



Friday 25th April 2025

Weekly Newsletter

👋 Welcome Back 👋

It has been lovely to see the children's smiling, happy faces in school this week as we returned from our Easter break. We hope you had an enjoyable time off, are well-rested and ready to face the penultimate half-term of the year- it's another busy one with numerous educational visits, Year 6 SATs and sporting events throughout!

📅 Spring Parent/Carer! Progress Meetings Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 & Year 5

Next week, we are holding our second Parent Progress Meetings will be held on consecutive Wednesdays:

The meetings will take place on
Wednesday 30th April:
3:50pm-6:50pm (FACE-TO-FACE)

Wednesday 7th May:
3:50pm-5:00pm (FACE-TO-FACE)
5:20pm-6:30pm (VIDEO VIA PARENTMAIL APP)

The booking system went live earlier this 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!

📷 School Photos 📷

On Monday and Tuesday next week, we have the school photo photography coming into school to take this year's pictures. The dates for each class are shown below:

Monday 28th April
Year 2, Year 4, Year 6 & siblings within these year groups
(Year 4 to wear uniform, not PE kit)

Tuesday 29th April
Reception, Year 1, Year 3, Year 5 & siblings

!! Drop off & Pick Up!!

We would like to ask that when waiting on the school grounds. before and after school, parents ensure that their children are waiting with them sensibly and not playing near the bushes or between the staff cars to avoid any accidents. Thanks!

👥 🐼 Year 5 Visit- Chester Zoo 🐼 👥

What a glorious day our Year 5 class had at the Zoo yesterday!

The children observed and analysed the enclosures for six animals whilst in the zoo. They compared the enclosures to the animal's natural habitats to see how Chester Zoo were helping them thrive as part of their conservation program and they were introduced to the threats animals face in the wild which is causing some of them to become endangered, or even extinct.

They then handled a range of artefacts and were shocked to learn about some of the horrific treatment animals receive as part of the illegal hunting, trading and poaching groups. The children genuinely believed the artefacts were 'toys' or fake and when told they were parts of REAL animals, they showed lots of empathy.

They had lots of fun!



KS2 Rugby

Our KS2 rugby team played Leigh St Mary's on the Friday prior to the Easter break and what a fantastic game it was! Both teams scored some superb tries, and the lead changed hands numerous times throughout the match. Fortunately, for ourselves, Finlay managed to seal the victory with the last play of the game. What a great display of resilience by the team! Well done!

Today, we play our final league game of the season against Lowton St Mary's. Good luck everyone.

Atherton & Leigh Foodbank



School works in partnership with a local food bank. If you feel that you are in need of food parcels, then please approach Mrs. Hughes in confidence and she will help support you in accessing balanced, healthy meals to meet the needs of your family.

Smart Watches

We have noticed a number of children wearing smart watches in school. Due to safeguarding, these watches must not be connected to a mobile phone, and they should not be able to take photos. Thank you LSJP Team

Thought of the Week:

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

-DALAI LAMA

!! Breaktime Fruit!!

Please can we take this opportunity to remind parents and carers that only fresh fruit should be sent into school for your child's breaktime snack. The Government fruit scheme provides fruit for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 for their morning break. Children in Year 3- Year 6, should bring their own fruit for morning break (and afternoon break if needed). Thanks for your cooperation with this matter.

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

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
Friday 25 th April	Rugby Fixture @ Leigh Rugby Union against Lowton St. Mary's
Monday 28 th & Tuesday 29 th April	Whole School Photos with Tom Gradwell
Wednesday 30 th April	Year Visit to Crucial Crew
Monday 5 th May	School Closed- Bank Holiday
Monday 12 th May- Thursday 15 th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Thursday 15 th May	Year 1 and Year 2 Football Event @ Pennington FC

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 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 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>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>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>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>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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We're back – first session of the year!

Dr. Bike

Friday 25th April 2025

3.00pm – 6.00pm

Sacred Heart School Playground

Bring along your bike to make sure that it's Summer safe – we can look at punctures, brakes, cables and other small fixes – absolutely free!

