



Leigh's Latest News

Thursday 17th September 2026

Issue 1 Autumn 1



Message from the Head Teacher

A Warm Welcome Back!

It has been lovely welcoming all of our children, staff and parents/carers back to school. A very warm welcome also goes to our new Nursery and Reception children and parents/carers. The children have made a fantastic start and are settling beautifully into school life.

Thank you to all of our parents/ carers who ensured that your child(ren) returned to school on Tuesday 2nd September. As you know, regular attendance and punctuality are incredibly important. Being in school every day and arriving on time not only supports children's academic success and future life chances, but also plays an important part in their social and emotional development.

A reminder that our **school doors open from 8.35am–8.45am** and the school day finishes at **3.15pm**. The playground gate will remain open until **3.25pm** to allow for collection. Please be aware that any collection after 3.25pm is recorded as a late collection.

Keeping Our Children Safe

Please remember **not to park on the zig-zag lines outside school** and across drop kerbs. These areas need to remain clear to ensure that children can enter and leave school safely. Where possible, please park safely away from the school and walk your child to the school gate.

When arriving at school in the morning, please also ensure that children enter through the **correct entrance**:

- **KS1 and Year 3** – KS1 entrance, near the main office
- **Years 4, 5 and 6** – KS2 entrance, near the steps

This is important for health and safety reasons and also helps children to transition quickly and smoothly into their classrooms at the start of the day.

Thank you to all the parents/carers who have already joined us for our parent welcome meetings, reading mornings and coffee mornings. It has been wonderful to see so many of you engaging with school and supporting your children's learning. Your partnership makes such a positive difference.

Looking ahead, we have lots to look forward to! A group of our Year 4 children will be heading off on a residential visit to Boreatton Park. I have no doubt that they will have a wonderful time, make lots of memories and perhaps even challenge themselves to try something new! Our Year 6 staff are also busy planning an exciting trip for our Year 6 children. More information will be shared with families once all of the details have been confirmed.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance. We are always happy to work with you to ensure that your child has the very best experience at school.

I am really looking forward to another successful and exciting year ahead. By working together, as a TEAM, we can continue to help our children become **lifelong learners, relationship builders and memory makers**.

Thank you for your continued support — here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Best wishes,

Mrs A Williams
Head Teacher



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Secondary School Deadline

The deadline to apply for a secondary school place is **Saturday 31st October 2026**

Please click [here](#) to submit your application on the Birmingham City Council Website.



Attendance

Please remember it is the parent's responsibility to ensure children come to school.

If your child is unwell and won't be attending school, you must call the school office on 0121 464 2621 and let us know by 9am.

Where your child has had more than two episodes of illness, you will be receiving a letter from our attendance team.

Any further absences may result in you being called in for a meeting with a member of the attendance team to see how school can help you.

If there is no improvement, school may have to begin formal processes according to Birmingham City Council guidance.

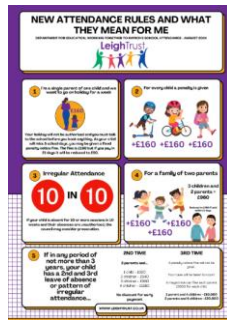
Please bring your child into school every day.

Holidays taken during term-time

Since September 2026:

8 families have been fined a total of £2,720 for taking their children on holiday last academic year. court for non-payment.

A further 3 families are being fined £1,920 for not paying penalty notices on time and risk going to court.



Parent Reading Mornings

Please see below what day parents can come in to read with their child:

You need to come in from 8.35am – 8.45am.

- **Tuesday** - Years 1 & 2
- **Wednesday** – Years 4 & 6
- **Thursday** - Year 5
- **Friday** - Nursery, Reception & Year 3

Appointments

Please ensure all appointments for children are made out of school hours (including GP and Dental appointments).

If your child has a hospital appointment, you must inform the office a day before and show the appointment letter as proof.

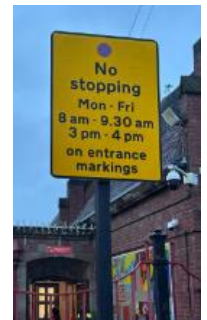


PARKING

Please do not park on the zigzag lines outside school. You must park properly & legally and walk your child to the school gate.

Please do not park in the middle of the road and let your child out of the car.

This is not safe!
Thank you for your support!



School Dinners

From September 2026, the price of school dinners will be changing to **£2.70** per day. A letter from the Trust has been emailed to you.



Curriculum Overviews

Please click on the link below to view our 'curriculum overviews'. On this page parents can see what their children will be learning in school throughout the year. <https://www.leighji.bham.sch.uk/Overview/>

Complaint Policy

Please click [here](#) to view our Complaints Policy. This can also be found on the school website and the Leigh Trust website.

What's been happening at Leigh?

Nursery

Our Nursery children have made a wonderful start to the new term! They have been busy settling into their new routines, getting to know their teachers and making new friends. The children have enjoyed exploring their new learning environment, discovering the different areas and resources available to them, and developing their confidence as they become familiar with Nursery life. It has been lovely to see their smiles, curiosity and growing independence as they begin this exciting new chapter.



Resource Base/NEST

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to the Resource Base and see the children settling in so well. They are gradually getting back into familiar routines, reconnecting with friends and staff, and becoming comfortable with the structure of the school day.

The children have been working hard and showing lots of positive attitudes towards their learning. It has been wonderful to see their smiles, growing confidence and willingness to take part.

Thank you to all our families for your continued support as we help the children settle back into school life. We are looking forward to a happy, positive and successful term together!



Reception

Reception has had a fantastic start to the new year. They are settling beautifully into their new classroom, making new friends and becoming increasingly confident with their new routines. It has been wonderful to see them growing in confidence and enjoying their learning as they begin this exciting new chapter.



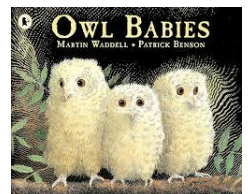
Year 1

The children have made a great start in Year 1. The children are getting used to the routines and expectations of the Year one curriculum.

We are enjoying reading 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell.

In Maths the children have been practising number formation and representing numbers using concrete and pictorial resources.

In history the children are learning what Leigh Primary School was like in the past. The children will be using the foundation stone at the front of the school as a source of information.

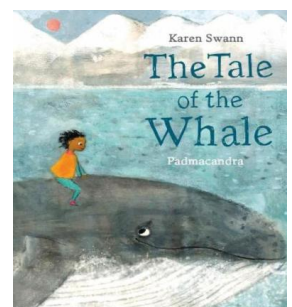


Year 2

Year 2 have settled very well in to their classes and we would like to say a big well done for how mature they have become. In English we have been working on our basic skills.

We have been using capital letters and full stops, conjunctions; and, so, but and because. We are also reading the book The tale of the Whale by Karen Swann.

In Maths we have recapped our place value to 20 and our addition and subtraction methods. In Art we are studying the artist Pablo Picasso and we will be looking forward to learning our new skills and techniques.



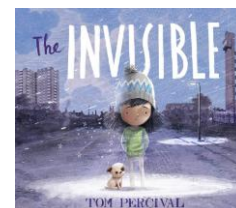
Year 3

Year 3 are having a great start to this term.

In Maths, they have been learning about partitioning numbers to 1000.

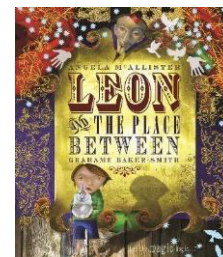
In Writing, they have been coming up with fantastic 'noun phrases'. We have also been reading *The Invisible* by Tom Percival.

In History, they have been learning about the Stone Age.



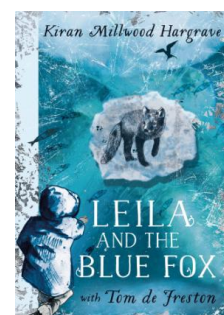
Year 4

Year 4 have had a fantastic start to their learning this term! In English, the children have been developing their narrative writing skills by creating a retell of *Leon and the Place Between*, focusing on using rich vocabulary, descriptive language and exciting sentence structures to bring the magical story to life. In Maths, pupils have been building their understanding of place value, exploring the value of digits within larger numbers and applying their knowledge through a range of reasoning and problem-solving activities.



Year 5

We have had a fantastic start to Year 5! The children have settled in brilliantly and have already begun working hard across the curriculum. In English, we have started exploring *Leila and the Blue Fox*, developing our understanding of the story while focusing on sentence structure, vocabulary and writing skills. In Maths, we have been learning about place value, building our confidence with numbers and understanding the value of each digit. In Science, we have begun exploring the human life cycle, learning about the different stages of human development. In History, we will be starting our exciting new topic on the Industrial Revolution, where the children will explore how life changed during this important period in history. We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, effort and positive attitude the children have shown already and are looking forward to all the learning ahead!

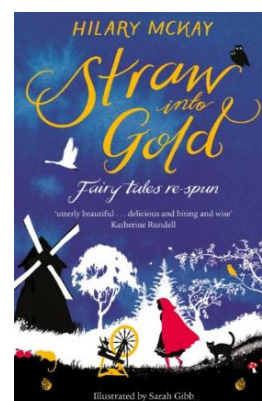


Year 6

Year 6 have had a very positive start to the new academic year and have shown they are ready to take on the challenges that they will face. The class text this half term is called *'Straw into Gold'* by Hilary McKay and the first written piece will be a narrative. In maths, the children will focus on place value. Currently, we have noticed a lot of children who are having difficulty in multiplying by 10, 100 and 1000 and have been working on this for morning activities.

In other curriculum subjects, they will study World War II for history and the circulatory system for science.

Please talk to your children about their learning and encourage them to put some time aside to study independently on subject areas that they not feel as confident on, this will help their understanding of different concepts.



PE Timetable

Children are expected to come to school wearing their PE kit on their PE day(s) and club days(s).

Monday	Reception	1S	3F	5R	5Z		
Tuesday	2H	2T	3F	4B	4O	5R	6H
Wednesday	2T	3V	6B				
Thursday	1S	2H	4B	4O	5Z		
Friday	Nursery	3V	6B	6H			



6B will be going swimming every Friday afternoon during Autumn 1 during their PE lesson



Thursday 17th September
Year 3 Reading Morning at 9am

Friday 18th September
Year 1 Reading Morning at 9am

Friday 23rd October
Teacher Training Day

Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October
Half Term Holiday

Saturday 31st October
Deadline for Secondary School applications

Monday 2nd November
School re-opens to all children

Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January
Christmas Holidays

Monday 4th January 2027
Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 5th January 2027
Teacher Training Day

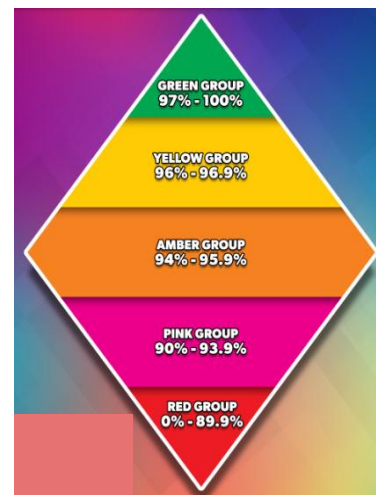
Friday 11th June 2027
Teacher Training Day

**If there are any changes to these dates, we
will update you throughout the year.**



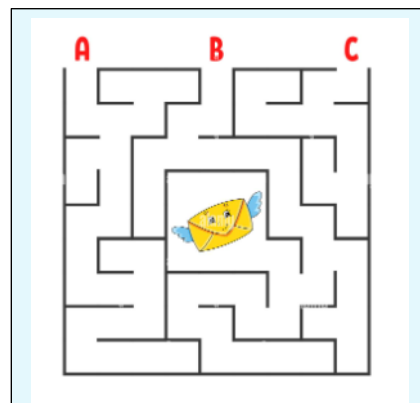
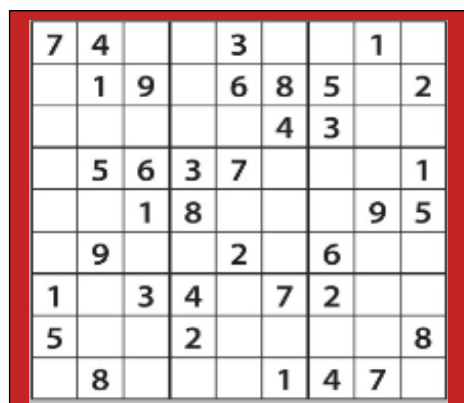
School Target: 97%
National Primary Attendance to date: TBC
02/09/2026- 16/09/2026: 91.8%

NUR	97%
RB	90.4%
1S	94.3%
2H	93.1%
2T	87.8%
3F	90.8%
3V	88%
4B	86.9%
4O	94.4%
5B	94.3%
5Z	94.3%
6B	94.3%
6H	91.4%



**Congratulations to Nursery for achieving 97%
for their attendance. Amazing!**

Let's keep up the good work!



Early Help Noticeboard

Safeguarding and Child Protection

Safeguarding and Child Protection is of paramount importance to the school, please read our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy on the website. If your child discloses something to a member of staff at school, we have a legal obligation to seek advice as to the next steps that should be taken. At all times we will work in partnership with parents /carers, however, on some occasions if we think that contacting the parents/carers will have a detrimental impact on the child then concerns will be shared with external agencies to seek further advice without your consent.

50 things to do before you're five

Please check out this poster to find lots of fun, low or no cost activities to do with your children in Birmingham.

You can download the free app and access all the information.

You can also access their website by visiting the link below:

<https://birmingham.50thingstodo.org/app/os#!/before-youre-five/activities-2>



Water Safety Awareness Message from West Midlands Fire Service

During the hot spell over the late May Bank Holiday weekend and half-term holiday, there were a number of tragic incidents around the country, many involving young people. The forecast over the coming weeks is for temperatures to rise again.

To keep yourself and your loved ones safe around water please be aware of the following:

- Of all drownings in 2025, 57% took place in inland water – canals, rivers, lakes, ponds – the type of bodies of water we have lots of in the West Midlands.
- Even if the weather is warm the water may be cold, causing your body to go into cold water shock.
- If you fall into water Float to Live – put your head back, float on your back and keep yourself stable by using small movements of your hands.
- Once you are stable you may call for help or swim to the bank if it is feasible.
- Do not go into the water to save people or pets. Call 999 and ask for the Fire Service.

For more information about staying safe around water please visit the West Midlands Fire Service water safety page (<https://www.wmfs.net/safety/water-safety/>) or the RNLI Education Resources page (<https://rnli.org/youth-education/education-resources>).

In the West Midlands our main sources of water danger are from canals, rivers, lakes and ponds but you may be visiting the beach over the summer period.

If you are visiting any parks that have any open water, please remember the water safety rules advised by Birmingham City Council:

- never swim or play in lakes, reservoirs, rivers, canals or any other form of open water
- never allow children to play near water without an adult present
- do not run by the water – you may trip and fall in

If you see someone in trouble in the water:

- never jump into the water yourself
- keep calm and throw them something that will float, e.g., a lifebuoy if one is available
- call 999 for help and ask for the fire service if you are in Birmingham or the coastguard if you are at the coast

What to do if you fall into deep water:

- Float to live – lie on your back and float
- Resist the instinct to panic or swim
- Lie back and keep your airways clear, push your stomach up and extend your limbs, moving hands and feet to help you float
- Try to take control of the effects of cold water shock, such as the gasping reflex.
- Once breathing is controlled, call for help and, if possible, try making your way to safety.

Allergen Matrix and Carb Listing

With the launch of Benedict Law, please find below links to view the allergen matrix and carb information for our school meals.

- [Primary-school-recipe-allergen-matrix](#)
- [Primary-school-recipe-carb-info](#)

Communication and Autism Team

Parent Carer Workshops - Colebourne Primary School

We would like to invite you to a CAT Parent carer workshop for parent carers who would like to increase their understanding of autism and ways to support their child.

Workshops will be held over six weeks with the following themes:

22nd September 9.15-11.15am - An overview of Autism
29th September 9.15-11.15am - Language and Communication
6th October 9.15-11.15am - Emotional Regulation
13th October 9.15-11.15am - Sensory Differences
20th October 9.15-11.15am - Sleep Routine
3rd November 9.15-11.15am - Developing independence with toileting

Sessions will take place at: Colebourne Primary School
B34 6AB
Book online via:
<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/product/cat-parent-carer-workshop-course-colebourne-primary-22nd-september/>
Parents of all Birmingham schools are welcome

KINDNESS NOTICE

Our staff have the right to be treated with dignity and respect at all times. Any threatening, aggressive or racist behaviour towards our team will not be tolerated and may result in individuals being asked to leave the school site. Thank you for your understanding.

Membrii personalului scolii noastre au dreptul sa fie tratati tot timpul cu respectul cuvenit. Nu va fi tolerat niciun fel de comportament amenintator, agresiv sau rasist catre membrii personalului. Persoanele care vor avea un astfel de comportament vor fi rugate sa paraseasca cladirea scolii.

Va multumim pentru intelegere.

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The Startwell programme is a healthy lifestyle initiative for Early Years settings in Birmingham, focusing on healthy eating and physical activity.

Nursery and Reception children have been learning lots of healthy habits from the Startwell characters.

Please click **here** to view the Newsletter from Startwell and learn more about them and how you can incorporate them at home.



Bed Bank Programme

Birmingham Voluntary Service Council (BVSC) have launched the Bed Bank Programme, supporting families across Birmingham who are experiencing bed poverty. This programme is already in high demand and can make a significant difference to a child's wellbeing, both at home and in school.

If you need a bed for your children or for yourself, please email the school at enquiry@lps.leightrust.co.uk.

NHS Head Injury Advice

If you have any concerns regarding a head bump, please click on the links below for NHS guidance on what to do.

Head Injury and concussion - NHS

<https://www.what0-18.nhs.uk/professionals/gp-primary-care-staff/safety-netting-documents-parents/head-injury>

The Child Accident Prevention Trust also has some useful resources on preventing falls in children.

Falls | Child Accident Prevention Trust

falls factsheet 2024.pdf

Safeguarding

Ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all pupils is our highest priority. We would like to take this opportunity to share an overview of the key emergency procedures we regularly practise in school, as well as the precautions we take when organising school trips.

Fire Safety and Evacuation Drills

We conduct fire drills at regular intervals throughout the school year. These drills help children and staff practise safe and efficient evacuation procedures, ensuring everyone knows how to respond calmly in the event of a real emergency. During these drills, children are guided to the playground which is our designated assembly points and head counts carried to confirm all individuals are accounted for.

Lockdown Procedures

In addition to fire drills, we also practise lockdown procedures. These are precautionary measures designed to keep children and staff safe in the unlikely event of a security risk within or near the school. During a lockdown drill, children are taught to remain quiet, stay inside classrooms, and follow staff instructions carefully. These practices are carried out in an age-appropriate and reassuring manner.

Educational Visits and Risk Assessments

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Educational Visits and Risk Assessments

Before any school trip or off-site activity takes place, a thorough risk assessment is completed by staff. This process includes:

- Evaluating the location and planned activities
- Identifying potential hazards
- Implementing appropriate safety measures
- Ensuring suitable adult-to-child ratios
- Reviewing transport arrangements and emergency procedures

All visits are carefully planned to provide enriching experiences while maintaining the highest safety standards.

We understand that discussions about safety procedures can sometimes raise concerns, but please be assured that all practices are designed to prepare pupils in a calm, supportive environment without causing unnecessary alarm.

If you have any questions about our safety procedures, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Parent Voice

- School would like to hear from anyone who would be interested in working with us to **raise awareness regarding racism**. We would also like to hear from anyone who may have experienced racism and would be willing to share their experience, in order to help others' learn. Please get in touch with school via our enquiry email address. enquiry@lps.leightrust.co.uk
- Please can you also email school letting us know about any hobbies, successes or achievements your child has had outside of school so we can celebrate these in school with them too.

The image displays two versions of the SEND Occupational Therapy Newsletter for the Autumn Term. The left version is for 'Birmingham Families' and the right is for 'Birmingham Schools'. Both newsletters feature the SEND Birmingham logo and a purple puzzle piece icon with 'SEND' and 'Therapy' text. The 'Birmingham Families' newsletter includes sections for 'Sensory Circuits at Home', 'Top Tip!' about fastening buttons, 'Contact Us!', and 'Virtual training booked via Eventbrite'. The 'Birmingham Schools' newsletter includes sections for 'Fun with Food', 'Spill the Tea with OT', 'Sensory Circuits', and 'Contact Us!'. Both newsletters provide contact information for the OT team and mention the NHS Birmingham Community Healthcare logo.