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# Leechpool Link April 2025

Academic Year 2024–2025

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## General Updates and information

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is the last newsletter for the term. The school has been working hard on all the items in the Ofsted report and good progress is being made in developing Key Stage 2 reading, careful mapping of the curriculum to ensure all year groups are implementing the curriculum that has been identified and agreed. The school is currently working on handwriting and ensuring that boys writing is being addressed to improve outcomes. Attendance across the school is improving but we need the support of all families with this.

The new building extension work for the Year 4 classroom and cooking room is nearly complete and we hope to have everything up and running before the May half term. The next part of the project is to extend the current Nursery classroom to provide more space for the children and staff. This work will start once Eagle class move into their new classroom. Click [here](#) to see the progress of the new classrooms.

We wish everyone a happy and safe Easter holiday and look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Wednesday 23 April 2025 after the Inset Day on Tuesday 22 April 2025.

### Staff Updates:

This week we are saying a sad farewell to Miss Payne the Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion and Achievement. Miss Payne has been working at the school for the last 15 and a half years and her loyal and hard working service has been appreciated by so many. Miss Payne has worked with huge passion and commitment to ensure that Leechpool children both past and present have had the best opportunities at all times. She has worked with many families over the years to support and help children find their best selves and this work has had lasting and positive impacts on many children's educational experience.

We wish Miss Payne and Mabel all the very best for the future.

We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Hampton the teacher of Penguin Class as she begins her maternity leave. We wish her and her family all the best for the baby's arrival in May and look forward to meeting the new arrival. Mx Kerr the new class teacher has been working with Mrs Hampton to ensure a smooth handover ready for the summer term.

### Special Dates of

#### Interest:

**Monday 28 April** —Class photos

**Tuesday 6 May** - Summer teacher led after school clubs begin

**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.



### Pupil Attendance and Health Update



Attendance of the children is very important and it is a legal requirement that individual children's attendance is above 95%.

Please remember that children should come to school only if they are fit and well and can participate in **all** activities organised for the day. This includes full participation in P.E and outdoor break sessions.

Children who need calpol or have a temperature should remain at home until they feel well.

Information requesting leave of absence can be found on the school website.

**Requests for holidays will not be authorised as all holidays should be taken during the designated school holiday times.**

Thank you for everyone's cooperation with this.

### British Values Fortnight 28 April— 9 May 2025

During the first weeks of the summer term the school will be focusing on ensuring British Values are understood and will be studying the celebrations and history of the 80th anniversary of V E Day which is on May 8 2025. Each year group will be focusing on an appropriate theme related to the celebrations.

The children will consider how the United Kingdom works both in the past and currently, to instil the values of Democracy, Rule of Law, Respect, Tolerance and Individual Liberty.

On **Wednesday 23 April 2025** the children may wear their scouting uniforms to school as part of St George's Day. The children in uniforms will then be involved in a parade in the junior playground during the school day.

On **Friday 9 May 2025** the whole school will be encouraged to wear red, white and blue, 1940's or World War II costumes. We do hope all the children will participate in the Street Party that we have planned. More details to follow.

## 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 25th April 2025** YRS R, 1, 2 - Jolly Jars

YRS 3, 4, 5, 6 - Drinks individual or packs of fizzy drink cans or soft drink cartons, fruit shoots

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

## 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.



## GENERAL UPDATES/Reminders

### Post Box - Reminder

To avoid a queue at the school office, if you are dropping off letters etc., please use the post box to the side of the music room. This is checked daily. Telephone calls and emails are the preferred method of communication.



### 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**

### How can you help us work together?

We realise that we send out a fair bit of information but please do read the newsletter and other communications that we send out.

In most cases, it is your child who is impacted by you not reading the information, e.g. arriving late, not with PE kit, not with the correct equipment etc.

Please arrive promptly at the time stipulated for both drop off and pick up.

Please ensure your child comes to school with a coat with a hood as we like to get the children outside in all weathers.

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