



NEWSLETTER

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30th January 2026

Children's Mental Health Week

During the week beginning 9th February we will be celebrating children's mental health awareness week. The theme for Children's Mental Health Week 2026 is 'This is My Place' The children will be taking part in a range of activities that encourage them to take care of their own well-being and mental health.

E-Safety

Safer Internet Day Tuesday 10th February 2026

The theme this year '**Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI**'.

Everyone's talking about AI, and with many children and young people hearing about and using AI online, it's important they have the skills and confidence to make safe choices when they are using smart technology.

This Safer Internet Day we are exploring the impact of AI on all of our lives, looking at how AI can be used for good, and giving advice and guidance that empowers people to use AI safely and responsibly.

Information from UK Safer Internet Centre

Safer Internet Day is the UK's biggest celebration of online safety. Each year we cover an online issue or theme that speaks about the things young people are seeing and experiencing online. Created in consultation with young people across the UK, this year Safer Internet Day will be focusing on the issue of scams online and for young people, how to protect themselves and others, as well as what support is available to them.

This Safer Internet Day we will assess the real scale of this issue and allow young people to share their experiences and ideas on how to tackle the problem. We'll build on the important work being done to raise awareness of issues such as online financial sextortion and we'll also consider the future of scams, answering questions such as:

- How is changing technology like generative AI going to impact the approach of scammers?
- What role can the government and internet industry take to tackle this threat?
- And what changes would young people like to see to help protect themselves moving forward?

Coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre, the celebration sees thousands of organisations get involved to promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people.

School and home can work together to talk about and respond to online issues, not just for one day, but throughout the whole year.

If you would like more information on the ways in which you can support online safety, please contact myself or Mrs Yates.

Year 4 Sacramental Meetings

Thank you to parents and children who attended our first sacramental preparation session on Thursday.

The second sacramental preparation session will be held here in school on **Monday 9th February 3.15 pm – 4.15pm**. This is for the children only.

Session 3 Monday 23rd February during school day, School, Children only.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Wednesday 4th March during school day, School, Children only

Session 4 Monday 13th April 3:15-4:15pm, School, Children only
Session 5 Monday 27th April 3:15-4:15pm, School, Children only
First Holy Communion Saturday 9th May 10:30am St Joseph's Church

It is really important that your child attends all the sessions in order to be fully prepared to receive the sacraments.

Year 6 Parents Evenings and SATs Workshop

Tuesday 24th February 5:00-5:30pm

Mr Rowlands will be holding a Year 6 parents' workshop to support the children in preparing for their SAT tests in May.

Tuesday 3rd March and Thursday 5th March

Year 6 parent's evenings will be held between 3:30 and 5:30pm. Ms Grundy will send appointment booking links prior to the parents evening.



Star of the Week



We are
not SUCCESSFUL
because We are SMART.
We are
SUCCESSFUL
when we
work hard.

Congratulations and well-done to all our stars!

Friday 23rd January 2026

Reception – Dawid A & Georgia G

Year 1 – Arabella E

Year 2 – Freya F

Year 3 – Anabell S

Year 4 – Abby T

Year 5 – Gracie H

Year 6 – Phoebe S

Friday 30th January 2026

Reception – Lara Z & Jesse C

Year 1 – Lena R

Year 2 – Emerald M-O

Year 3 – Lydia C

Year 4 – Millen C

Year 5 – Ricky L

Year 6 – Emmie W

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



In school



On time



Week Commencing: 19th January 2026

Reception 98.06%	Year 1 98.71%
Year 2 98.33%	Year 3 99.03%
Year 4 93.67%	Year 5 98.33%
Year 6 99.00%	

Congratulations

Y3 & Reception

Week Commencing: 26th January 2026

Reception 97.74%	Year 1 96.77%
Year 2 96.67%	Year 3 94.84%
Year 4 90.00%	Year 5 95.00%
Year 6 97.67%	

Planned Friends Events

Disco Friday 6th February

DJ and Party Games - small prizes can be won.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Disco: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Disco: 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Entrance: all children to be dropped off and picked up via the junior playground.

Please can we ask that all parents drop their children off at their allocated time and then return to collect them at their finishing time. Apologies, but due to space/health and safety, parents are unable to stay with their children.

Also, due to space in the school hall, we apologise, but we will have to keep the maximum number of children to 100 per key stage. The tickets will be purchased on a first come first serve basis.

TICKETS NOW ON SALE

Please send the cash in an envelope with their name on into school and hand it into their class teacher. A ticket will be arranged and sent home with your child. Friends will also be on the Junior playground before and after school to sell tickets.

There will be a tuck shop whereby your child can purchase a drink, crisps or sweets. Please send your child with a maximum of £2 on the evening should you wish for them to purchase any goods.

Unwanted Christmas Presents

If you received a few gifts that weren't *quite* right, why not pass them on? We're collecting unwanted but *new* items to use as prizes for upcoming events and fundraisers.

It's a great way to declutter, reduce waste, and help us add a bit of extra fun to our activities. Just drop off your items at the school office.

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 Domestic - Ian McGowan - 01942 730468 or 07715986396

Feet First - Chiropodist - Nicola - 07767696014

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

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Labra-Claws Avenue - Dog Grooming - 07359 206529