Through learning and loving we will follow Jesus.

NEWSLETTER

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25th September 2026

Prayer and Mission Day

What a lovely start to the year!
On Friday 11th September the children took part in a prayer and mission day. The children spent the day exploring lots of different ways to pray and reflect. They visited different classrooms throughout the day, with each room offering a new prayer experience, including Visio Divina, Tactile Prayer, Bible Journalling, Golden Box Prayer and Prayer Stations.

It was wonderful to see the children become so absorbed in each experience. They were incredibly reverent, respectful and thoughtful, making the most of the opportunity to slow down, be still and reflect.

We were so proud of the way they embraced the day and the maturity they showed during our different prayer experiences.

There are also some pictures of the children's amazing Mission Statement work that they enjoyed sharing with the school during a special assembly this morning!





Reminders

Coffee Morning

We will now be holding a coffee morning on the last Tuesday of every month. This is a relaxed and welcoming opportunity to enjoy a cuppa and a chat, connect with other parents and carers, and speak informally with members of school staff. Where possible, representatives from other agencies will also attend to offer advice, practical guidance and support on a range of issues affecting children and families. Our first session will take place on Tuesday 29th September, from 9am to 10am. Everyone is welcome, and there will also be some free goodies!

Year 6 High School Taster Session

Year 6 will visit Westleigh High School on Thursday 1st October for a morning taster session. During the visit, the children will have the opportunity to experience life in a high school setting, meet members of staff, explore the school environment and take part in a range of lessons and activities. The session will help pupils

become more familiar with the routines and expectations of secondary school, ask questions and build their confidence as they begin to think about the next stage of their education. Further practical information about the visit will be shared with parents and carers.

Reception Intake – September 2027

Anyone interested in sending their child to XII Apostles R.C.P.S. can come into school and register their child's name.

This does not guarantee a place nor is it a formal application for a place. However, it does enable us to forward future correspondence about our open evenings and other relevant information.

We will be holding an Open Evening for prospective parents on Tuesday 10th November at 6:00 pm and an Open Afternoon for parents and children on Thursday 19th November at 2:00pm

Parental Engagement and Parents Workshops

Following the feedback received through our summer term parental survey, we are reviewing and strengthening the ways in which we engage with parents and carers. Our aim is to build an open and supportive partnership with families, helping you to feel well informed and confident in supporting your child's learning, development and wellbeing. We are currently exploring accessible ways to share the school's expertise in areas including language and communication, reading, writing, mathematics, online safety, and physical and mental wellbeing.

We recognise that the main ClassDojo page can become very busy and that useful information can sometimes be difficult to find. We will therefore shortly create a dedicated parent area on ClassDojo, which families will be able to access whenever needed. This will bring together practical guidance, useful resources, information from external agencies and details of the support available to children and families.

Alongside these developments, we will continue to offer our class-based parent workshops, carefully tailored to the needs of each year group. These will take place during the second half of the autumn term. In response to your feedback, each workshop will be offered twice: once at 9am, following morning drop-off, and again at 5pm after school. The sessions will include practical activities that parents and carers can complete alongside their children, providing useful ideas and strategies that can also be used at home. We therefore ask that children attend with their parent or carer and that, wherever possible, each child is represented at one of the two sessions. The workshop dates are listed below:
Reception: Tuesday 17th November at 9am and 5pm
Year 1: Thursday 19th November at 9am and 5pm
Year 2: Wednesday 18th November at 9am and 5pm
Year 3: Tuesday 3rd November at 9am and 5pm
Year 4: Thursday 5th November at 9am and 5pm
Year 5: Thursday 5th November at 9am and 5pm
Year 6: Pupils and families have already taken part in a workshop this term. A further Year 6 session will be arranged for the spring term, with details shared nearer the time.

Year 2, Year 4 and Year 5 Mass at St Joesph's Church Leigh on Friday 6th November at 10:30am

Years 2, 4 and 5 will travel by coach to celebrate mass with Father Kieran at St Joesph's church in Leigh on Friday 6th November at 10:00am. Parents, carers and relatives are invited to join us for at St Joseph's church. Years 1, 3 and 6 will celebrate mass at St Joseph's on Friday 20th November.

Twelve Apostles Charity Work

Year 4 – CAFOD and Food Bank Appeal

Year 4 – Harvest Assembly
Friday 9th October at 9:00 am in the School Hall

Miss Murphy and Year 4 would like to invite parents to a special Harvest Assembly



As part of their work on Harvest Year 4 will be thinking about people who are less fortunate than themselves and how we can help to make the world a fairer place.

Food Bank Donations

We are collecting donations to give to our local community. If you can spare anything, please could you send it into school with your child. Some ideas include:

- Tinned goods such as soup, fruits and vegetables
- Toiletries such as soaps, shampoo and body wash
- Tea and coffee
- Pasta and rice or any other dried foods

Anything that is donated will be made into hampers and taken to those living locally who really need it.

Raising Money for CAFOD- Brighten Up for Harvest

We are also supporting our global community by taking part in CAFOD's initiative, 'Brighten up for Harvest'. On **Friday 9th October,** we are asking children for a **donation of £1** so that they can come to school in their brightest clothes to spread a little joy!

Parent Evenings – Face to Face Appointments in School

Reception/Year 1/Year 2/Year 3/Year 4/Year 5/Year 6 will be on **Tuesday 13th October** and **Wednesday 14th October** from 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm You will be able to book an appointment online. More information to follow.

Friends of Twelve Apostles

The Friends play a crucial role in organising fund raising events to purchase new equipment and pay for trips out of school and visitors to school. Please come along and share ideas for future fund-raising events at our next meeting which will be held on Tuesday 29th September at 9am.

Friends of Twelve Apostles Fund Raising Events

Sponsored Bounce Friday 16th October

This is a favourite event for our school. The children will be challenged to bounce as many times as they can in a minute. They will ask family and friends to sponsor them for each bounce so that the more they bounce the more money they will raise! This event will take place during the school day.

Christmas Hamper Donations – Friday 27th November

The children will be invited to come into school in their own clothes on this day and donate goods for the Christmas hampers. The friends will then make up the hampers which will be raffled at the Christmas Coffee morning.
More information to follow.

Second Hand Toy Sale – Friday 4th December

We are once again holding this annual event, so please can I urge parents and children to start sorting their toys out. Please send into school week beginning 30th November.



Christmas Coffee Morning and Christmas Party Hat Competition Monday 14th December at 9:00 am.

This is a chance for everyone to get together. The children will be invited to make a Christmas party hat for this event. The school council will judge the entries looking for creativity and imagination and select an overall winner from each class. There will be a small prize for all those that enter.

Breakfast with Santa and Christmas Jumper Day Wednesday 16th December

The cost of the event will be £**3** to cover the cost of food and a present.



Star of the Week

Congratulations and well-done children on getting this award our first week back.

Friday 18th September 2026

Year 1	Cody Y
Year 2	Brax McD
Year 3	Charlie G
Year 4	Grace A
Year 5	Olivia S
Year 6	Annie C

Friday 25th September 2026

Year 1	Flora G
Year 2	Ayla H
Year 3	Daphne R
Year 4	Ezra D
Year 5	Sara M
Year 6	Sienna A

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

 **In school**

 **On time**

Week Commencing: 14th September 2026

Congratulations Reception & Year 2



Reception	100.00%	Year 1	97.74%
Year 2	97.59%	Year 3	93.57%
Year 4	97.10%	Year 5	96.33%
Year 6	97.78%		

Week Commencing: 21st September 2026



Reception	97.00%	Year 1	92.26%
Year 2	97.33%	Year 3	93.93%
Year 4	95.48%	Year 5	95.33%
Year 6	95.19%		

Sponsor

9th–15th Leigh Scout Group

Meet every Thursday evening

Squirrels– Ages 4-6 years 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Beavers– Ages 6-8 years 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Cubs – Ages 8-10.5 years 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Thursday 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Boys & Girls Welcome

Contact: Jane Riley

On 07714 417263

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ABC Domestics – Ian McGowan – 01942 730468 or 07715986396

Feet First – Chiropodist – Nicola – 07767696014

Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers – Jane - 07877619237

9th–15th Leigh Cubs and Beavers Group – Jane Riley – 07714417263

T Crawley & Son, Coal Merchant – Damian – 07702 527000

Labra-Claws Avenue – Dog Grooming – 07359 206529