A warm welcome back to school

September 2026

Message from Mr Pearce and Mrs Davies

The summer holidays seem to have flown past us and we are looking forward to seeing our families and children return to school again for the new academic year. Most of the children will return on Thursday 3rd September and our Reception and Nursery children will be joining on Monday 7th September. We cant wait to see you all safely back with us and to hear all about your summer adventures.

This academic year , we have a few changes to share with you. Our Upper school building will now be home to years 4,5 and 6 and our Lower school building will house from Nursery to Year 3 . We hope this supports our children better with transitions and allows more space in school for children to enjoy and utilise for learning and play..

We also delighted to have new team members joining school , Mr Craig Thompson will be joining the team as our new family support worker and will be on site to support our children and our community. He will be available for any questions or queries and I am certain will be a wonderful support for our community.

Additionally, we are excited to have Mrs Harris, Miss Kindon ,Mrs Williamson and Miss Macinnis join the team . They will be playing a pivotal role with Mrs Bell in establishing our Specialist Resource Provision later in the Autumn term.

For now , I would like to wish you an enjoyable last few days of the holiday and of course, we look forward to seeing our children either on Thursday 3rd September or Monday 7th September.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Ruth Davies

proud to be Head of School at Leighswood School

New Term Reminders and important information

- All whole school dates and events are now available to view on the Reach more parents app or School website.
- For new parents, a letter with registration information and codes to the school app will be with you within the first week of your little one starting with us. If you would like any help, please speak to our admin team who will be happy to help you.
- Leighswood is a nut free school, please avoid bringing any foods containing nuts or sesame seeds to school to keep our children with allergies safe.
- Our Praise Assemblies for the whole school are held on Friday afternoons . Parents and carers , you are invited to come along if your child is to recieve a Headteachers Award.

Did you know ?

Leighswood School now have a Facebook page. Please look us up to stay up to date with events, news and community links. If you would like to share anything with our community , please inform the office . We are happy to promote local clubs, events and activities

Please make sure you have downloaded the Reach More Parents app . This is essential for school to home communication as individual letters and notes are sent directly to you using this app. If you have never downloaded this , please contact Mrs Richards for your child's code.

Smallest things making the difference to a comfortable start.

At the start of the year, it's easy to forget the little things that can make big differences for children in school . The following advice may be useful for consideration while adults manage the bigger parts of starting the school year.

- Please ensure your child has a water bottle , labelled with their name.
- Jumpers , lunchboxes and coats can be easily lost - please write names on all uniform and belongings to help us reunite lost items.
- PE kits can stay in school over the half term to ensure they are not forgotten
- A bag big enough for homework books, reading books and a separate pocket for water bottles ,which can leak, can be very helpful for children to be organised.
- Fruit is provided for children in EYFS and KS1 for break snack, from year 3 onwards, please provide a healthy , nut free snack for tuck.
- Please remind children what they have ordered for lunch each day to avoid confusion.
- Speak to your child's teacher should you have any worries or concerns. They are your first port of call and are always happy to help .
- Reassure your little one they they can always talk to their trusted adults in school if they need anything throughout the day.

Friends of Leighswood PTA

We are delighted to have our own Friends of Leighswood PTA committee who meet each term to discuss ideas and support events and activities based in school.
Our first meeting this year is on Friday 11th September at 9.10 in the Upper School hall.
New members are warmly welcome.
Please do come along to help us shape our school events and activities



Medical needs and Contact information

medicaltracker

If your child has any medical needs , or requires regular medication , it is important we have this on our files along with your GP contact details as well as your own emergency contact details.
Trained staff are able to administer medication to children who need this in the school day. This has to be a prescribed medication from a GP with the original box or packaging naming the medication and dosage for your child. Please complete a form with teh admin team should your child need medication during school time.

For children with asthma or severe allergies, inhalers and epipens should be brought into the school office on the first day with the asthma or allergy plan provided by the nursing team. This medication and plan will remain in your child's class and will be carried with your child at all times in a classroom medical box

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When any medication is administered, you will recieve an email notification through our medi tracker app. Please do ensure we have your contact details to date for this purpose.

If your child needs a medical care plan, please arrange a time to meet with Mr Thompson who will be happy to create a medical care plan with you for your child. Mr Thompson will also be reaching out to existing families to update existing care plans .

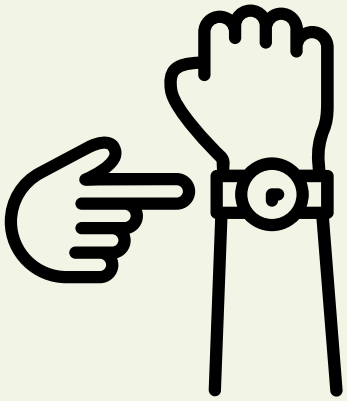
Moving house or changing phone number?

Please make sure we have your most up to date contact information including your home address, mobile number and at least one other alternative contact we can phone should we need to contact you during the school day.



School attendance ,punctuality and holiday requests.







In July 2026 , the DFE issued further guidance to schools to strengthen the commitment to raising school attendance and punctuality. As a school , we are unable to authorise school leave of absence unless for extraordinary circumstances. If you feel that you would like to ask for a school leave of absence , please come to the office to complete the approved request form for this to be considered. Approval can be granted for religious observance , hospital and medical appointments and educational participation such as musical examinations or national , county or club sports activities with a form of evidence.

As a school, we take attendance seriously as we know the impact missing days from learning and friends can have .

If your child is not able to attend school , it is important to call school between 8.30 and 8.45 to register your child's absence. If school do not hear from you, we will call you directly each day and may conduct home visits if your child is away for more than three days.

If you do require any support with your child's attendance or are struggling with accessing transport, we may be able to help. Please contact Mr Craig Thompson at school via the office to see how we can help.

At Leighswood , our school day begins at 8.45 and gates close at 8.55. If arriving late, please bring your child to the office and sign them into school with the reason for lateness to register their attendance. Miss McGrath or Mrs Richards will then be happy to then escort them to class.

To register an absence , please call the school office contact number : 01922 743621

Leighswood School

Uniform Information

At Leighswood, we are an active school and want children to feel comfortable whether they are learning in the classroom or playing outdoors. We encourage all children to wear their uniform with pride.

EVERYDAY UNIFORM

- Any green sweatshirt, cardigan or hoodie (logo optional)
- White polo shirt
- Grey trousers, joggers, skirt, shorts or pinafore
- Grey, black or white socks/tights

SUMMER OPTION:
Green and white dress

FOOTWEAR:
Plain black shoes or trainers



PE UNIFORM (YEARS 1–6)

- Green hoodie with logo
- Dark grey joggers or black shorts
- White polo shirt or white T-shirt
- **All black sports footwear**



FOREST SCHOOL

- Green hoodie with logo
- Dark grey joggers
- Dark grey long-sleeved T-shirt

Please bring in a bag:

- Wellington boots
- Waterproof trousers or suit
- Suitable outdoor coat
- Spare socks



SCHOOL BAGS

Storage space is limited, so please use school-appropriate bags.

EYFS & KS1
Green book bag with logo

KS2
Green book bag with logo or a small, dark-coloured rucksack



Thank you for your continued support in helping children feel part of our Leighswood community. ♥



For stockists and more details, please visit:
www.leighswood.walsall.sch.uk

LEIGHSWOOD SCHOOL

IMPORTANT CONTACTS AND SUPPORT



Our local area has a plethora of support that can be accessed for wellbeing and welfare.
Please make use of the following contacts below should you need to:

Walsall Childrens services -
MASH -
... **MASH –0300 555 2866**;
Out of Hours 0300 555 2922
reporting concerns regarding family and children wellbeing

Thomas Project
196H Walsall Wood Rd, Aldridge,
Walsall WS9 8HB
Phone: 01922 452213
Local food bank and community hub for so many services- a fantastic support for our local community

Walsall Energy Action Project (WEAP) Drop in Session

1st Wednesday of the Month
10am - 12pm

Are you looking for ways to reduce your household bills and save energy?
We have a representative from Walsall Energy Action Project coming to give FREE EXPERT ADVICE at a drop in session at The Thomas Project on 1st Wednesday of the month 10am - 12pm. Free refreshments will be available.

