

July 2026

BE KIND, *BE* DETERMINED, *BE* PROUD

Dear parents and carers

As another fantastic school year comes to a close, I am immensely proud of everything our children, staff and families have achieved together. This year has been filled with memorable experiences that have enriched our curriculum. From our first-ever Year 4 residential back in October to School Council's visit to the Houses of Parliament and the London Eye, our children have embraced every opportunity. Visits to Exeter's Royal Albert Memorial Museum, the Devon County Show, a performance of Annie at the Theatre Royal, along with many local educational visits, have all helped bring learning to life. Wherever our children go, they are exceptional ambassadors for our school. Whether on trips or welcoming visitors into school, we regularly receive compliments about how respectful, polite and well-mannered they are. Their behaviour makes us incredibly proud and reflects our school values every single day.



We were also sad to say goodbye to Mr Spencer as he began his well-deserved retirement. He has given so much to our school community over the years, and the wonderful send-off from the children showed just how much he will be missed. We wish him every happiness in this exciting new chapter. Our children have also achieved some outstanding academic successes this year. Our Year 1 pupils achieved our highest-ever Phonics Screening Check result, with an incredible 92% reaching the expected standard, which looks to be above the national average. Our Year 6 children have also made us exceptionally proud with SATs results that are above the national average in Reading, Writing and Maths a testament to their hard work, determination and the dedication of our staff.



This year also marked the first anniversary of our Preschool. It has been wonderful to see it flourish, and we are incredibly grateful for the positive feedback and support from families. Watching our very first Preschool Graduation was a truly emotional and special milestone. As we say a fond farewell to our fantastic Year 6 pupils and wish them every success as they begin secondary school, we are equally excited to welcome our new Preschool and Reception children in September.



A huge thank you must also go to everyone who supported our Summer Fair. Together, we raised an amazing **£1,536**, which will help provide even more opportunities for our children.



Thank you for your continued support throughout another wonderful year. I wish all of our families a safe, happy and restful summer break, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Monday 7th September** for another exciting year at Laira Green Primary School.

Mrs Claire Jones

Dates for your Diary

Monday 7th September

First day of Term

Monday 14th September

Extra-curricular Clubs begin for children in Year 1-6

Thursday 24th September·9:00 – 10:00am

Livewell MHST to run Parent Separation Anxiety Workshop

Tuesday 29th September

School Photos - Preschool-Year 6

Other Key Dates of the Year

Children's Progress Meetings (Non extra-curricular clubs all week)

Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th and Wednesday21st October 2026

Monday 8th, Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th February 2027

Monday 14th, Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th June 2027

Assemblies

Reception Mother's Day Assembly

Friday 5th March 2027 9:15 – 10:00am

2RB Class Assembly

Friday 21st May 21 2027 9:15 – 9:45am

Reception Father's Day Assembly

Friday 18th June 2027 9:15 – 10:00am

Y5 Class Assembly

Friday 25th June 2027 9:15 – 9:45am

3VM Class Assembly

Friday 2nd July 2027·9:15 – 9:45am

1MM Class Assembly

Friday 9th July 9 2027 9:15 – 9:45am

4SM Class Assembly

Friday 16th July 2027 9:15 – 9:45am

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

Friday 23rd July 2027 9:15 – 10:15am

Year 6 SATs week

Monday 10th May to Thursday 13th May 2027

Term Dates

	September 2026				
Monday		7	14	21	28
Tuesday	1	8	15	22	29
Wednesday	2	9	16	23	30
Thursday	3	10	17	24	
Friday	4	11	18	25	

	October 2026				
Monday		5	12	19	26
Tuesday		6	13	20	27
Wednesday		7	14	21	28
Thursday	1	8	15	22	29
Friday	2	9	16	23	30

	November 2026				
Monday	2	9	16	23	
Tuesday	3	10	17	24	
Wednesday	4	11	18	25	
Thursday	5	12	19	26	
Friday	6	13	20	27	

	December 2026				
Monday		5	14	21	28
Tuesday	1	6	15	22	29
Wednesday	2	7	16	23	30
Thursday	3	8	17	24	31
Friday	4	9	18	25	

	January 2027				
Monday		4	11	18	25
Tuesday		5	12	19	26
Wednesday		6	13	20	27
Thursday		7	14	21	28
Friday	1	8	15	22	29

	February 2027				
Monday	1	8	15	22	
Tuesday	2	9	16	23	
Wednesday	3	10	17	24	
Thursday	4	11	18	25	
Friday	5	12	19	26	

	March 2027				
Monday	1	8	15	22	29
Tuesday	2	9	16	23	30
Wednesday	3	10	17	24	31
Thursday	4	11	18	25	
Friday	5	12	19	26	

	April 2027				
Monday		5	12	19	26
Tuesday		6	13	20	27
Wednesday		7	14	21	28
Thursday	1	8	15	22	29
Friday	2	9	16	23	30

	May 2027				
Monday	3	10	17	24	31
Tuesday	4	11	18	25	
Wednesday	5	12	19	26	
Thursday	6	13	20	27	
Friday	7	14	21	28	

	June 2027				
Monday		7	14	21	28
Tuesday	1	8	15	22	29
Wednesday	2	9	16	23	30
Thursday	3	10	17	24	
Friday	4	11	18	25	

	July 2027				
Monday		5	12	19	26
Tuesday		6	13	20	27
Wednesday		7	14	21	28
Thursday	1	8	15	22	29
Friday	2	9	16	23	30

	August 2027				
Monday	2	9	16	23	30
Tuesday	3	10	17	24	31
Wednesday	4	11	18	25	
Thursday	5	12	19	26	
Friday	6	13	20	27	

Pleases check the school term dates carefully before booking any holidays.

Coloured dates relate to bank holidays, INSET days and school holidays- children are expected in school on all white days.

PTA COFFEE CLUB



Every Tuesday 8:45-10:00 in the DELL centre

Come along for a chat and a coffee.

Babies and toddlers welcome.

£1 per week.

CLASS UPDATES

Preschool

We can hardly believe that preschool have almost reached the end of their first year together! For some children the month of July has been about preparing for that next stage to move into Reception, whilst others have been busily getting ready to become our oldest preschool children! We are sad to be saying goodbye to so many children but we know that they are ready for their next step and will go on to do great things. Alongside our 'Farmyard Fun' topic where we have been exploring new rhymes and learning new vocabulary linked to these rhymes we have also been trying hard to keep cool in the hot weather. The children have loved taking their socks and shoes off and paddling in cool water, this has provided an excellent opportunity to practise self help skills and the children have amazed us with their perseverance at drying off their feet and putting their socks and shoes back on. We have also taken part in lots of ice exploration and have been making discoveries, such as, if you add warm water to ice using pipettes, not only does the ice melt faster but you can also create a perfect hole in it! During our tuning into sounds and rhyme time sessions the children have shown great concentration, focus and engagement. Our number time sessions have involved exploring the composition of numbers and we have also focussed on shape, creating models and towers which the children really enjoyed. Our PE sessions have been focussed around supporting the children in getting ready for their first ever sports day and we could not have been prouder of them. They joined in with the games, gave everything their all and had a wonderful time. We hope that you all have a wonderful summer break and we are looking forward to all of the exciting things that you will do in the following school year, whether that be with your new teachers or with us in preschool.







Reception

We can't believe that our Reception year has come to an end! It has been an incredible journey, and we are so proud of everything the children have achieved. This month, the children have continued to impress us with their enthusiasm and love of learning. Even during the hot weather, they remained focused and eager to do their very best. They have continued to develop their writing skills, confidently applying their phonic knowledge to begin writing their own stories. It has been wonderful to see their creativity and confidence grow. In Maths, the children have been learning about measuring accurately and making sensible estimates using a range of mathematical vocabulary. They have shown great curiosity and resilience as they explored these new concepts. Sports Day was a fantastic success, with every child demonstrating determination, perseverance and excellent teamwork. We were incredibly proud of the positive attitudes they showed throughout the event. The children are now ready for the exciting move into Year 1. They have grown so much in confidence, independence and resilience over the past year, and it has been a privilege to watch them flourish. We wish them all a wonderful summer holiday and every success in the next stage of their learning journey.





CLASS UPDATES

Year 1

What a fantastic way to end a wonderful year in Year 1! It has been a busy and exciting month, and we are incredibly proud of everything the children have achieved. One of the highlights was our special performance for parents and carers. The children sang beautifully, told stories with confidence and shared their learning so proudly. They demonstrated our school values of Be Kind, Be Determined and Be Proud, and it was a joy to see how much they have grown in confidence throughout the year. In DT, the children became chefs as they prepared and tasted a range of fruits before designing and making their own delicious smoothies. They showed excellent teamwork and enthusiasm while learning about healthy choices. Our Science learning focused on comparing and contrasting the four seasons, linking perfectly with our Geography topic on Wondrous Weather. We explored different types of extreme weather from around the world and even became weather presenters, creating and sharing our own weather forecasts! In PSHE, we reflected on how we have grown and changed from babies into the amazing young children we are today. In PE, we developed our teamwork, attacking and defending skills through a range of invasion games. Despite the very hot weather, the children have shown incredible resilience and determination every day. They are more than ready for the exciting challenges that Year 2 will bring. Thank you for all your support this year. We hope you all have a wonderful, relaxing and safe summer holiday- we can't wait to hear about your adventures in September!









Year 2

It has been another jam-packed, exciting month of learning in July for Year 2. The children should all feel so proud of their learning and everything they have achieved this year - it is quite hard to believe that we are now at the end! In our English learning, we have spent the last few weeks learning about poetry. As a class, we have enjoyed reading many of the beautiful poems in our poetry book, 'A First Book of the Sea'. The children have used these poems to create their own versions, even publishing them with lots of detailed illustrations. In our Maths learning, we have been focusing on position and direction. The children have been using mathematical vocabulary to describe positions, movements and turns. They have been creating their own shape patterns that involve turns too. It has been lots of fun exploring British farming in our Geography lessons this month. We have been busy learning all about where the food in our shops come from. The children enjoyed learning about the process of milk production and it has also been lots of fun using atlases to identify the different countries in our world that we get our food from. In our Music lessons, the children have been using Vivaldi's 'Four Seasons' to learn about contrasts in dynamics, tempo and beat groupings as well as create their own melodies for a class performance. It has been so lovely to see the children enjoying all of their learning, and it has been a pleasure to see the progress they have made all year. Have a lovely summer break, Year 2 - you deserve it!

CLASS UPDATES

Year 3

What a fantastic month it has been in 3MT! The children have continued to work incredibly hard and have shown enthusiasm, resilience and a positive attitude in all areas of their learning. We are so proud of everything they have accomplished. In English, our learning has been inspired by the beautiful book *A River*. The children have explored writing with a poetic tone, creating some wonderful poems filled with ambitious vocabulary and a range of poetic devices. It has been lovely to see their creativity and confidence shine through in their writing. Our whole-class reading sessions have focused on the exciting novel *Varjak Paw*. The children have thoroughly enjoyed following Varjak's adventures and have had some thoughtful discussions about the characters, their choices and the events in the story. In PSHE, we have been learning about how our bodies change as we grow and develop. We have also spent time discussing the exciting opportunities that Year 4 will bring, helping the children to feel positive and prepared for the next stage of their learning journey. In PE, we have continued to develop our athletics skills through a range of running, jumping and throwing activities. The children have worked hard to improve their techniques while showing determination, teamwork and excellent sportsmanship. In RE, we have been learning about the Golden Rule and exploring how people from different religions, as well as those with non-religious beliefs, use this important idea to help make the world a kinder and better place. The children have enjoyed sharing their own ideas about how they can show kindness and respect to others. It has been another rewarding month in 3MT. We wish everyone a wonderful summer break and look forward to welcoming the children back for another exciting year in September.





Year 4

What a busy and exciting final month it has been for 4SM! We rounded off our swimming lessons at Plymouth College and the children all had a fantastic time. It has been wonderful to see the huge progress they have made in the water over the course of the sessions with everyone showing increased confidence and determination. In Science, we loved getting stuck into our hands-on learning as part of our Teeth and Digestion topic. The children investigated which liquids cause the most tooth decay by experimenting with eggs and they had great fun creating their very own digestive systems using a pair of old tights! These practical activities really helped to bring our learning to life and sparked lots of thoughtful discussions. Music has also been full of creativity this month. The children composed their own pieces using the interrelated dimensions of music to represent the different feelings and emotions experienced while riding a rollercoaster. It was fantastic to hear such imaginative compositions and see how confidently they applied the musical techniques they have learnt throughout the year. As we come to the end of Year 4, I would like to say what an absolute pleasure it has been to teach this wonderful class. The children have worked incredibly hard, shown kindness to one another and embraced every challenge with enthusiasm. They should all be very proud of everything they have achieved this year. The Year 4 team would like to wish all of our children and their families a fantastic, relaxing and well-deserved summer break. We can't wait to hear about all of your adventures in September!

CLASS UPDATES

Year 5

We have had a wonderfully busy and exciting month, filled with creativity, hard work and plenty of proud moments. In English, the children have been inspired by the beautifully illustrated poems in The Lost Words. They have explored its rich language and imagery and used the same poetic features in their own writing, creating thoughtful acrostics, playful alliteration and imaginative kennings. In Maths, we have had great fun learning about negative numbers and the class has become genuinely confident in using them. We are now moving on to units of measure, converting between kilograms and grams, kilometres and millimetres and learning how to read timetables with increasing accuracy. In Science, we have continued our work on reversible and irreversible changes, carrying out practical investigations and discussing what happens to materials when they are heated, cooled or mixed. Geography has focused on sustainability and energy security, helping the children think about how the world can meet its needs responsibly. A highlight this month has been our continued work with Argyle and Babcock. The children have enjoyed sessions on money management, teamwork, being a scout, fundraising and many other valuable life skills; their enthusiasm has been fantastic. We were all incredibly proud of our class assembly, where the children showcased all their amazing learning. They spoke clearly, performed confidently and demonstrated just how much they have achieved.



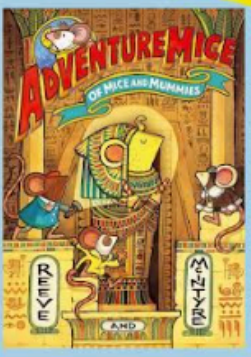




Year 6- What a fantastic final month of learning it has been for our wonderful Year 6 children at Laira Green Primary School! They performed their Leavers' Assembly reflecting on the wonderful memories they have made throughout primary school. In addition to this, lots of learning has been taking place! In English, Year 6 enjoyed reading 'My Secret War Diary', using it to inspire a series of published diary entries and letters written from different perspectives. In Mathematics, they built on their data handling skills by interpreting and presenting data using a range of graphs, drawing on previous Geography learning to support their understanding. In our Geography lessons, we explored globalisation and the impact of technology and transport on our interconnected world. Our History lessons this term have definitely been a real favourite as the children investigated the causes and consequences of the World Wars. Although this is a complex period in history, this was an incredibly important and thought-provoking topic that sparked lots of excellent discussions across Y6! In DT, children developed their programming and digital design skills to create and pitch an innovative navigation device. The finished products were excellent and should definitely be pitched to Dragons' Den! Meanwhile, our PSHE learning has helped prepare Y6 for their transition to secondary school, whilst encouraging thoughtful, important discussions about growing up and relationships. We were impressed with the children's engagement and maturity in all of their PSHE lessons this term. It has been an absolute pleasure to teach Year 6 this year. We are incredibly proud of how much the children have grown, the resilience they have shown and the positivity they have brought to every challenge. They will be greatly missed at Laira Green Primary School, but we know they are more than ready for the next stage of their education and will go on to achieve amazing things. We wish every one of them the very best for the future.

SUPER SUMMER FUN!

JOIN US AT WATERSTONES PLYMOUTH THIS SUMMER HOLIDAYS FOR LOTS OF GREAT ACTIVITIES



Philip Reeve and Sarah Mcintyre

Wednesday 29th July
11:00am

Kick off the summer holidays with the creators of the fantastic Adventuremice series, who will be in store for lots of Adventuremice fun.



Jungle Colouring with Michelle Beech

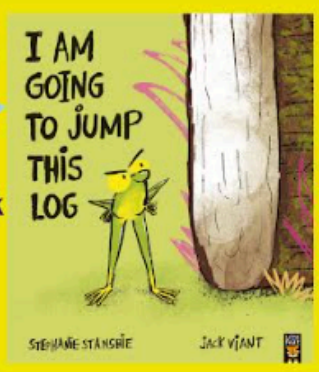
Wednesday 5th August
11:00am

join author and illustrator Michelle Beech for a storytime and jungle colouring to celebrate her beautiful new picture book The Tiger Child.

Frog Mask Making with Jack Viant

Wednesday 12th August
11:00am

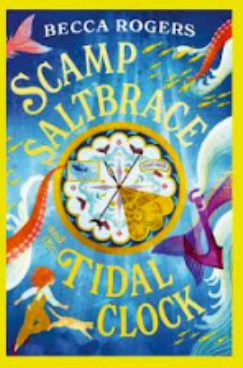
Go frog mad with a crafty frog mask making session accompanied by a storytime from the illustrator of I am Going to Jump This Log.

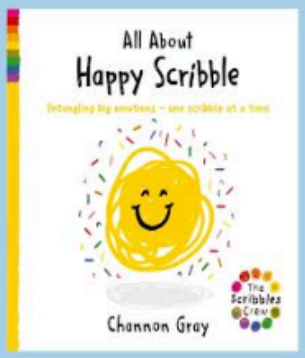


Creative Writing Workshop With Becca Rogers

Saturday 15th August
11:00am

Have a passion for writing? join author Becca Rogers for a children's creative writing workshop for tips and advice about starting yout own book





Meet the Scribbles With Channon Gray

Monday 17th August
11:00am

Untangle your emotions - one scribble at the time. Channon Gray will be here for a story time to help little ones understand their feelings and making Happy Maps about all the things that bring joy.



Magic Tricks With Justyn Edwards

Saturday 22nd August
11:00am

Watch in wonder as author Justyn Edwards will performing magic tricks to celebrate The Great Fox series, but will you be able to work out how they are done?

As we approach a new school year, we would like to remind families of the importance of following our school uniform expectations. At Laira Green Primary, wearing the correct uniform helps every child feel part of our school community and supports a sense of pride and belonging.

We appreciate your support in making sure your child attends school in the correct Laira Green Primary uniform each day. Working together, we can maintain the positive, welcoming learning environment we value so much.

· Dark grey pinafore, trousers, shorts or skirt.
· Laira Green Primary School jumper or cardigan with our logo.
· White Polo Shirts.
· Plain black school shoes (not including boots) or plain black trainers.



PE Kit
Green Laira Green Primary School logo t-shirt
Black bottoms

Laira Green Primary School
Shaping hearts, minds and futures







PLYMOUTH
CITY COUNCIL

Help shape better play spaces for children, families and communities

PLAY IN OUR PLACES

Your park Your place Your voice

What makes a great play space? Tell us what works, what doesn't and what could be better.





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WIN one month Plymouth Life Centre Family Membership

This summer, we're celebrating play across Plymouth – tell us what matters to you.

Take our five-minute survey and help shape the future of Plymouth's play spaces. Closing date for the survey is 6 September 2026. As a thank you, you'll be entered into a prize draw for the chance to win a family. membership to Plymouth Life Centre. T and Cs apply.

Fit and FED

Free, local, seasonal, vegetables for families on free school meals over the summer holdays





Do you live in Plymouth?

Is your child in reciept of free school meals?

Would you like to cook more with fresh, local, seasonal vegetables?

Get in touch to register for FREE weekly bags of vegetables over the holidays!

You will receive recipes and inspiration with each bag.

AND you'll be invited to join our family cooking sessions to get the most out of your veg and inspire the kids to try new foods!

How to sign up?

- Register your interest by following the QR code and filling in the form.

Or contact us at
growsharecook@tamargrowlocal.org
or call us on 01579208412

Summer cooking sessions

Come along to our FREE family cooking session over the summer holidays! A great way to help you brush up your cooking skills and learn how to make the best use of your seasonal veg

GROW SHARE COOK



Where and when

Tuesday 4th August, 10am to 2pm - Victoria Park, PL1 5NJ
Tuesday 11th August, 10am to 2pm - Ernesettle Green, Pl5 2SS
Tuesday 18th August, 10am to 2pm - Tothill Park, PL4 9EW
Tuesday 25th August, 10am to 2pm - Central Park, PL2 3DG

Extra support

Contact your local family hub for extra help
familyhubs@plymouth.gov.uk

Find your local family hub:
https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/find-family-hub





Tamar grow local

PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

Plymouth Community Homes

Department for Work & Pensions

MHST SUMMER CRAFT COMPETITION

clay or papier-mâché



tissue boxes



bubble painting



Please email a photo of your creations by Friday 28th August!

Include your first name (only), age and your carer's email.

Please state whether you are happy to have your monster shared on our Instagram page!

If we recieve enough entries we are hoping to exhibit the worry monsters at a central location in Plymouth. This will be at the end of the school holidays. We will keep you posted - check our Instagram for updates!

livewell.mhst@nhs.net

PLYMOUTHMHST

The **winner** will recieve a voucher prize and their carer will be contacted by email.

Mental Health Support Team

Livewell Southwest

FUN, FIT & MENTALLY HEALTHY

Move. Groove. Express Yourself.

Come along for a fun and uplifting dance session this summer! We'll explore the **5 Ways to Wellbeing** through engaging discussions and enjoyable dance activities designed to keep us active, boost our mood and encourage positive mental wellbeing.

Leigham Primary School,
Cockington Close, Leigham, Plymouth,
PL68RF

TUESDAY 4TH AUGUST 1:30PM-2:30PM

TUESDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 1:30PM-2:30PM



No need to sign up, just turn up and join in the fun!

Plymouth Arts Cinema presents

SUMMER HOLIDAY CINEMA

Tuesday 28 July – Thursday 6 August



Toy Story 5 (PG)



Shrek (U)



Minions and Monsters (U)

Great British Summer Savings - Child cinema tickets £4.38!
Relaxed, accessible and neurodivergent friendly
Cinema snacks and hot and cold drinks at the bar
Award-winning local independent cinema!

Join us for friendly and social pre-film activities!

LUSH Plymouth Bath Bomb making workshops (£7.50)
Drop-in colouring sessions before selected screenings (FREE)

Info and booking: plymouthartscinema.org

Plymouth Arts Cinema

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Devon and Cornwall

Barnardo's
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Changing childhoods. Changing lives.



DICE Programme

Parent or carer of a pre-teen or teenager?
Want to know more about our DICE Parenting Programme?
Why not come along to one of our summer drop in sessions!
All sessions Thursday 10am-12pm online.

6th August

Session 01: Introduction and the life of a teenager
The teenage brain, why teenagers might take risks and the pressures they face in the modern world.

13th August

Session 02: The exploitation of children and young people
Grooming - what is it, how does it happen, where and by whom? How can we spot the signs?

20th August

Session 03: Digital dangers
Social media, nudes and the complexities of the online world. How can we be better digital parents/carers?

27th August

Session 04: A safe place to share ideas about parenting
Parenting top tips - practical advice and information about communicating effectively, support networks and working together.



For more information or to register your interest,
please contact the Exceed Team at **exceed@barnardos.org.uk or 01752 256339**

A Month in Pictures



















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