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HORSHAM CHILDREN'S PARADE



General Updates

Dear Families

This is the final newsletter for this academic year and again we cannot believe where the year has gone. We would like to thank all families for continuing to support the school in so many ways – it is really appreciated.



This term we have seen the children all go on many trips to support their learning and they have all enjoyed these immensely. Trips have included the Planetarium, Arundel Castle, Tilgate Park, Weald and Downland Museum and First Central County Cricket Ground to name a few!

This weekend on Sunday 6 July 2025 the children will be involved in the Children's Horsham Parade. Children from across the school will enjoy celebrating the music successes of West Sussex and following the drumming band through the town. See more details about the parade [here](#).

Many children also took part in the Annual Tour de Leechpool which was organised to raise money for the British Heart Foundation. The event was enjoyed by all the children who took part and raised £972.80. A big thank you to everyone for supporting the day and especially for the individual sponsored donations, which were very generous.

Yesterday we celebrated our Infant Sports afternoon with lots of support from families. Congratulations to Fire Team (Red) who won the competition. The afternoon was a great event showing collaboration, determination and support from all.

On Thursday 26th June, Key Stage two competed in their sports morning which was a huge success and enjoyed by everyone. The winning team were Earth Team (Green) with 3295 points. We have a number of events leading up to the end of term, we are looking forward to seeing everyone. Please check the school diary to make sure you don't miss anything.

Staffing Updates

On Wednesday (2 July 2025) of this week we will be holding our transition day/afternoon for all children across the school. This will give all the children the opportunity to meet and spend time with their new teachers for next year.

Following a recent recruitment exercise Mr. Burroughs has been appointed to the post of Lower Key Stage 2 Phase Leader and will be the teacher of Eagle Class from September 2025. Mr. Dodd has been appointed to the role of Senior Teacher with responsibility for English and Continual Professional Development Lead. We congratulate both teachers on their appointments.

As previously shared with families, both Miss. Thaddeus (Year 4 teacher eagle Class) and Mrs. McIlwraith the enrichment teacher for French are leaving at the end of term. We are sure you will all join with us thanking them both for their commitment to the children of Leechpool over the years and wishing them every success for the future. The staff and children will be saying a fond farewell to them both at the end of the year.

Achievement information

We will be sending out the children's Record of Achievement and you will see that the children have all worked very hard this year. We have also given the children targets for the future so that they can continue their learning during the summer break. The reports will be uploaded to MCAS. **If you have any queries regarding MCAS please contact mcas@leechpoolprimaryschool.co.uk**

Date	7 July	8 July
Year Group	Years 1/3/5	Yrs EYFS/2/4/6

The outcomes for the children's achievements are being used to shape the curriculum to ensure that the children at all levels are challenged and supported to do their very best.

Key Events over the next two weeks

- Thursday 10 July — Leechpool Open Evening 5-7 p.m. All families and children are welcome to come to school to see the year's learning celebrated and to meet their new teacher for the next academic year 2025-2026.
- Thursday 17 July 2025 — Music Gala—Entrance via donations—all money raised to be spent on improving and increasing music provision at Leechpool. Bring your deck chairs and rugs and enjoy a drink from the bar or tasty food from the Barbecue. Two ice cream vans will be in attendance to avoid queues.

School Places

The new reception classes for 2025 - 2026 are again full and we have a waiting list, which we are all delighted about. Again this year we were a popular choice for families. Due to a demand for school places at Leechpool, could families please let us know if they will be moving children from the school at the end of this term. We have waiting lists for some classes and we are keen to ensure that families wanting to come to the school are informed as early as possible. Thank you.

Leechpool Music Gala



We would like to invite all families to the Leechpool Music Gala on Thursday 17 July from 5.00—7.00 p.m. Performance starts at 5.15 p.m. Entrance is by donation and all donations will go towards the on-going improvement of the music provision at Leechpool. Throughout the children's time at the school all children get the chance to learn 6 different types of instruments as part of our music provision.

In addition children have chances to be part of different choirs that have been established and this enables the children to share their many talents at events within the Horsham Community.

We do hope you will all come along and see the children perform a range of musical pieces that they have been working on over the last academic year. Information about the evening will be sent on a separate letter.

School Meals

Children moving on from Year 2 to Year 3 will no longer be entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals. If your child is not entitled to pupil premium free school meals, meals will now need to be paid for via Parentpay. Your account will remain the same, however where there was previously a zero balance, this will show as a cost that needs to be settled before the cut off date of 2 weeks. The current cost of a meal is £3.09.

For all children having a hot meal, please ensure that you order in advance i.e. before the cut off date. This is especially important before the start of the autumn term. Please see the previous email sent with details of cut off dates for the next academic year.

New Foundation Stage children will shortly be sent a letter from Parentpay with details on how to set up their account and order lunches.

Healthy Snacks



Please can all families ensure that they send their children in with a healthy snack and a bottle of water each day. Ideas for morning snacks—fruit, cheese, cucumber, carrots, popcorn. **No chocolate or crisps please.**

Please remember that we are a nut free school.



Reminders

Water bottles and sun cream protection



Could we please remind all families that children should attend school with a slim water bottle, hat and sunscreen cream already applied on hot sunny days. We do monitor the time children are exposed to the sun and plan accordingly, providing times out of the sun etc. See the school website for further information.

Lost Property

Could all children please be encouraged to look after their equipment and uniform. We currently have a great deal of uniform **without names** on and this is in the lost property boxes in the infant playground. Please check and reclaim your child's items. Items of lost property are being displayed on tables outside the school over the coming weeks. **All items will be recycled after the last day of term.**

End of Term Arrangements

On Monday 21 July, children will be asked to take home all personal belongings and finished school books so that things are not lost through the summer clean. It would be a good idea if they could bring in a named recycled/sustainable bag to carry all their belongings.

Finally, we wish you all a safe and happy summer holiday and we look forward to welcoming you all back in September. To the families who are leaving Leechpool this summer, we would like to wish you all the best for the future and to thank you for your support to the school over the years.

The new school year starts on Thursday 4 September 2025 and children from Year 1—6 will attend on this day. Information about the first day will be sent out on Wednesday 3 September 2025. All children should arrive in time for the classrooms to open—Years 3 –6 by 8.45 a.m. and Years 1 –2 by 8.55 a.m.

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

Best wishes for a wonderful summer break.

Nicola Davenport
Headteacher



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