

Leechpool Link 2025 - 2026

Academic Year 2025 –2026

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General updates

Dear Leechpool Families,

Welcome back to the second part of the Autumn term and the many events ahead. I would like to take a moment to thank everyone for the warm welcome I've received since joining Leechpool. It is a fantastic school, with dedicated staff and wonderful children. I feel privileged to be part of it. I'm looking forward to working with all of the school community. It is an honour to lead the school for as long as needed and I'm excited about the journey ahead.

You'll find me at the school gate on Mondays and Fridays—please do come and say hello!

With best wishes,
Mrs Scott

At the end of term we will be inviting families to a range of Christmas Productions. The dates are as follows. We are unable to run a crèche for younger siblings.

At the Christmas Production the children will be collecting donations for Children in Need and other charities decided by the Pupil Voice.

There will also be a pop up Christmas singing event at 3pm on Thursday 18th December outside the Music Box.



Year Group	Venue	Production Date	Time
EYFS	School Hall	Friday 12 December	10.00am
Seal and Year 1	School Hall	Tuesday 9 December	2.00pm
Penguin and Year 1	School Hall	Wednesday 10 December	2.00pm
Year 3	All Saints Church	Thursday 11 December	2.00pm
Year 4	All Saints Church	Thursday 11 December	6.00pm
Year 5	School Hall	Monday 15 December	2.00pm
Year 6	Year 6 will not be participating in a production until the summer term 2026, when they will be organising a production involving all the children of the year group.		

Parent consultations

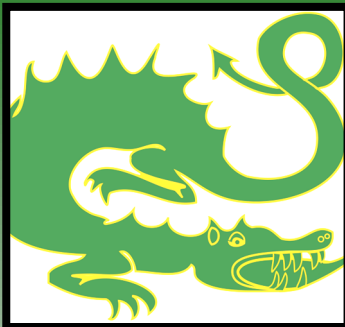
Parent consultations are next week Tuesday 11 November 3.30–7pm and Thursday 13 November 3.30–7pm. All children are invited to attend the consultations with their families. Families should make an appointment to see their child's class teacher by logging onto MyChildAtSchool (MCAS). Please ensure you have booked your appointment slot by the end of this Friday 7 November. We would encourage parents who have dual responsibility for their children across a week to book one appointment to see your child's class teacher as this will ensure you both receive the same information. We know this is not possible in certain situations and families who are unable to book one appointment should contact the school office to make appropriate arrangements. If you are seeing more than one teacher, please allow sufficient time between appointments. We advise a minimum time of 20 minutes between each appointment so that you have time to finish the first appointment and make your way to the second appointment. The children's books will be available for you to look at whilst you wait.

Remembrance

This week's assembly theme is *reflection*. We have taken time to reflect on last term and to look ahead with excitement and purpose for the half term to come.

We have also been supporting the British Legion through their Poppy Appeal. The children have been choosing poppies, bands and keyrings to help raise money for this important cause. Thank you for your support.

On Friday, we will take time together to honour Remembrance Sunday and on Tuesday 11th November at 11am, the whole school will observe a two-minute silence



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Special Dates of Interest:

28 Nov LEAF Christmas Fayre 3–5pm

17 Dec Christmas Lunch

19 Dec End of Term

5 Jan 2026 Spring Term begins

See the Diary Page Updates for further information about dates for this term and 2026

Reception Admissions for September 2026

We are currently arranging visits for families with children who are due to start school in September 2026. If you would like more information about the visits or know of a family who would, please contact the School Office. Tours of the school are available for families upon request.

Anti-bullying week 2025—10-14th November

At Leechpool, we are always working closely with all our children to promote kindness and respect in everything we do. National Anti-Bullying Week gives us a valuable opportunity to reflect on these values from a broader perspective—looking beyond our school to the wider community.

Throughout the week, children will explore this year's theme: **Power for Good**. In assemblies and classroom discussions, they will be encouraged to think about how they can use their own power to speak up, support others and take positive action to help prevent the harm that bullying can cause.

As always, we will be helping children understand what bullying really is—how it differs from falling out with friends or having one-off disagreements. We will talk about how bullying is intentional, repeated and often involves an imbalance of power in relationships.

Together, we will continue to build a school environment where every child feels safe, valued, and empowered to be kind and brave.



anti-bullying alliance		Is it bullying?
Rude	Mean	Bullying
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unintentional• Hurtful• One-off	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Intentional• Hurtful• One-off	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Intentional• Hurtful• Happens more than once, even when you ask them to stop or show that you're upset.

Always tell an adult in school.

LEAF Donation Day Friday 14th November – Non Uniform Day for Children

Infants - Jolly Jars - Please bring in a decorated filled jar – your jar can contain wrapped sweets or small toys. Please do not use pickle jars as this can taint the contents of the jar.



Juniors - Christmas Chocolate (s) - Please bring in some novelty Christmas chocolate for the Chocolate Tombola e.g. selection box, chocolate bars, share bags of chocolate, foiled coins. No nuts please.

OR small toiletries [male and female]/candles/items for re-gifting – for our Secret Wrapping Room.



LEAF Christmas Fayre

We are looking forward to our annual Christmas fayre Friday 28 November 2024 3.00pm—5.00pm Arrangements are currently being made and we hope you will all support this event especially with requests for helping on the day.

The format will include class stalls and outside craft stalls as well as some favourite attractions such as Jolly Jars, Chocolate tombola, Water and Wine etc. and of course a visit to Father Christmas.

Reminders

Registration Times

Please be reminded that registration times for pupils are staggered but we need children to arrive at their allocated time. **All Key Stage 2 children (Juniors) should be in school in their classroom by 8.45am** when the silver gates are closed.

Infant children should be in class by 8.55am Children arriving after this time need to report to the Main School Office.

Safety and Being Seen



The dark nights have begun and the cold and wet weather is officially starting, so coats for everyone please, every day! Please also ensure that children are visible during the dark nights with reflectors – especially children who are independently making their way to and from school.

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

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