encouraged to go out in all weathers. Thank you.

Sickness

All children who are sick or have suffered from diarrhoea should not attend school for 48 hours following the final symptoms. This rule is in place to avoid the sickness being passed on to others in school.

We would also appreciate all families ensuring that we have updated medical and contact details. We have had a number of cases recently where our information on file has not been updated by families and this does cause a delay in contacting families in cases of emergency.

We would like to remind all families that the school is a **nut free zone** and that children must not bring any snacks to school with traces of nuts. We do have to be very strict about this as we currently have children attending the school who are affected by nut allergies. Your help and support with this is much needed.



Bikes and Scooters in and around school



Could we please request that all children who ride to school on bikes or scooters do so appropriately, wearing helmets and giving consideration to other pavement users. We are keen to avoid a serious accident. We would also like to remind you that children **should not be riding scooters or bikes in the school grounds** at the beginning and end of the school day. The school is very busy and we need to ensure that all families are safe following the one-way systems. Thank you.

Could we also ask that families wait with their children for Breakfast Club at 8.00 a.m. and to avoid standing in the road as the gates to the school are being used by staff to arrive for work.

We would also ask that all families are considerate to our neighbours when parking and that vehicles are parked correctly and not obstructing access by dangerous parking on corners and on the pavement. Turning vehicles outside the school is very restricted and should be avoided if at all possible.



If you have any questions regarding this newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. Thank you.

Best wishes

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