

The Leighterton Leaf

Rooted in optimism, ambition and kindness, we grow together.

Term 2, Newsletter 1 (2026-2027)
Thursday 5 November 2026

Value in focus: Hope
Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness. ***Desmond Tutu***



Dear Parents, Carers, Friends and Governors

This week's news

Welcome back to the start of term 2 and to one of the most joyful, busy terms of the year!

We already have lots of things in the diary. Next week, the children in Years 5 and 6 have a Bullying Awareness session with the children's charity Coram. It's Children in Need on Friday 13 November, swiftly followed by Anti-Bullying Week where we have the NSPCC joining children in Years 1, 2, 5 and 6, as well as PSHE lessons across the school which will be focusing on respect and kindness towards others.

Welcome
A big welcome to Mrs Clifford who has joined the teaching team this week. Mrs Clifford will be supporting children, particularly in the Year 3/4 class. We hope that she will be very happy in her time here.

Friday 13 November – Children in Need fund-raising by our School Council
Everyone is invited to wear pyjamas or spots for Children in Need – or your usual school uniform if you don't want to dress up. In return, the School Council will be collecting small donations for Children in Need. We hope you are able to support this good cause championed by our School Council.

Anti-Bullying Week and Odd Socks Day – Monday 16 November
We will be reminding the children about our anti-bullying messages during the week in our assemblies and in our PSHE lessons. They are invited to wear odd socks to school on Monday 16 November to signify that we are all different and we are all special. On Thursday 19 November, we are joined by the NSPCC who are running 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' workshops in the Y1/2 and Y5/6 classes. There is a letter for parents of children in those classes attached which explains more about the content that will be covered in these sessions.

Local Governing Body – Governor still needed!
We are delighted to be welcoming Mrs Elliott onto our governing body as a parent governor. We are still looking to co-opt a governor onto the board to support the strategic direction of the school. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in becoming a school governor, please do contact Holly Bell, clerk of governors via clerk@leighterton.gloucs.sch.uk who will be able to explain more about this important role.

Clubs

An email was sent out yesterday about club bookings which are now to be made online. This term, we have a French Club, Atlas Sports – Football, Cross Country, Singing, Origami, Art, Pokemon Card Club and Drama. For details about year groups and any costs involved, please see below.

School lunches this term

Please note that option one (red band) is now the meat free option every day with option two (yellow band) the meat option other than Meat Free Monday. Option three (green band) remains unchanged – jacket potato.

Christmas Theatre Trip, Thursday 17 December

We are excited to be taking the children to see 'Honk!' at The Barn Theatre in Cirencester. The musical has lots of humour and tells the story of Ugly, who, down at the duckpond is teased for his looks, but there's more to this plucky 'duckling' than meets the eye. Described as bursting with heart and humour, Honk! takes the story of Hans Christian Andersen's The Ugly Duckling and turns it into a fun celebration of family and finding your flock. More information about this festive visit to come next week!

WEEK TWO 9/11

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
A	Lentil & sweet potato curry	Mild Mexican Campfire Chilli with Rice	Lentil Wellington, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Roasted Vegetable Pizza with New Potatoes	Red Pepper Frittata with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
B	Planet Friendly Balls in Tomato Sauce with Spaghetti	Sausage and Mash with Gravy	Roasted Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Beef Lasagne	Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
C	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings
	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal vegetables
	Gingerbread cookie	Chocolate brownie	Fruit & yoghurt with crumble topping	Strawberry jelly with peaches	Vanilla shortbread

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jane Rushton
Executive Headteacher

Term 2 Clubs – w/c 9 November. ***Please note, school run clubs do not run in last week of term***

Club bookings are to now be made online. See email sent Wednesday 4 November.

MONDAY	**French Club**	3.10 – 4.00pm	Y1-3. Please see separate email for info (there is a cost)
TUESDAY	**Atlas Sports – Football**	3.10 – 4.00pm	Y3-6
WEDNESDAY	**Cross Country**	8.00 – 8.30am	Y3-6 (club now full)
	Singing Club	12.30 – 1.00pm	Y3-6 (for Young Voices but anyone can come along to sing)
	Origami Club	12.30 – 1.00pm	Y3-6
	Art Club £5 contribution per child	3.10 – 4.00pm	Y3-6 Y2 classroom (max 10 pupils)
	Pokemon Card Club	3.10 – 4.00pm	Open to all

THURSDAY	**Card Club**	12.30 – 1.00pm	Y2-6 (max 10 pupils)
	Drama Club	3.10 – 4.00pm	Y1 & 2 Please see separate email for info (there is a cost)

Attendance Information	Thinking Corner
96.99% **This is above the national average** 😊	**Which world record would you like to hold?**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(Please note that there sometimes may be changes/additions at short notice)

Thursday 12 November	Y5/6 Coram Bullying Awareness Workshop
Friday 13 November	Children in Need – PJs or Spots to wear!
Monday 16 November	Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week
Thursday 19 November	NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe session for Y1/2 and Y5/6
Friday 27 November	Police Online Safety lesson for Y5/6
Monday 30 November	Trust Inset Day
7,8,10 December	Apsemore, Barnhill and Boxwell Christmas Nativity (details to follow)
Thursday 17 December	Whole School theatre trip

We are O.A.K.

Optimism – *We are optimistic.*

We persevere to improve.

Ambition – *We are ambitious.*

We aim high and do our best.

Kindness – *We are kind.*

We use kind words and kind actions. We respect ourselves, others and our world.

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🎉 **PTFA Update** 🎉

🥂 Nibbles, Mingle & PTFA AGM

🗓️ **Wednesday 11th November**

We would love you to join us at the **Bodkin House Hotel** for an evening of socialising and school community updates.

🕖 **7:00pm** – Nibbles & Mingle (complimentary nibbles provided by the PTFA)
🕢 **7:30pm** – PTFA AGM

🍷 Drinks will be available to purchase from the bar, and there will be plenty of opportunity to meet and chat with other parents before the meeting begins.

⚠️ **Please note:** A minimum number of attendees is required for the AGM to proceed, in accordance with the PTFA constitution. We hope to see as many of you there as possible!

🎟️ Parents' Lottery

🙌 A huge **thank you** to everyone who has already signed up to the **Parents' Lottery**.

For just **£1 per ticket**, you'll be entered into a weekly draw with the chance to win up to **£25,000** 💷, whilst helping to raise valuable funds for our school 🏫.

If you haven't joined yet, we would greatly appreciate your support. ❤️‍🩹 Every ticket purchased helps us provide additional opportunities and resources for our children.

🔗 **Find out more and purchase tickets here:**

👉 www.theparentslottery.org

💻🛍️ Support the PTFA Through Easyfundraising

Did you know that the PTFA is registered with **Easyfundraising**? 🎉

Easyfundraising enables over **7,500 retailers and brands** to donate to charities and good causes at **no extra cost to you** whenever you shop online. ✅

If you would like to help raise additional funds for our school, please sign up using our referral link:

👉 Join Easyfundraising

🛒 Shop with Your Favourite Brands

By shopping with participating retailers, you can help raise funds for the PTFA at no extra cost to you!

🏪 Tesco
🏪 Asda
🏪 Morrisons
🛍️ eBay
📦 Amazon
🏪 Waitrose
🛍️ John Lewis
👗 M&S
💄 Boots
🧸 The Entertainer

✈️ Planning a holiday?
🚗 Renewing your insurance?

Partners such as **Expedia**, **TUI**, and **Confused.com** also donate through Easyfundraising. Even a small percentage from a larger purchase can make a significant difference to our fundraising efforts. 💙

🔔 **Don't Forget the Donation Reminder!**

When you sign up, please download the **Easyfundraising Donation Reminder** browser extension.

💡 This handy tool automatically notifies you when donations are available while you shop online, making it quick and easy to support the PTFA with just a click.

📣 Please consider sharing this information with family and friends who may also like to support our school through Easyfundraising.

🙏 Thank you for your continued support of the PTFA and our wonderful school community! 🏫✨

Naomi Cox
Chair of Leighterton Primary School PTFA
Charity No: 1065526

AUTUMN WINTER 2026/2027

Planet Friendly

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE 02/11/26 23/11/26 14/12/26 18/01/27 08/02/27 08/03/27	Option One	Rainbow Vegetable Pasta Bake (V)	Nature Ranger Sausage with Potato Wedges and Tomato Ketchup (VE)	British Roasted Quorn, Roast Potatoes, & Gravy (VE)	Macaroni Cheese (V)	Flaky Cheese Whirl with Chips & Tomato Ketchup (V)
	Option Two	Classic Cheese and Tomato Pizza with New Potatoes (V)	Beef Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Roast Gammon, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken and Sweetcorn Pie with New Potatoes	Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
	Option Three	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling including Salmon Mayonnaise
	Sides	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	Dessert	Chocolate Shortbread(VE)	Pineapple Upside Down Cake with Custard (V)	Fresh Fruit(VE)	Syrup Sponge(V)	Ice Cream and Peaches (V)
WEEK TWO 09/11/26 30/11/26 04/01/27 25/01/27 22/02/27 15/03/27	Option One	Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry with Rice (VE)	Mild Mexican Campfire Chilli with Rice (VE)	Lentil Wellington, Roast Potatoes & Gravy (VE)	Roasted Vegetable Pizza with New Potatoes (V)	Red Pepper Frittata with Chips & Tomato Ketchup (V)
	Option Two	Planet Friendly Balls in Tomato Sauce with Spaghetti (VE)	Sausage and Mash with Gravy	Roasted Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Beef Lasagne	Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option Three	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling
	Sides	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	Dessert	Gingerbread Cookie(VE)	Chocolate Brownie(V)	Fruit & Yoghurt with Crumble Topping (V)	Strawberry Jelly with Peaches (VE)	Vanilla Shortbread (VE)
WEEK THREE 16/11/26 07/12/26 11/01/27 01/02/27 01/03/27 22/03/27	Option One	Saucy Tomato Pasta (VE)	Creamy Coconut Curry with Rice (VE)	Nature Ranger Sausage, Roast Potatoes & Gravy (VE)	Hearty Bolognaise with Pasta (VE)	Mexican Bean Roll with Chips & Tomato Ketchup (VE)
	Option Two	Golden Cheese & Bean Pasty with New Potatoes (V)	Beef Burger with Cheese, Potato Wedges & Tomato Ketchup	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chef Special Chicken Korma with Rice	Battered Fish with Chips & Tomato Ketchup
	Option Three	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling
	Sides	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	Dessert	Oaty Cookie (VE)	Jam and Coconut Sponge(V)	Fresh Fruit (VE)	Eves Pudding with Custard(V)	Melting Moments Biscuit (V)

MENU KEY:

- Whole grain
- Plant based
- Added plant protein

AVAILABLE DAILY: Jacket Potatoes with a choice of fillings (V/VE), Salad Bar (V/VE), Freshly Baked Bread (VE), Fresh Fruit (VE), Yoghurt (V)

(V) Vegetarian (VE) Vegan

If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods, please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of allergen cross contact.

Community News

(Please note that the school does not endorse external providers and families should enure they are satisfied will all necessary safegurding checks before engaging with any advertised services below.)



FREE Parents and Carers: Building Positive Online Environments

This is a free online workshop designed to help parents and carers better understand the digital world that children and young people navigate every day. Delivered in partnership with The Children's Society and Ten Foot Training, the session provides practical guidance, up-to-date information on popular online platforms, and strategies for supporting young people to have safe, positive online experiences.

Taking place on Monday 7th December, 18:30-20:30 online, the workshop focuses on helping adults build confidence in discussing online activities with children and young people. Participants will learn about current social media and gaming platforms, explore practical approaches to online safety, and gain tools for having open and productive conversations about digital wellbeing.

Register here - https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/free-parent-and-carers-online-workshop-building-positive-environments-tickets-2003449028977?aff=oddtdtcreator