

Langley Fitzurse Church of England Primary School

Newsletter



Newsletter 2

"Amaze, Excite, Inspire"

The school term draws to a close and it does seem such a long time ago since we were welcoming everyone back to the new school year. So much learning, playing, challenging, exploring, reflecting and that is just on our classrooms!

At Langley Fitzurse we focus on six values throughout the year. This term we have explored friendship and have enjoyed some excellent discussions during Collective Worship and times within our classes.

One particular question which has been thought provoking to us all has been ***'Do we have to be friends with someone to show kindness?'*** The resounding answer from all was ***'absolutely not! But sometimes through acts of kindness friendships can grow.'***

We talked about how those acts of kindness effect not only the recipient but also the giver;
And how kindness can have a ripple and snowball effect for good.

We even went online and searched 'act of kindness' - so many videos, and so many examples tumbled from the AI Bot!

We then went on to challenged ourselves to evaluate using our hearts, minds and hands. This is something that we try do to in all collective worship.

To this end,

The children and families at Langley Fitzurse this half term are embarking on a Kindness Challenge run by the NSPCC, which we hope everyone will take part in. We are asking you to pledge 9 acts of kindness which you will endeavour to complete over the half term.

For this you can either be sponsored or make a donation. All monies raised will support the excellent work of the NSPCC, in particular ensuring access to the Helpline is freely available for children of all ages.

For further information please see the letter sent out from Mr Osler last week and thank you in anticipation for your support in fundraising for this important charity.

Contact the NSPCC Helpline
18 or under?

Childline offers free, confidential advice and support whatever your worry, whenever you need help.

0800 1111

You can contact the NSPCC Helpline by [calling 0808 800](tel:08088005000)

[5000](tel:08005000), [emailing help@NSPCC.org.uk](mailto:help@NSPCC.org.uk) or [completing our report abuse online form](#).

Our voice Helpline is currently available **10am–4pm Monday to Friday**. You can still [email help@NSPCC.org.uk](mailto:help@NSPCC.org.uk) or [complete our report abuse online form](#) at any time for free. You don't have to say who you are.

If you think a child is in immediate danger, please [call the police on 999](tel:999) straight away.

Mind – What did it make you think?

Heart – How did it make you feel?

Hands – What will you go and do as a result?

Beau is Saying Hello!

This is Beau, he is Stanton's adopted school dog and visits Stanton on days when Mrs Winterburn is at Stanton. He is also part of the Winterburn family. Sometimes, when Mrs Winterburn is working across the 2 schools during a day he has been coming into Langley Fitzurse, often saying hello to the children and staff and generally joining in in the hub of the school day.

Most of the children have met Beau and indeed some of our parents too. We would like to officially introduce him to the wider school community so that you are not surprised if your child mentions Beau being in school or you meet him should you pop in.

Beau is a bit of an old man now, being 12 years old. He is brilliant with the children and adults, loves attention, a walk and a treat! He has termly vets checks so we make sure we are bringing a healthy dog into school. Beau is a Lakeland/Patterdale terrier and so mauling in minimal. This means that in terms of allergies and asthma for humans he is less likely to create a reaction.

Our intention is that Beau will become part of our school community, not every day but sometimes, as we have seen through first hand experience the benefit of animals on a person's well being. We do fully recognise that this is not the case for all and so will be sending home a brief questionnaire after the half term break to understand your child's experience and feelings around dogs. We will formally introduce Beau through class visits and talk to the school about safe ways in approaching animals together with personal health and hygiene. There are some excellent resources we have used in the past on the Dogs Trust website.



School Uniform

Please can you check your children's uniform over the half term to make sure that all pieces of clothing are labelled clearly. We have gathered quite a collection of unnamed pieces of uniform, bottles and tupperware through this term. Now is the perfect time to make sure yours is labelled! Also, please remember that the school uniform policy states that children should wear black shoes/boots; **trainers and other coloured shoes are NOT suitable.**

Please refer to our uniform policy: <https://langleyfitzurse.wilts.sch.uk/uniform/>

PTA News

Fund raising through September and November

Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024, every time customers shop with Asda using their Rewards app, they can choose a primary school to receive a percentage of their spend. And that's not all — every time a customer chooses your primary school, Asda will donate £1 to your school's Cashpot, plus a further £50 when your first customer shops. It doesn't cost the customer anything, they money goes to the school in addition to their own cashpot.

BAG 2 SCHOOL
FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS
In partnership with your school or organisation
Langley Fitzurse C of E Primary School

Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.

By using this paper leaflet we are helping to reduce unnecessary extra plastic. Please use your own bag or bags (there is no limit). The leaflet is FSC accredited, please recycle it.

When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:
Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.
(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)

The more we weigh the more we pay!
Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit!

Please return your Bag2School on:
Thursday 14th November 2024

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Download and opt-in with Asda Rewards and we will donate £2s to schools.

Here's How:

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- Choose your primary school.
- Shop with your Asda Rewards app and Cashpot for Schools app at the same time.
- Shop up to £1000 per week using the app to donate to your school's Cashpot.
- We'll do the hard work. We'll donate £2s to your school every time you shop. We'll also donate £50 to your school when you first shop.

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Attendance and Absence

Please note that we will not authorise holidays, or long weekends during term time unless in exceptional circumstances. Our Absence and Attendance Policy is on our school website:

It is important all pupils are in school every day and do not missing any learning. Pupil attendance is a particular focus of the school this year and parents will be contacted if we have any concerns regarding their child's absence. We would invite all parents and carers to review the latest guidance on the Department of Education website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance> .



This term we focused on the value of FRIENDSHIP

'Let us help each other to love others and do good' Hebrews 10:24

Friendship is about trust and kindness, sharing and caring. This term we have learned a lot about friendship and made new friends, and the new pupils in Hercules are getting to know their buddies.

Putting our values into action, we are living out what the Bible says, **'Encourage one another and build each other up'** (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

*Dear God,
Thank you for our friends.
Thank you for the fun we can have with them
and the happy times we spend together.
Please help us to be good friends.
Please help us not to be selfish,
but always to think of other people and their needs.
Amen.*



'Pay others the honour and respect you owe them' (Romans 13:7)

Term 2: Respect

This term the school value we will be focusing on is 'RESPECT'. As a Church of England School, we believe that each person is created in the image of God and is loved by God. So, Christians believe that we should love and value everyone just as God does. Respect is fundamental to living in a school or any community. It means you care enough to think about the feelings of others before you act – it is about tolerance, patience and caring. Respect means valuing everyone and everything - and celebrating our differences.



I wonder what BIG Questions you have about RESPECT? Here are a couple to get you started as you chat at home and explore this term's value in action:

How do I earn the respect of others?

Should you give respect to people who haven't earned it?

On the 1st of December Christians start the season of Advent, as we wait and prepare for Christmas. **Pupils will be taking time to reflect and create a Jesse Tree, exploring the stories on Jesus' family tree.**

***Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others
with God's own love and concern." - Mother Teresa***

School Council

Welcoming our school councillors for 2024-25:

Pegasus— Florence, Matilda and Delilah

Phoenix— Elliott, Ray and Isla

Chameleon— Emilia, Alex and Poppy

This term we have met for a short and then a longer meeting. It has been great to witness the children's enthusiasm and eagerness to get stuck into what they can do as representatives of their classes. We have talked about how to improve our play-times. The children already had all sorts of ideas but are now going to gather more from their classmates to bring to our next meeting in Term 2. We are also expecting to talk to a visitor in November to discuss the other outside areas and how these can be developed.



Parking

Thank you for your support in recent communications ref parking in the village. This has enabled the bus easier access, has meant that our after school club teachers are able to park, and staff are able to leave on time.

When dropping off and collecting your child from school please use the pavement to the right of the drive and do not walk across the driveway leading to the school gates. road This is important for everyone's safety and will also help to teach your child road safety too. May we also remind parents to be considerate to the safety of the children and to other road users and residents by remembering the following:

- Please park considerately in the village and do not park across driveways or at the entrance to our school.
- Please be aware that the bus struggles to get through if too many cars are parked in the layby by the church
- Please drive slowly through the village as there are many pedestrians about
- No children should be left at school unaccompanied at the school gates before 8:40am.

The gravel driveway in front of the Chapel is private property. This needs to be kept clear as it is a shared driveway to the house behind. There have been instances where the people who live there have had a reverse onto the main road as cars have stopped them from turning on their driveway. As I am sure you will all agree, this is not very safe, especially at peak times when parked cars often block the view of oncoming traffic.



School Clubs

As part of a review of our PE curriculum, we are very excited to be working with Bath Lacrosse in Term 2 and Term 4. This will mean that Mr Roberts will be teaching our Key Stage 2 children how to play Pop Lacrosse on Monday afternoons, where each class will have one of their PE lessons at the Village Rec.

For Term 2 all Key Stage 2 children will need to come to school in their PE kit on Mondays. As it will be the winter months it may be wet/muddy so please expect that children may come home a little mucky! Older trainers rather than new will be a good call too!

We will be running an after school, Pop Lacrosse club for our KS2 children who would like to develop their skills further. Please look at the 'register' section of ParentMail for more information.



Langley Fitzurse School Choir

Our school choir members have enjoyed meeting during lunchtime on Monday's through term 1. They were able to perform in front of the school during assembly in the last week which the children thoroughly enjoyed. If your child is not currently part of the choice and would like to join then please do contact the school office to advise.

School trips and visits

KS2 Young Officials— Our primary school participated in an exciting and inspiring Young Officials event, where students had the opportunity to step into leadership roles as umpires, referees, and playground leaders. The event highlighted the skills, teamwork, and confidence of our young athletes, who performed brilliantly in each role.



KS2 Ancient Greece Day— The aim of the day was to provide an unforgettable enrichment experience, and it's safe to say it will live long in the children's memories. Many students and teachers dressed up in Ancient Greek-themed costumes, which really brought the day to life! The children listened to Greek myths, learned the Greek alphabet, wrote poems about ancient Greek beasts, made Greek pots, built the Parthenon, and even created Greek god playing cards! It was a fantastic day from start to finish. A big thank you to all the parents for preparing those amazing costumes— it truly felt like we stepped back in time!



KS2 Bristol Museum and Art Gallery— KS2 had a wonderful trip into Bristol on Thursday 10th October to visit the Bristol Museum.

As part of our topic on Ancient Greece, we got involved in Workshops run by the museum staff where we could get close up to actual ancient artefacts. We became archaeologists as we learnt about how these objects, their decorations and functions that told us about the past.

We also had time exploring some of the other exhibits in the museum including Ancient Egypt (our Term 3 topic), dinosaur fossils, and rare and endangered animals.

The children represented our school excellently and we comments from the museum staff to support this. Thank you to all of our adult helpers on the day to make it a special day out for our children.



Year 1+2 Multi Skills Event— The Primary Multi-Skills was is a dynamic and engaging morning designed to introduce the children to a wide range of physical activities and sports. The goal is to develop fundamental movement skills, such as agility, balance, coordination, and teamwork, in a fun and supportive environment. By providing a variety of challenges, this event encourages children to improve their physical abilities and confidence, setting the foundation for lifelong participation in sports.

During the event, the children participated in multiple activity stations, each focused on a different skill set. These stations included:

- Relay Races that promote teamwork and speed.
- Obstacle Courses to enhance coordination and balance.
- Throwing and Catching Challenges for hand-eye coordination.
- Jumping and Running Drills to build agility and endurance.

The multi-skills approach emphasises versatility, ensuring that children develop the essential skills needed for a wide range of sports. This format allows them to explore their abilities, discover new interests, and gain confidence in their physical potential.

The multi-skills promotes important values such as sportsmanship, cooperation, and perseverance. The children work together in teams, learning how to support and motivate one another while enjoying the friendly competition. The focus is on participation and effort, rather than winning, which helps create a positive atmosphere where every child feels included and encouraged.



KS1 Chepstow Castle

On Wednesday, 16th October, Pegasus and Hercules children went to Chepstow Castle. The weather didn't look very promising, but we were brave enough to face up to the challenge! After the excitement of boarding the coach we soon headed along the motorway towards Wales, crossing the Severn Bridge. Arriving in Chepstow we were awed by the sight of the castle, its impressive, high walls rising into the cloudy sky. At this point it wasn't yet raining!

Once we had entered the castle, children soon were able to identify arrow slits, battlements, the moat and a portcullis. We were able to enjoy an enchanting view of the River Wye, cocooned by tufts of mist. Soon it started to rain quite heavily and we decided to have our lunch in the Education Rooms that were provided. Here we had great fun doing a variety of activities, such as archery and jousting (a very nasty dragon had crept into the castle!). Soon it was time to head home, and whilst it was a wet day, we had great fun. Thank you to the parent volunteers for accompanying us, as well as the PTA for their financial contribution.



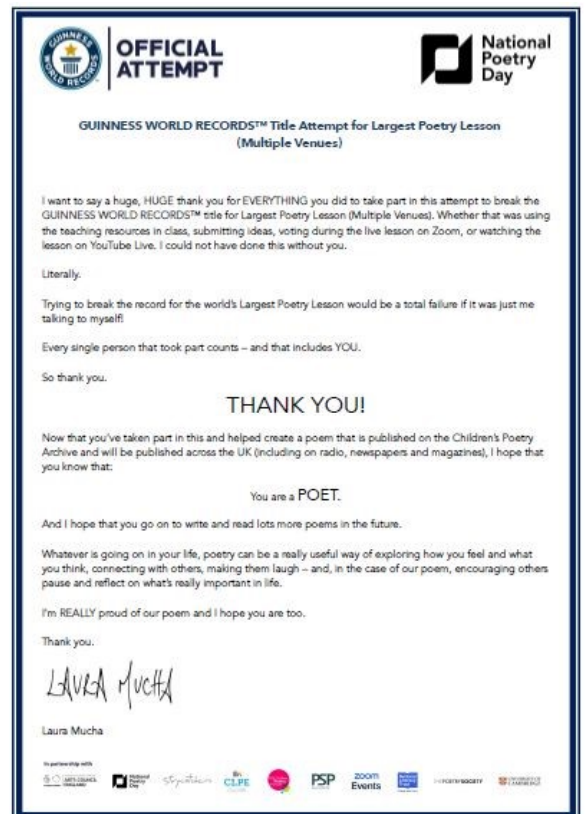
Guinness World Record Attempt

On Thursday 3rd October it was National Poetry Day. Key Stage 2 celebrated this by joining over 1,000 schools to try and break a Guinness World Record for the largest poetry lesson (multi venues).

The children submitted their ideas and the poet Laura Mucha went through them all to draft up a copy. The children then voted for bits to keep in and take out. Sadly, not all our ideas made it into the poem, but lots of general ones about family, friends and sport did. The line 'I am counting cows on my way to school' came from a child at our school! It was a pleasure seeing the children fully engaged in this unique experience.

Please read the full poem here: <https://childrens.poetryarchive.org/poem/what-counts/> it will be on advertisement boards, in newspapers and magazines!!!

From the KS2 team.



Term 2 Dates at a Glance

Monday 4th November	- Start of Term 2 - Launch of KS2 Lacrosse Club
Tuesday 5th November	- Parents Evenings
Wednesday 6th November	- Parents Evening
Friday 8th November	- Year 3+4 Multi Skills Event @ Harenhuish (- PTA Meeting in Cherry Hall @ 2.30pm. All welcome
Thursday 14th November	- Bags2School (bags to be dropped off in the parent shelter before 8.40am)
Friday 15th November	- Year 5/6 Football team to attend Football Festival @ Stanley Park
Friday 29th November	- Year 1,2+3 Girls to attend 'Footie for Fun' event @ Abbeyfield School
Friday 6th December	- Reception Christmas Multi-Skills event @ Abbeyfield School - Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 10th December	- KS1 Nativity @ 1.30pm - KS1 Nativity @ 3.30pm
Wednesday 11th December	- Christmas Lunch Day—don't forget your Christmas jumpers!
Friday 13th December	- Langley Fitzurse Christmas Cross Country

Christmas Lunch Day - Wednesday 11th December

You will be able to order a delicious roast turkey or vegetarian roast lunch with all the trimmings including mini sausages and stuffing balls followed by a vanilla and chocolate mixed ice-cream for dessert. Unfortunately, Sue Brady are unable to offer alternative lunch options on this day so if your child would prefer not to have a Christmas lunch then please send them into school with a packed lunch. Remember, if you have already booked a meal for this day and you would like to cancel it, you may do so through ScoPay before the 8-day cut off period.



You are able to order meals now! To order your Christmas lunch, please select option 1.

Children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers into school for a lovely festive day.

Langley Fitzurse Christmas Cross Country—Friday 13th December

This year we will be holding our very own Christmas Cross country morning. After morning break, we will walk to the rec. where the children will be split into house teams and run around the field collecting stamps as they go! Please wear your Christmas jumpers and other festive items such as hats and tinsel!

The children will come back to school to enjoy a delicious hot chocolate provided by our PTA

As the field is likely to be wet and muddy, old footwear (trainers would be a good idea). Children may even want to bring in a spare pair of shoes to change into if it is wet (and a plastic bag to pop their soggy shoes in).

Langley Fitzurse Choir

Our school Christmas Fayre will return this year on Friday 6th December, from 3.15pm. The PTA have worked tirelessly to make this a special and memorable event for the children, with a special appearance from our choir, it should really kick start the festive season off!



Carols on the Common, Tuesday 17th December. Please join us, outside school from 6pm on Tuesday 17th December for what promises to be a joyous selection of carols, sung by our school choir. We will be joined by a selection of musicians from the village as they perform some pieces of music to help get us into the festive spirit. There will be mince pies and mulled wine, but wrap up as it may be a little chilly!

Carols at the Pit Stop. On Friday 13th December why not head over to the pit stop to enjoy a hot chocolate whilst listening to our choir from 3.30pm.

