



# Leigh Vale Weekly Newsletter



Week Ending: 15/09/23

## Diary Dates

27.10.23	School closes for half term
6.11.23	Children return to school

Welcome back, we hope the children have had a wonderful summer holiday and are refreshed and ready for school as the new term gets under way.

## First Day Response

As part of our safeguarding procedures we are continuing to operate a 'first day response' system. Please help us by informing the school before 9.30am if your child is going to be absent. The school will contact families of children who are absent from school without explanation. **All children arriving at school after 9am must enter via the school office.**

## Photographs

Our school photographer came into school last Friday to take individual portrait photographs of the children. Proofs have been sent home.



## Leigh Vale Secondary Applications for Year 6 Parents

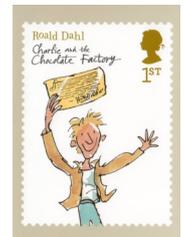
You should by now have received a letter from the Local Authority regarding application for a Secondary school place for your child for September 2024. The online application system can be accessed at [sthelens.gov.uk/admissions](http://sthelens.gov.uk/admissions). The closing date for all applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023.

## Roald Dahl Story Day

Roald Dahl's travelling basket of books made its way around school all week as we celebrated Roald Dahl Story Day. The children took part in lots of fun activities designed to encourage reading for pleasure and reading fluency. Some of our core strategies to encourage reading for pleasure include:

- adults reading aloud, informal book talk, including recommendations from peers and adults
- providing time to read, sociable reading environments
- reading together and sharing books.

These are strategies that you can all join in with at home too.



## Get Caught Playing Sport!

We love to celebrate the children's achievements both inside and outside of school. In KS2, we would like to showcase all the wonderful physical activities the children take part in away from the classroom. This could be football, rugby, swimming, gymnastics, dance, walking, bike riding etc. So please, if you have any photos of your child in action, their sports kit or receiving a sports-themed award, please send them in. If you don't have access to a printer please speak to your child's class teacher.

## Y6 PGL Holiday Friday 7th June - Sunday 9th June 2024

The next instalment of £40 will be required on or before Friday 6th October. We will send further payment requests during the months of December, January and March as our final deadline to pay PGL is the beginning of April. In a few weeks' time, we will be sending out a sample of what a typical PGL weekend could look like. Also, to ensure that you have plenty of notice to prepare, we will provide a kit/clothes list that your child will need for their adventure!

In the meantime, if you have any questions please speak with Mrs Hill.

## Star Outside School

We are always delighted to share the children's success outside of school. Please ensure that we receive the information by Wednesday so that we have time to include it on Friday's newsletter. Thank you.

## Lost Property

Last year we accumulated a substantial amount of clothing and as a result, we bagged the items and sent them to a local charity. May we please remind everybody that if clothing is clearly labelled then this would significantly reduce the amount of lost property.

## Holiday Dates

To support parents, holiday dates for 2024/2025 are now available on the school website.

## Contact Details for Parents/Carers

Please ensure that school has your latest contact details as we will use these details when school staff need to contact you about your child. Thank you.

## SEND Reform England

You are invited to a meeting to protect Special Education on **13<sup>th</sup> October 2023** at **St George's Hall, Liverpool, L1 1JJ** at **11am-2pm.**

**Children with complex learning difficulties need special education not accommodating in Mainstream who can't meet needs**

**EHCP rejections – breaking the law for disabled young children  
Insufficient places and waiting times for Special Education Schools.**

**It is time to ensure children with disabilities get the right support – [www.SENDReformengland.com](http://www.SENDReformengland.com) for more info.**

## New Free 1-Minute Maths App

**Parents and Carers:** Watch your child have fun while they continue learning maths basic number concepts learned in school - at home!

### **How does it work?**

Each 1-minute task gives children engaging and targeted practice in basic number. The app covers a range of topics on arithmetic and subitising, and generates questions randomly so your child never sees the same ones in sequence – meaning they learn the concept and not a series of answers. Once a task completes, answers are presented on the screen giving your child instant feedback. It's so simple to use and, most of all, lots of FUN!

What's more, the app has no specific starting point, so a child can pick up and play at any time, with no set place to start. Accessible AND easy!

### **10 reasons for using 1-Minute Maths:**

Excellent number practice with no distractions.

Enjoyable tasks children want to complete.

Instils basic number concepts during early years.

A clear process that children pick up immediately

No login or internet access needed. Download and play!

A motivator – children enjoy trying to beat their last score!

Helpful hints give support when needed.

Brilliant for building confidence and fluency.

Random question generator instils concepts, not answers.

Completely FREE to download!

It's available for use on [Apple](#), [Android](#) and [Kindle](#) devices. Find it on the App Store or Google Play.

## Feedback

We appreciate your feedback and would welcome any comments to help us make our school even better.



## **KS1 ATTENDANCE WINNERS**

1st —YJL —100%

2nd— Y2PM —98.9%

3rd— Y1/2SC —97.5%



## **KS2 ATTENDANCE WINNERS**

1st— Y3W, Y5B&Y6AM —100%

2nd —Y5K —98.9%

3rd —Y3H —97.8%

