

# Leechpool Link

Academic Year 2024 - 2025

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## General Updates

Dear Everyone

We are all enjoying the lead up to Christmas and the productions are all going ahead successfully with lots of amazing acting, dancing and singing from so many talented children. The children of Years 5 and 6 will also be busy in the local community performing at Waitrose on 11 December from 2-3 p.m. and visiting the local care homes of Hobbs Field and Aspen Place.

Video links to all performances will be shared with families once the productions for each year group have finished.

At each performance we are arranging a collection for three charities that the children have chosen, these are Children in Need, Horsham Food Bank and St Catherine's Hospice. Please bring small change to contribute to these worthy causes.



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### Special Dates of Interest:

**17 Dec** Dragon Team Winners wear own clothes—to be announced

**18 Dec** Christmas Lunch—bring a festive accessory

**19 Dec** Christmas Parties

**20 Dec** Christmas Jumper Day (optional)

End of Term

**Monday 6 Jan** Start of the Spring Term 2024.

See the Diary Page Updates for further dates for this term and Spring and Summer 25.

## Staffing Updates

Miss Lloyd-Jones has announced that she is will be returning to work following her maternity leave on 1 February 2025. We are all looking forward to her return in the spring term. Miss Lloyd-Jones will be taking on a part-time role 2 days a week supporting the SEND team and helping children with additional needs.

Mrs Hampton the Year 2 teacher of Penguin Class has announced that she is expecting a baby in May 2025 and she will be taking maternity leave from the end of the spring term 2025. We would like to congratulate Mrs Hampton and her husband and wish them all the best following this exciting news. The governors are currently working on recruiting a full-time teaching replacement for this post.

Mrs Johnson a member of the Business Team will be leaving us at the end of term to take up a position outside of education. We would like to thank her for all her hard work and support to the School Business Team and wish her every success for the future. A part-time position is currently being advertised. Details can be found on our school [website](#).

Due to the increasing needs of children at Leechpool Primary and Nursery, the school has a number of full-time and part-time vacancies for Learning Support Assistants. Information about these positions and opportunities for Lunch-time Supervision staff can be found by visiting the school [website](#).

## OFSTED Update

Since the outcome of the Ofsted Inspection the Governors and the Leadership Team of the school have been busy addressing the issues of the report. On Friday 22 November 2024 the Local Authority Advisory Team visited the school to evaluate the progress the school is making. The report from this visit stated that no evidence of unacceptable behaviour had been seen. That attendance issues with families are being addressed and that significant progress has been made on ensuring that the curriculum is being implemented consistently. The Governing body has completed training to ensure that they carry out their statutory duties. The report stated that the school has clearly identified key areas for improvements. The school will provide a further update by the end of term of all the actions that have been taken over the last term to address the findings from the Ofsted report.

## Christmas Fayre

Thank you to everyone who helped, supported and donated items for the Christmas Fayre. The event was a big success and all the children enjoyed setting up their stalls and taking part in the fun.



The event raised £3763.24 which is a fantastic amount. The money raised will be used to support both upgrades to the playground areas and the development of the new cooking room which is coming along well.

## Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 18 December



Christmas lunches will be organised across the four sittings currently in place. This year children may bring in a festive accessory to wear for lunch e.g. a Santa/elf hat, a bow tie, Christmas hair accessory or something of their own creation!! **No crackers though please.**

All staff will be involved in making the lunch a fun event for the children.

## Lost Property

At the end of the term all lost property will be on display in the infant outside classroom. Please ensure that this area is checked as any items left will be donated to the Clothes Bank or recycled to the second hand uniform sale.

Lost property will be on display from **Monday 16 December to Friday 20 December 2024.**

## Last Day of Term

On Friday 20 December we will be holding a Christmas/Sparkle Jumper Day. All children are invited to wear a Christmas/Sparkled themed jumper instead of their school sweatshirt with either their school trousers or skirt.

## End of Term Games/Activities on the last day

Children may bring small games into school on the last day of term, however, there will also be activities to do in classes. Please avoid bringing in toys that need to be plugged in to a socket as we have only a limited number!!



## Persistent Lateness

**We are currently getting a persistent number of children arriving late to school. Children are expected to be in school in their classrooms, by the following times at the latest:**

**Infants 8.55 am and Juniors 8.45 am**

## General Reminders

**Information about Curriculum and Inclusion can be found in the half termly newsletters.**

### After School Clubs in the Spring Term

Our Spring term teacher led clubs start the week beginning **27 January 2025** – please see the school website for the activities on offer at the beginning of next term.

From Monday **9 January 2025** the sign up sheets will be available on the school website. Please remember only 1 club per child and if a club is over subscribed we will pull names out of a hat. Once clubs have been allocated, additional extra spaces will be given out to ensure all clubs are full.

### Reminders

#### 48 hour recovery period for sickness and diarrhoea

**Children can only return to school 48 hours after the last period of sickness or diarrhoea. This rule is strictly upheld to ensure the good health of all children and staff.**

#### Parking Reminder

Thank you everyone for working hard to improve the parking outside the school. Could we please ask everyone to continue to make a special effort to be considerate to each other and to our neighbours especially during bad weather.

Illegal and thoughtless parking does put our children at risk. Please make every effort to park away from the school. **PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON DOUBLE YELLOW LINES OR ON THE CORNERS OF THE ROADS AROUND THE SCHOOL.**

**We would also ask that families do not reverse their cars in the road outside the school during drop-off and pick up times. This will help to keep everyone safer.**



We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. With best wishes

Nicola Davenport and the Staff of Leechpool Primary School

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