



# Leechpool Link 2025

**Academic Year 2024-2025**

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## General Updates and information

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to share a number of events over the last few weeks:

Leechpool swimmers came 2nd in the **Horsham Swimming Gala** for non-club swimmers. Congratulations to the swimming team.

**Dance-time at The Hawth Theatre** — We had two groups dancing on Monday night at the Hawth with other local schools. It was a fantastic evening watching both KS1 and KS2 groups.

**Tag Rugby**— Year 3 Festival

**Frisbee event**— Year 5 and Year 5/6 **Racquet Sports Festival**

There have also been lots of trips taking place which have included Leechpool woods, Bocketts Farm and a local history trip around Roffey. All were enjoyed by the children and a big thank you to all the families for supporting the trips with voluntary contributions and helping on the days of the events.



**Remember to follow us on twitter and Facebook**




### Issue 7— March 2025

#### Special Dates of Interest:

- Tues 11–14 March**  
Year 6 Residential
- Friday 21 March**—Red Nose Day and World Down Syndrome Day — Children invited to wear red and odd socks.
- Wednesday 2 April** — Easter hat/bonnet competition
- Friday 4 April** - End of term
- Summer Term starts**  
**Wednesday 23 April 2025**

## Staff Updates

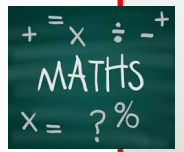
Miss Lloyd-Jones has come back to school after her maternity leave—she is working two days a week with our SEND and Pupil Premium pupils in classes as part of the SEND team across the whole school.

On Tuesday 11 March we will be saying a sad goodbye to Mrs Khan who works in EYFS. She is leaving to develop her skills working with pupils with additional needs. We all wish her every success in her new role. Mrs Woodley has been appointed to replace her and Mrs Francis will now be working full time instead of part-time in EYFS.

Mrs Milne has also been appointed to the school as an LSA which adds to our support for SEND pupils across the school.

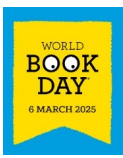
Thank you to all the families that attended Parents Consultations this week. It was lovely to see so many of you. 94 % of families attended. As you will have seen in the children’s books, we are continuing to develop the consistent implementation of our curriculum as part of our Ofsted action plan. The children now all have a book for each subject in Key Stage 2 and you will have seen how hard they are working!

The maths team are working with West Sussex Maths hub and have attended some training, the hub have visited Leechpool and looked at some maths lessons and we are working together to further develop and consolidate the mathematics across the school.



## World Book Day—Thursday 6 March 2025

We had lots of book fun with Book Cafés in each class. Children shared their favourite books with each other and also had a snack in the café!



## Safer Internet Updates

Following our Safer Internet Day we would like to remind parents that it is very important to keep vigilant about the different social media platforms that children are accessing on different devices at home.

We will be reinforcing this at school. Your help to support this will be much appreciated too.

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Twitter Facebook Instagram Pinterest Google+ Tumblr Reddit Snapchat	LinkedIn	WhatsApp	Vine Tinder	Path	(13 with parents consent) YouTube Keek Foursquare WeChat Kik Flickr

For up to date information, take a look at the National Online Safety website by clicking [here](#).



## Pupil Profiles

Reports from the Parent Consultation evenings this week have been sent out today. If you have had any trouble receiving your child's profile report for this term please contact the school office. A separate letter on how to access your child's report has been sent out separately.



## Red Nose Day 2025—Comic Relief

The Red Nose Day fundraiser is on **Friday 21 March**. The Pupil Voice members will organise this event and will send a letter to tell you about their fun activities.



Pupils can wear red items of clothing and also wear odd socks to celebrate **World Down Syndrome Day**. We are asking for a voluntary contribution on the day.



## Holidays during term time — West Sussex County Council Policy

Please can we remind families to refrain from taking holidays during term time. There are **175** other days during the year for holidays and other activities. Holidays during term time are disruptive for the child and the teachers, who have to plan additional work to allow the child to catch up on what they have missed.

	100%	Amazing!
4 days	98%	Very Good
7 days	96%	Good
9 days	95%	Almost There
11 days	94%	Needs to improve
20 days	90%	Concerned
30 days	85%	Very Concerned

**As a school we are not permitted to authorise holidays during term time and therefore West Sussex County Council will issue fixed penalty notices to families who do this.**

Your support of the above would be expected.

## GENERAL UPDATES/Reminders

### Easter Competition for the end of term

This year's Easter Competition is for children design an **Easter bonnet/hat** (no adult help!!). Please try to be as creative as possible. Prizes will be given to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in each year group. Entries can be worn or brought into school on Wednesday 2 April in time for our Easter Assembly on Thursday 3 April. We are looking forward to seeing a range of creative ideas!



### Telephoning the school

Due to a number of incidents, the school is now recording all telephone conversations and we would like all families to be aware of this. We ask that families speak respectfully to all Leechpool staff at all times. We understand that people may not be happy with a situation but **the school will not allow our staff to be verbally abused at anytime**. All concerns will be addressed from families and this will require time for the incidents to be reviewed and responded to. We would appreciate that if an incident is reported, the school is able to review this without families taking their own actions with other families. **The school is committed to responding to any incidents within 48 hours.**

### Post Box - Reminder

To avoid a queue at the School Office, if you are dropping off letters etc., please use the post box at the front of the school. This is checked daily. Telephone calls and emails are the preferred method of communication.



### Parking and Road Safety

**Please remember that the area immediately outside the school is designated a no drive area** and with the double yellow lines there are few parking spaces available so it is best to park away from the school. **By following the rules for parking, we will keep our children safe and our neighbours happy.**



### School Uniform

Could you please continue to ensure that all children wear the correct school uniform, school shoes and PE kits. All hair accessories should be in school colours or the same colour as the child's hair. School shoes should be worn to school—trainers should be brought to school in a bag for changing in to.



### Lost Property – Please check in the boxes for lost items

Lost property is located in the lost property boxes in the Infant and Junior playgrounds. Please check these boxes for any missing items. On Wednesday 12 March until Friday 14 March all lost property for the term will be put in the outside classroom in the infant playground. Please ensure that you check the items on display for any of your missing items.

### Labelling items

If parents are dropping items for pupils at the school office, please can you ensure they are in a bag and labelled with your child's name. We have had a couple of items go missing recently.

If you have any questions regarding this newsletter or any positive comments to share with the school, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Nicola Davenport  
Headteacher

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