Leading Futures - Spring Term Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of the Spring term, we would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the many positive achievements of the past five weeks.

World Book Day 2026

WBD 2026 was a joyful celebration filled with imagination, creativity, and a love of stories. The day began with our learners' exploring illustrations and discussing how artists bring characters and settings to life. Learners created their own drawings, thinking about colour, expression, and detail to tell a story without words.

They also explored inference through comic strips. Learners examined speech bubbles, facial expressions, and visual clues to work out what characters were thinking and feeling. They then designed their own comic strips, combining images and dialogue to tell short, engaging stories.

The Queen of Hearts made a special appearance and even shared her famous jam tarts with our learners, much to their delight. It was a truly memorable day, full of fun learning, creativity, and a shared love of books.







We are incredibly proud of our learners for successfully passing their Functional Skills qualifications - an amazing achievement!

For all our learners, this was their first experience of a formal examination environment, and they approached it with determination and resilience. They adapted well to the expectations and remained focused throughout. We are extremely proud of how confidently they rose to the challenge and supported one another along the way. Well done everyone 😊

Easter Cake Challenge – Have a go!



- ⭐ Just 4 simple ingredients
- ⭐ Make them in minutes and no baking
- ⭐ Perfect for rainy days, bake sales, parties or at-home treats

Ingredients

- 3 tbsp Golden syrup
- 80 g (3 oz) Salted butter
- 180 g (6 oz) Chocolate, Cut into chunks or use chips
- 120 g (4 oz) Rice pop cereal

Instructions

- Place the golden syrup, butter and chocolate in a heatproof bowl and melt over a pan with a few centimetres of simmering water in it. Stir it frequently and keep the heat low so it doesn't split.
- When everything has melted together, stir in the rice pops until well coated.
- Split the mixture between 12 cupcake cases and decorate
- Place in the fridge for an hour or so until set.

Pride in Our Community

We would also like to acknowledge how smart our learners continue to look. It is wonderful to see them taking pride in, being part of our community. A consistent uniform helps foster a positive learning environment where learners feel valued, included, and ready to learn.

Please ensure your child returns wearing the correct uniform:

- Leading Futures T-shirt and/or sweatshirt
- Black trousers, jeans, or appropriate bottoms
- Trainers

Please note: Crocs and sliders are not permitted.





Fundraising - Clent Hills Walk

On 11th March 2026, seven learners visited Clent Hills, where we experienced a muddy, windy walk to the summit of the Hills. Learners were able to see the incredible views and nature around them. We also spotted some horse riders.

For some learners, this was a physically demanding challenge, and we are incredibly proud that everyone successfully completed an additional 3-miles.

As part of our ongoing fundraising challenge, we are working together to walk 100 miles as a team. Staff will also be taking on the challenge of climbing three mountains during weekends of June and July 2026 to raise funds towards purchasing a provision minibus.

Please support us by sharing our GoFundMe link with friends and family. Any donation is greatly appreciated as it will help us achieve our goal.

Help Our SEND Learners Reach Their Goal – One Step at a Time









Enrichment Visit – Wildwood Alpacas

On 25th March 2026, twelve learners attended an enrichment visit to Wild Wood Alpacas. During the visit, learners spent time learning about the alpacas from their knowledgeable owner. They had the opportunity to feed the animals and even take them for a walk.

We are very proud of all the learners for showing respect and care towards the animals throughout the visit. Each learner also demonstrated courage when engaging with the alpacas. The baby alpaca was especially cute and a highlight of the day! Can you sport him?









Stay Connected

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- www.leadingfutures.uk
- Facebook – Leading Futures
- TikTok – @leading.futures
- LinkedIn – Leading Futures Education Services Ltd

Please speak with your child to ensure that they are engaging with social media platforms sensibly.

SEND Support - Top Tip

Use Routines to Reduce Worry

Many children with SEND feel calmer and more secure when they know what to expect. Simple routines - like a morning checklist, a visual timetable, or a predictable bedtime pattern - can help your child feel organised, settled and ready for the day.

Routines are especially useful during school holidays, when the usual structure disappears. Without the rhythm of the school day, some children can feel anxious, dysregulated, or unsure of what's happening next. Keeping a gentle routine in place can help them stay grounded and reduce emotional overwhelm.

Try using:

- A simple '*What's happening today?'* visual schedule
- Regular wake-up and mealtimes
- A predictable morning or evening routine
- Quiet time built in each day
- A weekly calendar so they can see upcoming plans

These don't need to be strict - just consistent enough to make your child feel safe and steady. A little structure goes a *long* way in supporting emotional wellbeing, both in term time and during holidays.



Summer 1 Half Term Key Dates

- Monday 13th April 2026 – Summer1 half term starts
- Wednesday 15th April 2026 – World Art Day
- Monday 4th May 2026 - Bank Holiday – Provision is closed to learners and staff
- Monday 11th –17th May 2026 – Mental Health Awareness Week
- Tuesday 12th May 2026 – Learner Walking Challenge. Details to follow.
- Sunday 17th May 2026 - International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia
- Tuesday 19th May 2026 – Enrichment Visit. Details to follow.
- Wednesday 20th May 2026 – World Numeracy Day / No Pen Day
- Friday 22nd May 2026 – Summer 1 half term ends

Our term dates can be found on our website by following: Opening Hours and Term Dates | Leading Futures

New Member of Staff

We are pleased to welcome a new member of staff joining us after half term, Mrs Jane Williams. Jane is an experienced teacher who has worked in both mainstream and specialist settings. She will be delivering our English curriculum, and we are excited for her to join our team.

Easter Wishes

We would like to wish all our learners a happy, restful, and safe half term break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back from **Monday 13th April 2026.**

Kind Regards,
The Leading Futures Team

