Newsletter 5 Friday 2nd October 2026

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Our Reception and Year 1 children have been enjoying Forest School this week, extending their curriculum learning through outdoor exploration, role play and opportunities to build their vocabulary.



School News

Reception and Year 1 have been busy extending their classroom learning through Forest School. Reception created a super nest for Mother Owl, bringing their focus text, Owl Babies, to life. This gave the children a lovely opportunity to develop their ideas through role play, build their vocabulary and explore the story together. Year 1 have also been extending their learning outdoors, searching for signs of autumn to support their geography learning. Exploring the natural environment helps the children notice seasonal changes and talk about their discoveries.

Next week, we look forward to our Harvest Service at church on Monday morning at 9.15am. Our Year 6 Team Worship will lead the service for children in Years 1–6, and families are warmly invited to join us. Our lovely Friends of School will be serving hot drinks in exchange for a donation.

We are once again collecting Harvest donations for Atherton and Leigh Foodbank. All donations, no matter how big or small, are warmly welcomed. Thank you for your kindness and support in helping local families.

Families are also warmly invited to celebrate autumn together after school on Wednesday 14th October, when our Friends of School will be running a lovely family event from 3.30pm.

I hope you all have a great weekend!
Kindest wishes
Mrs Watson 😊

Atherton & Leigh foodbank

School Updates / Dates for Your Diary

- Monday 5th October – 9.15am - Harvest Church Service for Year 1 to Year 6 families
- Wednesday 14th October – Autumn Fest – after school
- Monday 26th – Friday 30th October – half term
- Saturday 31st October – deadline for secondary school applications
- Friday 13th November – Children in Need – spotty or non-uniform outfits
- Friday 4th December – non uniform day for Christmas prizes
- Tuesday 8th December – Reception and KS1 Nativity - morning
- Wednesday 9th December – KS2 Christingle – afternoon
- Tuesday 15th December- Christmas Fair – after school
- Monday 21st December – Tuesday 5th January – Christmas holidays
- Monday 15th – Friday 19th February 2026 – half term
- Thursday 25th March – Friday 9th April – Easter holidays
- Friday 28th May – Friday 4th June – half term
- Thursday 22nd July – Friday 3rd September – Summer holidays 2027

 Celebration Assembly Awards 

Love to Learn Award: Arielle, Martin, Freddie, Lyanna, Austin, Isla & Albie

Diamond Behaviour Award:

Freddie T, Olivia H, Grace, Willow G, Ella, Eadie & Aurora

Pride & Presentation Award:

Rowan, Riley, Manahil, Freddy P, Harper D, Esme & Zayan

Spelling Star:

Fletcher, George BGD, Edward, Halle, Antoni & Grace O

Health & Fitness Award::

Rosie, Finley, Mason, Willow G, Olag, Freddie & Theo HJ

Values Trophy: Azzura & Mozeedah

Red Carpet Reading: Mahasen, Libby, Willow A & Willow G

Red Teds: Grace, Albie, Autumn, Ellie-Grace, Harrison, Esme & Freddie N

Diamond Diner Award:

Noah, Mahasen, Louie, Willow A, Olag, Emilia & Tilly-Mae

Attendance: Year 3 98.5 %

Head Teacher Award: Year 5 & Year 1

Well Done to everyone!

Other News…

Secondary School Admissions

Parents and carers of children in Year 6 can apply for a secondary school place for September 2027. Applications must be submitted by Saturday 31 October 2026. Please visit the Wigan Council secondary school admissions page for further information and to apply.
https://www.wigan.gov.uk/resident/education/schools/School-Admissions/Secondary-Schools.aspx

Reception Admissions 2027

The portal is now open to apply for Reception places for September 2027. If your child was born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023, they will start reception class at the start of the new school year in September 2027. Here is the link to the Wigan Admissions Portal:
https://www.wigan.gov.uk/resident/education/schools/school-admissions/primary-schools.aspx

Allergy Forms and Food Safety

All children have been sent home with an allergy information forms. We are still outstanding some forms. Please complete and return this to school as soon as possible. We need a completed form for every child, even if your child does not have any known allergies. We would also like to remind families that nuts and products containing nuts should not be brought into school. This includes food brought in for snacks and packed lunches. This is an important part of helping us to keep children with allergies safe.
Finally, if you are sending grapes into school as part of your child's snack or packed lunch, please make sure they are cut lengthways into smaller pieces to reduce the risk of choking. Thank you for helping us to keep everyone at Leigh St Mary's happy, healthy and safe.