

Leigh St Mary's CE Primary School

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School News...

What a wonderful week it has been at Leigh St Mary's, with lots of exciting and engaging opportunities taking place across school!

Our youngest children in Reception have been captivated by the much loved story Owl Babies, retelling the tale with great enthusiasm. Year 1 have been busy exploring the wonders of autumn, noticing the changes all around us. Both classes have also been into Forest School, where they have been able to bring their learning to life through hands-on experiences outdoors. The children loved making discoveries in nature and using what they saw and heard to inspire their classroom learning.

Reception and Year 1 have enjoyed a lovely experience in our Forest School this week. Explorations and adventures in the outdoor classroom have really brought their learning experiences to life. 😊



In Key Stage 2, pupils have been showing real determination and creativity in their writing. Their ideas are blossoming, and we are so proud of the effort they are putting in. We can't wait to share their fantastic outcomes with you at our Book Look on Tuesday 21st October after school. It promises to be a real celebration of their hard work. Year 6, in particular, have been gripped by the mysterious story Room 13 and are producing some very atmospheric pieces of writing!

A gentle reminder that our Harvest Worship for Years 1–6 will take place at church on Monday morning, just after 9.00am, led by our wonderful Team Worship group. We are still welcoming Harvest donations on Monday, which will be gratefully received by Atherton and Leigh Foodbank to support families in our community.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. We hope you all enjoy a restful and happy weekend!

Mrs Watson 😊

School Updates / Dates for Your Diary

- Monday 6th October - 9.05am– Harvest Service in Church for Year 1 to 6 – families welcome
- Tuesday 21st October – ‘Book Look’ for all families after school
- Friday 24th October – school finishes for half term
- Monday 3rd November – school opens for Autumn term 2



Celebration Assembly Awards



Love to Learn Award:

Kaden, Leo, Melody, Aliza, Lyanna & Teddy

Diamond Behaviour Award:

Eloise, Kennedy, Sophie S, Edward, Isaac & Evie-May

Pride & Presentation Award:

Ariel, Oscar, George, Luna, George & Amelia

Health & Fitness Award::

Jeffrey, Azzura, Megan, Mason, Lola & Joshua

Values Trophy: Jack & Ella

Red Carpet Reading: Zidan, Joshua, Freddie & Amy

Red Teds Award: Willow, Jenson & Marley

Diamond Diner Award:

Summer, Noah, Melody, Aviana, Jenson & Joshua

Head Teacher Award:

Year 4 & Year 1

Attendance Superstars: Reception 98.9%



Well Done to everyone!



Other News...

Applications for Secondary School

Parents of our Year 6 pupils can now apply for their child's high school place through Wigan Council. Applications can be made online by following this link:

<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/resident/education/schools/School-Admissions/Secondary-Schools.aspx>

Please make sure applications are completed before the deadline so that your child's place is secured.

Applications for Reception 2026

If your child was born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022, they will start reception class at the start on the new school year in September 2026.

The online application service and details of how to apply for a place in reception class for September 2026 are available on the link below:

<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/resident/education/schools/school-admissions/primary-schools.aspx>

Before applying for a Reception class place, parents must read the online booklet as it contains important information about the application process.

Playground at Drop off and Collection times

A calm and safe start and end to the school day is really important for all of our children. We kindly ask that children remain with their grown-ups at drop off and collection times, rather than running around the playground. This helps us to make sure everyone is safe and ensures the start of the day feels calm and positive. It also gives children the chance to come into school settled and ready for learning.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep these important routines running smoothly.

Road Safety Around School

Thank you to all our families for helping to keep our children safe on their journeys to and from school. We are pleased that new traffic calming measures have been introduced around school to make the roads safer for everyone. To support this, we kindly ask you to park safely and walk your child into the school grounds. By working together and showing care for one another, we can create a calm and safe environment for our children and our school community. Thank you for your support with this.

