Leading Futures – Summer 1 Term Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

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

Curriculum Input – Did you know?

Reading for enjoyment is any free-time reading driven by personal choice and intrinsic interest rather than an external task. It improves mental wellbeing, reduces stress by up to 68% in just six minutes, and builds empathy. You can explore local library events and book availability through Libraries Connected or find community support via the National Literacy Trust.

Making Jam

Try something new. Please follow the link for guidance on making jam: Jam Making: A Beginner's Guide | Moorlands Eater

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 permitte

Enrichment Visit – Strawberry Picking

Learners had a wonderful experience picking strawberries at Essington Fruit Farm. For many, it was their first time picking strawberries, making it a fun and memorable new experience. The activity encouraged learners to explore the outdoors, develop confidence, and enjoy fresh produce while spending time together.

Try A New Sport

One of our learners has joined the Under 15s Stourbridge Rugby team and is thoroughly enjoying the social, physical, and mental health benefits of training. Taking part has helped him build confidence, improve his fitness, and develop new friendships. He is excited to begin the season and is looking forward to playing his first games in September 2026.

Stay Connected

To keep up to date with the work of Leading Futures, please follow us on our official social media platforms - **Follow, Like, and Share!**

- 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

Regulate First, Solve Later

When your child is distressed, problem-solving can wait.

Try this at home:

- Focus first on helping your child feel calm and safe (quiet presence, favourite activity, sensory comfort).
- Avoid asking *why* questions in the moment.
- Revisit what happened later, when emotions are settled - sometimes hours later, or even the next day.

Why it helps:

When children are overwhelmed, their brains are often in *survival mode*. They can't reflect, reason, or learn until they're regulated. Calm connection now leads to insight later.

Remember: Supporting regulation isn't 'giving in' - it's building the foundation for emotional resilience.

Summer 1 Half Term Key Dates

- Monday 1st June 2026 – Summer 2 half term starts
- Wednesday 9th July 2026 – Enrichment trip to Drayton Manor. Details to follow
- Friday 17th July 2026 – Summer 2 half term ends for learners
- Monday 20th July 2026 – PD for staff

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

Stay Safety

Kind Regards,

T**he Leading Futures Team**