



Leigh on Mendip School

Newsletter 7

October 21st
2026

Meet the Governor

Our Chair of Governors Catherine Farmer held her termly 'Meet the Governor' a couple of weeks ago and spoke to several parents on the gate as well as receiving a couple of emails regarding thoughts and issues at school.

One of the topics of conversation was school trips and how many the children would attend during the year. As it stands, there will be two whole school trips this year (one to the pantomime and then a summer trip) as well as class trips in the spring term. Of course we have already had the Year 6 residential and there will be other opportunities along the way, such as the Writhlington Orchid project which we are currently looking at organising.

Halloween Costumes

It has been great seeing all the wonderful and interesting costumes and makeup that the children have come to school wearing today. Have a look at some of the photos below to see all the effort that has been put into Halloween!

Leigh on Mendip Remembrance

We have been asked to share the following regarding remembrance service in the village:

On Sunday 8th November there will be an act of Remembrance commencing outside the Memorial Hall in Leigh beginning at 10.45a.m.

This will be followed by our laying wreaths along the Church wall. Alongside wreaths being laid to recall various military organisations and regiments, there will also be community wreaths laid from the Parish Council in Leigh, Downhead community, the village school and the pub.

This event is open to all in our communities to join in. In the event of it raining on the day, the Act of Remembrance and the wreath laying will take place inside the Church.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Half Term

We hope you all have an enjoyable half-term break. The children have certainly earned it with their hard work and enthusiasm since they returned after summer. As we all know, there is a lot to look forward to in the lead up to Christmas and we will look forward to seeing you at many of the events that will be taking place.

Mr Turull





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Diary Dates

October

22nd Inset Day
23rd Inset Day
End of Term One

November

2nd **Start of Term Two**
4th - 9th **School Book Fair**
8th Village Remembrance Day
9th Parents Evening
10th MSN Girls Football ESFA Qualifier
11th School Photos
13th Children in Need Day - Children to wear spots or Pjs
17th MSN Schools Football ESFA Qualifier
18th Open Morning - 9.30 - 11.30am
23rd MSN Y4 & 5 Cross Country - Downside
25th **Inset Day**
26th Zoo Lab Workshop

December

1st MSN Swimming Gala
5th Christmas Tree Sale & Fair
10th Starling Class Christmas Production
11th Whole School Pantomime Trip
16th Goldfinches & Swallow Class Carol Service at St Giles' Church
17th Kingfishers Christmas Production
17th FOLS Christmas Movie Afternoon
18th **End of Term Two**



Notices

Open Mornings

Our next open day will be Wednesday 18th November from 9.30 - 11.30am.

If you, or someone you know may be looking for a preschool or school place, please share the word.

Our team of staff will be here to answer any questions, while some of our fantastic children will give tours around the school to all the visitors who come along.

Swallow Class Swimming

As we head towards the end of Term 1, please ensure to confirm via Arbor that your child will continue swimming in term 2.

Term Dates 2027 - 2028

The finalised term dates are now live on the website. Please refer to these when booking holidays.

PGL Residential

We have now booked our PGL residential trip for next year's Year 6. If your child would like to go on the trip, please complete the Google Form and pay the initial deposit via Arbor by 9th November 2026

Celebrations

We always love to cheer on our students in all areas of their lives. If your child has achieved something special at home, such as earning a new belt in martial arts, performing in a show or helping out in the local area, please let us know!

We would love to feature them in our weekly Friday Celebration assembly.



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News from the Classrooms



Tip: Click the class bird to visit the class page!



Robins

We have continued the theme of Halloween in Robins this week. We had fun carving and spooning out the inside of our pumpkin learning new words such as slimy and squishy



Kingfishers

We had a fantastic week filled with Halloween fun and the classic story Funnybones!

In music, the children expressed themselves through movement while exploring rhythm and tempo.



Starlings

Starling Class have finished their Science Units by doing some exciting experiments. Year 2 have learnt all about Everyday Materials and this week they have investigated which material was the most waterproof! Year 3 have been learning all about humans and their skeletons! They have enjoyed testing which muscles are used when you complete different activities and learning muscle names!



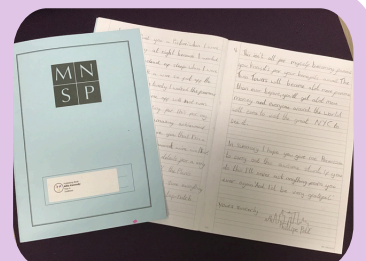
Goldfinches

This week goldfinch class had a very enjoyable end to their English topic, Narnia. While all dressed up for Halloween we got out the blankets and pillows and snuggled up to watch the film for a relaxing last day of term.



Swallows

This week in Swallows, we have used our new Publishing Books to write a Persuasive Letter. These will showcase all the final pieces of writing the classes will do with the aim of having around 12 pieces of writing in them by the end of the year. This will be used for assessment pieces and moderation tasks, and they will form a nice overall summary of each pupil's writing journey this year.





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SCHOOL & PRESCHOOL

Join us for a guided tour of our village primary school & preschool to find out why our children love to learn.

For all Reception 2027 Admissions and in-year moves

OPEN MORNINGS

Friday 9th October 2026

9.30am - 11.30am

Wednesday 18th November 2026

9.30am - 11.30am

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE

Please call 01373 812592 or email office@leighonmendip.mnsp.org.uk
www.leighonmendipschool.co.uk



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Nurturing
Curious
Minds



I'm taking the brave step of having my hair cut to donate to The Little Princess Trust ❤️

These wigs can help restore confidence, identity and a little bit of magic during what can be an incredibly difficult time.

✨ The charity covers all the costs involved in making, fitting and styling each wig, ensuring that young people receive this support when they need it most.

Alongside providing wigs, The Little Princess Trust also funds vital childhood cancer research, helping to find kinder and more effective treatments for the future. 🧡❤️

I would love to raise as much money as possible to support this wonderful charity and help make a difference to the lives of so many brave little princesses and princess. 🧡❤️

Every donation, no matter how big or small, will mean the world to me and help support this incredible cause. Thank you so much for your kindness, generosity and support! 🧡❤️

Every little bit helps!
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£700 provides a child with a wig



Poppy Appeal

Please support the Royal British Legion!

You are now able to purchase your poppies in the School Reception.

Thank you

Follow us!



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