



Friday 16th May 2025

Weekly Newsletter

🌟🌟 Well Done Year 6! 🌟🌟

We are so proud of our Year 6 pupils as they have completed the KS2 SATs this week. The children have focused, stayed calm, given their all and faced the challenges with a positive attitude. As a reward for their hard work, they've spent the day relaxing and enjoying themselves with special treats including a visit from the ice-cream van. We are so proud of you all- well done!



🌟🌟 New Parents' Meeting! 🌟🌟

It was wonderful to welcome the families of our new reception families and those whose older children are currently part of Leigh St John's to school last night as they begin their journey working in partnership with ourselves over the next few years. We hope you found the evening informative and are as excited as we are for your children joining us in September! We can't wait to get to know them during 'Big School Time' over the next few weeks.

💧💧 Year 4 Visit to Cuerden Valley 💧💧

What a gorgeous day Year 4 had on Wednesday as they spent the day enriching their current geography topic at Cuerden Valley. The children were able to showcase their fantastic knowledge about rivers including the parts of the river, the processes of erosion and deposition as well as identifying creatures using a classification chart.

During the morning, they completed two activities: pond dipping and identifying creatures using classification charts, and identifying the parts of the river followed by measuring the speed at which the water was flowing by racing ducks! It was an informative morning, and the children blew the staff away with how much they knew! After lunch, they went to a different section of the river to measure the width and depth of the water at 50cm intervals. The children then searched the riverbed for different stones- some found pieces of quartz which they were allowed to take home with them too.

All in all, a fantastic day- well done Year 4 🍷

🌱 Polite Notification 🌱

A local resident and active member of Leigh Neighbours has visited school to raise concerns about pupils of St. John's trampling the flowers and plants within the Jubilee Garden. The resident reported how some children are being allowed to run and play in the garden after school without adequate parental supervision overseeing their play. It has been explained to me that some flowers/plants have been damaged by the unsuitable nature of play taking place. In response, we kindly remind our families to ensure that children are supervised at all times when visiting the Jubilee Garden and that they use the space in a respectful manner.

Volunteers of Leigh Neighbours work diligently and selflessly to maintain a nourishing and community-focused beauty spot where people can come together to enjoy nature.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Thought of the Week:

"JUST ONE SMALL POSITIVE THOUGHT IN THE MORNING CAN CHANGE YOUR WHOLE DAY."

-DALAI LAMA

🌸🌸🌸 **Sporting News** 🌸🌸🌸

Year 5 Football

Last week, our Year 5 pupils took part in a football tournament. In the groups stages we played 6 matches, winning 3 and losing 3, which meant we qualified for the next round, where we tried our hearts out but unfortunately fell short.. Special mention to Isabelle who was outstanding in the nets, keeping us in a lot of the games, and lastly Lucas who got our player of the tournament with his brilliant goal scoring.

Well done everyone!

Girls' Football

On Monday, our girl's team played in a tournament at Fred Longworth. The team drew their 1st game 0-0, lost the 2nd game 1-0 and drew the 3rd game 0-0. The defence in all the games was superb and all of the team worked really hard. A great effort everyone-well done!

Year 1 & Year 2 Football Festival

What a brilliant experience for our Year 1 and 2 pupils last night as they took part in their first football festival for school. We are so proud of how they worked together and supported each other in the evening's games. It was great to see them playing with smiles on their faces and showcasing their skills!

We hope they enjoyed the experience; well done everyone.



💧💧💧 **WATER MANIA!!** 💧💧💧

What a brilliant afternoon we have enjoyed today as part of our WATERMANIA extravaganza! The children have loved cooling off after a busy and warm week. Please check Tapestry for pictures of the water fun!

App of the Week:

Squeebles



One of the many apps in the Squeebles learning range. Although a paid app, this really is a useful tool to support children with practising their tables.

XX A further reminder about Unauthorised Holidays XX

We kindly remind parents and carers once again to resist taking holidays in term time. These are unauthorised absences which impact on your child's progress and often on their ability to re-establish themselves within their trusted friendship groups too. We have also been receiving numerous enquiries from parents regarding the timings of key assessments for the purposes of arranging holidays around them.

The **Y1 Phonics Check** is administered week commencing Monday 9th June 2025 and concludes by 16th June 2025.

The **Y4 Multiplication Tables Check** is administered week commencing Monday 2nd June 2025 and concludes by 13th June 2025.

~~Y6 writing assessments continue into June and conclude towards the end of June.~~

It is imperative for children to maintain good **DIARY DATES** throughout, and holidays in school time must be avoided.

DATE	Event
Each Sunday	St Mary's Church Sunday Service @ 10am with Sunday School. Junior Park 2K Run @ Leigh Sports Village (free for 4-11yr. Old's) 9am
Tuesday 20th May	Just Join In Festival
Wednesday 21 st May	Year 5 Orienteering Event @ Pennington Flash
Monday 2 nd June	Year 5/6 Netball league begins

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Wigan Council

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NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

To nominate please visit
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 Or for more information contact Be Well on 01942 828535



Westleigh Family Centre April – May Activity Timetable 28th April – 23rd May 2025

Westleigh



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Snuggle and Sing Starting w/c 12th May 10:00-10:45am Birth – Just starting to Walk Westleigh Family Centre Helping with developing speech & language skills. Please note this session is for non walkers.</p>	<p>Childminders Drop In 9:00-11:30am</p>	<p>Adult Learning – Level 2 Teaching Assistant 9:30am-12:00pm Starting 18th September Runs for a full academic year Sep-July Contact 01942 777705 for more information.</p>	<p>Big Cook Little Cook Starting Thursday 15th May 10:00am-12:00pm 2 years+ A session for parents/ carers and their children to prepare together a healthy and affordable meal to enjoy at the centre.</p>	<p>Let's Talk With Your Baby 10:00-11:00am 3-12 months old Helping your baby to develop their communication skills. Lots of exciting things to do including messy play, tummy time, water play and more.</p>
<p>Well Baby Clinic 1:30-3:30pm Drop In Come along to weigh and measure your baby and to meet a member of the local Health Visiting Team.</p>	<p>NEW</p> <p>Mini Movers 2:00-2:45pm Children's Steady on their feet – 5 years A 4 week physical activity group</p>	<p>2school 4 After School 3:30-4:30pm Open Age Drop In Come on in and tell us all about your day, whilst enjoying a range of activities to explore with new friends. We will offer homework help, a chance to share your thoughts for the day and some games to pass the time</p>	<p>Bump, Baby and You Antenatal Course 6:00-7:30pm See the below link to book https://bit.ly/3H9G9Kg</p>	<p>Free Healthy Start Vitamins Healthy Start Vitamins for Under 4's and pregnant women are available from Westleigh Start Well Family Centre Monday – Friday 9 – 4:30pm or Leigh Link site when sessions are running.</p>
<p>Follow us on Facebook to see all the latest updates.</p> <p>Find us using - Family Hub At Leigh</p>		<p>Man Leigh 6:30-8:30pm Drop In Peer-To-Peer Support For Men Talk – Brew – Biscuits – Laugh Find them on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/ManLeigh2022</p>		

Important Note, Please read

Unless stated otherwise all sessions are BOOKABLE and will be held at Westleigh Family Centre at The Chapel, Westleigh Lane, WN7 5NJ. Please ring 01942 777705 to book your place. If you can't attend a session please let us know. We have limited space for prams inside Westleigh – where possible please use a baby car seat.

Leigh Central

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Messy Monsters 10:00-11:00am 18 months - 5 years</p> <p>Drop In Themed arts and crafts sessions delivered by our very own volunteers.</p>	<p>Storytime 9:30-10:30am 0-5 years Drop In Leigh Library Stories, Singing & Crafts</p> <p>NEW Rainbow Sensory Starting 13th May 10:00-10:45am 0-6 months A sensory session exploring lots of different colors, lights and textures.</p>	<p>NEW Rainbow Sensory Starting 14th May 10:00-10:45am 6-12 months A sensory session exploring lots of different colors, lights and textures.</p>	<p>Riding The Rapids 10:00-12:00am Riding The Rapids is a free course for parents and carers of children who have a diagnosis of Autism, severe learning disabilities or complex physical disabilities. The course aims to help parents to understand and manage challenging behavior shown by their child. Bookable course, please email parentingsupport@wigan.gov.uk</p>	<p>Wrinkles and Dimples 9:30-11:30am 0-5 years Drop In Parent/carer and toddler group. Kingsleigh Community Centre next to Kingsleigh Methodist Church, King Street, Leigh, WN7 1EB</p>
<p>Helping Hands Parenting Support Ring 01942 777705 to make an appointment to see a Start Well Worker for advice and support on a variety of topics including; behaviour, toileting, sleep, routine and much more!</p>	<p>Snuggle and Sing 11:00-11:45am Birth – Just starting to Walk Drop In Leigh Library Helping with developing speech & language skills. Please note this session is for non walkers.</p> <p>Are you a parent/carer who is passionate about shaping services for families in Wigan? You could make a real difference in your Family Hub for you and your child. For more information, please contact us by email at earlyhelpvolunteering@wigan.gov.uk</p>	<p>Baby Massage 11:15am-12:00pm For babies 6 weeks to 6 months A nice way to bond with baby and learn some relaxing massaging techniques that you can do at home through a nurturing touch.</p>	<p>Free Healthy Start Vitamins Healthy Start Vitamins for Under 4's and pregnant women are available from Westleigh Start Well Family Centre Monday – Friday 9 -4:30pm or Leigh Link site when sessions are running.</p>	<p>Childcare Funding To find out more about childcare funding and how to apply, visit: www.childcarechoices.gov.uk</p>
		<p>Stand and Play 1:00-2:00pm 18 months – 5 years A different range of themed activities, to support children's development and school readiness.</p>		<p>Follow us on Facebook to see all the latest updates. Find us using - Family Hub At Leigh</p>

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Bedford and Higher Folds

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<p>Free Healthy Start Vitamins Healthy Start Vitamins for Under 4's and pregnant women are available from Westleigh Start Well Family Centre Monday – Friday 9 -4:30pm or Leigh Link site when sessions are running.</p>	<p>Volunteers Needed! At Wigan Council we support volunteers to contribute to the work we do you'll find a range of volunteering opportunities by visiting the link below. https://www.wiganboroughvolunteerhub.co.uk</p>	<p>St Thomas Parent and Toddler Group 9:30-11:30am 0-5 years Drop In Term time only, parent and toddler session. Fun filled activity, All Saints Church Hall, Kenwood Avenue, WN7 2LN</p>	<p>Childcare Funding To find out more about childcare funding and how to apply, visit: www.childcarechoices.gov.uk</p>
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