



**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025**

# Weekly Newsletter

## **Spring Parent/Carer Progress Meetings**

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

Thank you to those parents who attended Wednesday evening's Parent Progress Meetings; it was great to discuss your child's progress so far this year.

Next week, we welcome those who have booked appointments on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May:**

**3:50pm-5:00pm (FACE-TO-FACE)**

**5:20pm-6:30pm (VIDEO VIA PARENTMAIL APP)**

The booking system went live last week, and all appointments are booked on a 'first come, first served' basis. There are more than enough appointments slots per class, but please do book early to reserve your preferred time and slot.

. We look forward to discussing your child's progress so far this year!

## **Year 5 Visit- Crucial Crew**

What an important visit to crucial crew Year 5 had this week!

The children attended 7 workshops which all had key messages about how to stay safe. These included how to help someone who is unconscious by shouting for help and putting them in the recovery position; the importance of staying AWAY from train tracks; the impact antisocial behaviour has on others; examples of crime and the punishments for this including carrying a knife; road safety and the importance of wearing helmet and hi-viz clothing; online safety and cyberbullying including the importance of only speaking to FRIENDS online and to turn location settings OFF; how to use the bus network safely, reminding the children of how to access help if they need to call a parent or guardian from the station; and, the impact drugs and alcohol can have on their bodies.

There were some tough messages and the reality of what can happen if the children do not follow the rules we have in place to keep them safe was eye-opening for some. They discussed how the procedures we follow in school and the rules put in place at home are to keep them safe .

A very informative and important educational visit!

## **Reception Visit- Smithill's Farm**

On Monday, our Reception class went on an exciting, educational visit to Smithill's Farm. It was an amazing day, and the children absolutely loved seeing and interacting with all of the different animals!

They began the day by meeting the meerkats and then they had the opportunity to meet some sheep, alpacas, llamas and some goats- they even managed to feed them!

Before lunch, they visited the animal petting area where they were able to stroke and hold a range of different animals. This was when the children shared their brilliant knowledge of how to care for the different animals.

After lunch, the children played on the park and finished the day by watching the farmers milk the cows!

It was a fantastic day and a great experience!



**KS2 Rugby**

Our KS2 rugby team played their final game of the season against Lowton St Mary's last Friday. The game ebbed and flowed with both teams scoring some great individual tries, and it eventually finished 36-36. It was great to see Tyler and Emmanuel making their debuts with Emman proving a handful for the opposition defence as he crossed the line for four tries! Although the season has now ended and the team will be disappointed not to make the play offs, Mr Thomason is really proud of their efforts and how much they have improved each week. Well done everyone!


**Boys' Football**

Last night, our football team played against Gilded Hollins and won the game 3-1. Spencer made his debut and had a really strong game scoring a hat-trick of goals. Other strong performances came from Thomas P who worked tirelessly in defence and attack. Well done Boys!

**Upcoming Fixtures**

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May- Year 5 Football  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May- Girls' Football

 **School Photos** 

It was lovely to welcome Tom Gradwell photography into school earlier this week. Your child should have now brought their proof copies home- these contain a QR code which will take you to Tom Gradwell's online shop. Please follow the instructions to make your order. At checkout, you will have the option to get free delivery to school up to the order closing date of Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May. Any orders after this date will have a delivery fee added. We hope you enjoy your photographs! 

**❌❌ 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
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	School Closed- Bank Holiday
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>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>Follow us on Facebook to see all the latest updates.  Find us using - Family Hub At Leigh</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>Man Leigh</b> 6:30-8:30pm <b>Drop In</b> Peer-To-Peer Support For Men Talk – Brew – Biscuits – Laugh  Find them on Facebook <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</b> <b>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>NEW</b> <b>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>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>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><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>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>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>
<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>Follow us on Facebook to see all the latest updates. Find us using - Family Hub At Leigh</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><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>