



Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025

# Weekly Newsletter

## ★ Parent/Carer Progress Meetings ★

Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 & Year 5

Thank you so much to those who were able to attend Parents' Evenings over the last couple of weeks. It was great to share your child's progress with you and we hope that you found the meetings informative. Your child's 'Stars and Wishes' have been added to Tapestry, so that if you were unable to attend the meeting, you can still see how your child is getting on. Thanks again for your ongoing support!

## GBVE DayGB

Yesterday, we spent some time reflecting and celebrating VE Day on its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We had VE Day crafts, quizzes, reading tasks and fact files throughout school. We also took part in a moment of reflection as we thought about those who paid the ultimate sacrifice when defending our country.



## Thought of the Week:

You have worked  
incredibly  
hard. We are  
proud of you.  
Good luck!

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## 🐾 Leigh Leopards Visit 🐾

What a wonderful surprise our children received on Wednesday afternoon as Leigh Leopard's player Ethan O'Neill came to school to visit each class.

The children asked some superb questions, and it was great to hear Ethan talking passionately about how he is living out his dream as a professional rugby player; he also shared the key attributes needed to be successful such as resilience, perseverance and hard work.

We hope some of these messages will stick with the children as they aspire to achieve their dreams in the future!

We also had some time for photo opportunities and autographs too!

Finally, we would like to say a huge thank you to Ethan for giving up his time to inspire our pupils and to Elsie D's (Y1) Dad for organising the visit.



## ♥️ ★ Good luck Year 6! ★ ♥️

### **A message for our Year 6 pupils:**

The very best of luck to all of you as you take your SATs next week. You have all worked so hard and come on such a journey. Remember to take five minutes for yourself at least.

You have made everyone at LSJP so proud!

Nothing can dim the light that shines from within; this is your time to shine Year Six!

If you dream it, you can do it. Good luck we believe in you!

★ Give it your best shot; that is all anyone asks of you. ★

**Boys' Football**

Last night, our football team played against Christchurch and drew the game 1-1. The team played some great football showing a wide array of passing skills. Special mentions go to Declan and Corey who were solid at the back and worked well together. Well done Boys!

**Upcoming Fixtures**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May- Girls' Football  
 Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May- Year 1 & Year 2 Football festival @ Pennington FC  
 Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May- Just Join In Festival

 **Tesco Community Grant** 

We would like to say a huge thank you to Tesco and to those who have supported our school over the past few months by adding tokens into our pot at Tesco Leigh. We have been informed that we secured second place which means Tesco will donate £1000 towards some new playground markings to help make our lunchtimes even more enjoyable.

 **New Parents' Meeting!** 

We are looking forward to Wednesday evening as we welcome the families of our 2025 reception cohort. The parents and carers will get to meet the staff, have a look around school and ask any questions as we introduce and welcome them to the St John's family!

 **Community Garden** 

We would like to ask that when using the community garden next to school, you ensure that children are not causing any damage to the plants and grounds as lots of hard work and dedication goes into keeping the garden looking like it does. The garden is maintained by volunteers and should be treated with respect. Thanks LSJP Team

**❌❌ A further reminder about Unauthorised Holidays ❌❌**

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 SATS** week is 12th to 15th May 2025 for English and Maths tests and writing assessments continue into June and conclude towards the end of June.

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

**DIARY DATES**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>Event</b>
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
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 Football Event
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 Girl's Football Tournament
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May- Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs Week
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	New Parents' Meeting for Reception September 2025
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1 and Year 2 Football Event @ Pennington FC
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Just Join In Festival

# Westleigh Family Centre

## April – May Activity Timetable

### 28<sup>th</sup> April – 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

#### Westleigh

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><b>Snuggle and Sing</b> Starting w/c 12<sup>th</sup> May 10:00-10:45am Birth – Just starting to Walk <b>Westleigh Family Centre</b> Helping with developing speech &amp; language skills. Please note this session is for non walkers.</p>	<p><b>Childminders Drop In</b> 9:00-11:30am</p>	<p><b>Adult Learning – Level 2 Teaching Assistant</b> 9:30am-12:00pm Starting 18<sup>th</sup> September Runs for a full academic year Sep-July Contact 01942 777705 for more information.</p>	<p><b>Big Cook Little Cook</b> Starting Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> 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><b>Let's Talk With Your Baby</b> 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><b>Well Baby Clinic</b> 1:30-3:30pm <b>Drop In</b> Come along to weigh and measure your baby and to meet a member of the local Health Visiting Team.</p>	<p><b>NEW</b></p> <p><b>Mini Movers</b> 2:00-2:45pm Children's Steady on their feet – 5 years A 4 week physical activity group</p>	<p><b>2school 4 After School</b> 3:30-4:30pm Open Age <b>Drop In</b> 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><b>Bump, Baby and You Antenatal Course</b> 6:00-7:30pm See the below link to book <a href="https://bit.ly/3H9G9Kg">https://bit.ly/3H9G9Kg</a></p>	<p><b>Free Healthy Start Vitamins</b> 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><b>Man Leigh</b> 6:30-8:30pm <b>Drop In</b> Peer-To-Peer Support For Men Talk – Brew – Biscuits – Laugh <b>Find them on Facebook</b> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/ManLeigh2022">https://www.facebook.com/ManLeigh2022</a></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><b>Messy Monsters</b> 10:00-11:00am 18 months - 5 years <b>Drop In</b> Themed arts and crafts sessions delivered by our very own volunteers.</p>	<p><b>Storytime</b> 9:30-10:30am 0-5 years <b>Drop In</b> Leigh Library Stories, Singing &amp; Crafts</p> <p><b>NEW Rainbow Sensory</b> Starting 13<sup>th</sup> May 10:00-10:45am 0-6 months A sensory session exploring lots of different colors, lights and textures.</p>	<p><b>NEW Rainbow Sensory</b> Starting 14<sup>th</sup> May 10:00-10:45am 6-12 months A sensory session exploring lots of different colors, lights and textures.</p>	<p><b>Riding The Rapids</b> 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. <b>Bookable course, please email</b> parentingsupport@wigan.gov.uk</p>	<p><b>Wrinkles and Dimples</b> 9:30-11:30am 0-5 years <b>Drop In</b> Parent/carer and toddler group. <b>Kingsleigh Community Centre next to Kingsleigh Methodist Church, King Street, Leigh, WN7 1EB</b></p>
<p><b>Helping Hands Parenting Support</b> 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><b>Snuggle and Sing</b> 11:00-11:45am Birth – Just starting to Walk <b>Drop In</b> Leigh Library Helping with developing speech &amp; 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 <a href="mailto:earlyhelpvolunteering@wigan.gov.uk">earlyhelpvolunteering@wigan.gov.uk</a></p>	<p><b>Baby Massage</b> 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><b>Free Healthy Start Vitamins</b>  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><b>Childcare Funding</b>  To find out more about childcare funding and how to apply, visit: <a href="http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk">www.childcarechoices.gov.uk</a></p>
		<p><b>Stand and Play</b> 1:00-2:00pm <b>18 months – 5 years</b> 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><b>Free Healthy Start Vitamins</b>  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><b>Volunteers Needed!</b>  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. <a href="https://www.wiganboroughvolunteerhub.co.uk">https://www.wiganboroughvolunteerhub.co.uk</a></p>	<p><b>St Thomas Parent and Toddler Group</b> 9:30-11:30am 0-5 years <b>Drop In</b> Term time only, parent and toddler session. Fun filled activity, <b>All Saints Church Hall, Kenwood Avenue, WN7 2LN</b></p>	<p><b>Childcare Funding</b>  To find out more about childcare funding and how to apply, visit: <a href="http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk">www.childcarechoices.gov.uk</a></p>
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