



Leechpool Link May 2025

Academic Year 2024-2025

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General Updates and information



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Special Dates of Interest:

Tuesday 6 May - Summer teacher led after school clubs begin

Friday 16 May - LEAF May Fayre 3.00 –5.00 p.m.

Thursday 12 June - Tour de Leechpool British Heart Foundation Fund Raiser

Thursday 26 June - Junior Sports Morning

Monday 30 June - Infant Sports afternoon

Further dates are shared on the Diary Dates sheet.

Attendance Matters
 Every student. Every day.

Dear Everyone,

The month of May usually brings sunshine, so fingers crossed that the sun will continue to shine! Due to the unpredictability of the weather, could we please remind all families to ensure the children always have light waterproof coats for outside activities.

We are pleased to report that again, we are oversubscribed for the next academic year in the Reception classes. Could we please ask if any families who are due to be moving at the end of the academic year to let the school office know so that families on our waiting lists can be offered a place. Thank you.

The week beginning Monday 12 May 2025, children of Year 6 will be sitting the National Curriculum SAT assessments. The tests will be given to the children in a supportive environment, enabling them to demonstrate their many talents. Outcomes of the assessment tests will be shared with individual families in the pupils' end-of-year reports. Year 2 no longer sit SATs, although they will carry out assessments in line with other children across the school. This will enable the school to identify further areas of learning and support.

Staff Updates:

The school is currently reviewing staffing for the new academic year and will be making staffing decisions in the coming weeks. These will be shared with everyone once the class arrangements for 2025-2026 have been finalised.

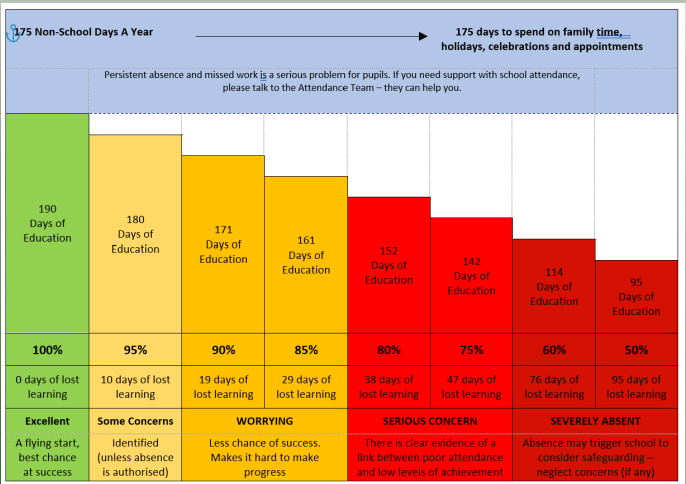
This term, we have welcomed Mrs. Smith to the school as the new Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion and Achievement. She will be working with all the children and families to ensure that every child gets the full support that they need. Mr. Law has requested to reduce his working week to 4 days to enable him to spend more time with his family. This will begin from Monday 19 May 2025 when Mr. Law will be working from Mondays to Thursdays.

Mr Khan sadly left the school after the Easter Holiday to pursue a new work opportunity in London. We appreciate all of his hard work over the last 2 and a half years. We are currently in the process of appointing a new Site Manager.

Mr Smith our Premises Officer is currently off work due to a recent operation. We all wish him a speedy recovery and look forward to his return to school.

New Classroom and Cookery Rooms

We are excited to announce the opening of our new classroom and state-of-the-art cookery rooms. The new cookery rooms feature modern cooking stations and equipment designed to enhance the learning experience for our students. These facilities will provide opportunities for hands-on learning in food technology and nutrition, fostering creativity and practical skills .



British Values Fortnight 28 April – 9 May 2025

Next week is the 80th anniversary of V E Day which is on May 8 2025. There will be lots of national and international celebrations and to commemorate this, each year group will be focusing on an appropriate theme related to the event.

The children have been considering how the UK aims both in the past and currently, to instil the values of Democracy, Rule of Law, Respect, Tolerance and Individual Liberty.

To end this unit of learning, on Friday 9 May 2025 the whole school will be encouraged to wear red, white and blue, 1940's, military or scouting clothes. During the afternoon, we will be holding a Street Party in the playgrounds for all the children to enjoy.

LEAF May Fayre — Save the date

The date and time for the May Fayre will be **Friday 16 May from 3.00—5.00 p.m.**



We do hope everyone will save the date so that we can all enjoy a memorable community afternoon together.

FRIDAY 16th May 2025 YRS R, 1, 2 - Cakes YRS 3, 4, 5, 6 - Jolly Jars

We will be setting up donation stations on both the infant and junior playgrounds (weather permitting). We will be asking for family volunteers next week!

We would also welcome any raffle donations (big or small). Raffle donations can be made through the school office. Thank you everyone!

Hot Weather

Please remember to send your child in with a hat when it is sunny, as well as ensuring they have suncream.



Safeguarding

If you have any concerns about a child, be it in school or out of school, you are able to report your concerns to one of our [Designated Safeguarding Leads](#). These are Mrs Asprey, Mrs Smith, Mr Law, Mr King, Miss Lloyd-Jones, Mrs Vowels and Miss Kemp. You can either approach us directly or ask to speak to us via the office. Whilst something might seem quite minor to you, it could be one piece of information that is part of a bigger picture.

Mental Health and Well-being

Remember, it is important for us all to ensure everyone is healthy and has an opportunity to talk through any anxieties or worries they may have. If you are concerned about your child, please contact the school office to leave a message for your child's class teacher to contact you.

If you have any questions regarding this newsletter, please contact the school office, who will be happy to help.



GENERAL UPDATES/Reminders

Parking and Road Safety

Please remember that the area immediately outside the school is designated a no drive area and with the double yellow lines there are limited parking spaces available so it is best to park away from the school. **By following the rules for parking, we will keep our children safe and our neighbours happy.**



School Uniform

Could you please continue to ensure that all children wear the correct school uniform and PE kits, this **includes black school shoes**.



School Snacks and lunches

Could we please remind all families that the school is a nut free school and no nuts should be brought into school at any time.

Lost Property – Please check in the boxes for lost items

Lost property is located in the lost property box in the Infant playground. We still have some lost property in the Infant box.

Notes from the School Office

Please ensure your notifications are set to alert you when you receive a new email from the School Office. You may miss a vital piece of information if you do not read your email messages regularly.

If you have a new home address, email address or phone number, please update this via MCAS.

If you have any questions regarding this newsletter, please do not hesitate to speak to the School Office.

Nicola Davenport
Headteacher

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