

Langley Fitzurse Church of England Primary School



Newsletter

Newsletter 4



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What a busy term!

Firstly, on behalf of the all the staff we would like to say a huge thank you for your kindness at Christmas. We feel very lucky to have received such generous vouchers along with some very delicious chocolates! Thank you very much, it is much appreciated.

More thanks too! To our PTA , Phoenix Parents , Staff and Village Community for a very successful Music Quiz. Not to mention Mr and Mrs Howe, who started the evening by suggesting this this *maybe* their last quiz, but by the end, finishing the night with 'see you next year'! The success of this evening very much ensures the First Access Music provision which is a legacy of the school for our Year 3 and Year 4 children.

By the time you read this newsletter the KS2 Production of Joseph will be a wonderful memory. A huge congratulations to all the children in their efforts. It takes a real team effort and we are so proud of each and every one of the team—well done!

Congratulations to the Street Dance Team for a fantastic fundraising bake sale this term. The dancers are busily rehearsing for a number of events including the Chippenham Schools Dance Festival, Great British Dance Off in Bath, together with Summer Fete and Scarecrow performances later in the year.

Well done and Thank you to the Worship Council for leading on our Christingle Service on the 4th February. We hope the children enjoyed making and eating their Christingles. We are still collecting for the Children Society, and thank you in anticipation for your generosity. A little by everyone will make a great difference. Please look out for the donation request in your ParentMail account.

Ground work and help please..... With the weather getting a little warmer and hopefully drier, we will be restarting work on the Hercules/Pegasus outdoor area after half term. Mrs Hanna and Mr Dale are keen to recruit help—more hands making lighter work. If you are able to help please sign up when more information comes out in Term 4.

Attendance and punctuality continues to be a school priority for Langley Fitzurse. Our current attendance figure is 96.5% compared to the national figure of 94.1%. Please can we ask parents to make sure children arrive promptly at the beginning of the day. For our Key Stage 2 children, school starts at 8.45 and for Reception and KS1, 8.50am. All children start straight away with morning tasks which settles the children at the beginning of the day.

We come back to school for Term 4 on Monday 24th February, please remember to book school lunches before half term. See information from SBC later in this newsletter. Please also talk to your children about the menu choices as we have noticed that there has been a lot of wastage since the change in menu.

Yours sincerely

Karen Winterburn

Year 5+6 Residential Information

Kit lists have been shared . If children are short of particular items please contact the school as soon as possible after half term as there may be some spare that could be leant for the week. Any questions regarding the Residential please speak to Mr Osler or Mr Miles.

Parents Evenings

We will be holding our spring parent consultations on Monday 3rd March and Wednesday 5th March. You are now able to reserve a slot for these evenings through ParentMail. Our Chair of Governor's, Amber Batson will be in school on these evenings if you'd like to have a chat.

In addition, on Wednesday 5th March, Tsara Hodson our school nurse will be available from 4pm —please pop by and say hello. She will be available to answer any questions you may have.

School Nurse Workshops

Thank you to those parents who were able to join the workshop on behaviours and well being held earlier this term. We hope you found it useful and supportive. Thank you also to Ms Cox for baking some excellent cakes and biscuits!

Tsara shared the School Nursing Team Duty number which is available to all families 0300 2470 090. As stated above, she has kindly offered to be in school on Wednesday 5th March from 4.00pm. This is the second day of our Spring Parent Evenings. Please do stay for a chat with her.

We are offering a second parent workshop with our school nurse on Tuesday 13th March at 12.30pm via teams. Tsara will be leading the session. If you would like to attend please follow the link below:



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World Book Day



Competition!

For this year we thought it would be exciting for children to create their own 'Reading Corners'. Children could create this at home and send in a photograph of it (inside or outside the house), create a model of it (Plasticine or inside a shoebox) or, for our budding architects, draw a design of this.



World Book Day 2025

This year WBD will be on Thursday, 6th March. We have been working hard to promote children's enjoyment of reading and to share a love of reading with them. In order to have as many staff members as possible participating in this event, we have decided to hold WBD this year on **Monday, 10th March.**

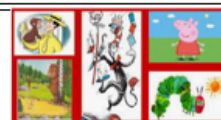
Dress up as a book character

Here are just some ideas for dressing up as a book character. If you are really stuck for a costume, please come and see a member of our teaching staff.



Bedtime story

We also would like to welcome the children back to school at around 5.30 (tbc) in their pyjamas for some hot chocolate and a bedtime story!



Children will have activities organised either in their classes or in house teams such as:

- Draw a book character
- Scavenger hunt
- Guess the staff member reading a book
- Book character quiz
- Create a mini-book or comic strip
- Participate in some of the online activities
- Story Reading corners

'Tell the truth to each other' (Zechariah 8 v 16)

Term 3: TRUTHFULNESS



The BIG QUESTION - Why can telling the truth be hard?

This term the school value we focused on was 'TRUTHFULNESS'. **Truthfulness is essential in all our relationships so we can trust one another.**

Which Bible stories can your child remember about truthfulness? Did they have a go at using the magnets on their reflection tables to explore how lies push us away from people, but telling the truth draws us closer and strengthens our relationships?

What conclusion have they come to about The BIG QUESTION – Why can telling the truth be hard?

Whoever can be trusted with small things can also be trusted with large things.

Whoever is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in large things too.'

Luke 16 v 10

A prayer for this term:

God of Truth, help us to be honest when we do something wrong. Help us not to blame other people but admit to our mistakes and apologise and so learn and move on. Amen.

School Council

I have met up with our school council members a number of times across the academic year so far. This year's children are particularly keen and eager to get involved.

We have already had really positive ideas about how to improve our playtimes and lunchtimes that we plan to initiate over T4.

The councillors also delivered a school assembly for Odd Socks Day, part of Children's Mental Health Day.

Also over this year, they will be helping with some outdoor learning ideas, screen-time surveys, and selecting other charities and fund-raising events for the remainder of the year.

Many thanks for their efforts and attitude so far.

Mr Osler



Community Magazine Article—February 2025

Happy New Year to you all, and welcome back to a new term. As we start back there's a spring in the step and although early, the signs of new life are there, bulbs are starting to break through, and the sun is starting to get up a little earlier to welcome us each morning.

The year kicks off with lots of great opportunities to learn with all our younger children being Polar Explorers and our older children being historians and learning about Ancient Egypt. This builds on the successes of last year, which concluded with Good Ofsted outcomes for both schools and from the work of our fantastic federated partner school, Stanton St Quintin, being recognised as a top Wiltshire School. Governors and staff teams working together, learning from each other and sharing skills & experience is a real positive of being a federation.

The success of our schools is dependent on the great partnerships that exist; between pupils and teachers, teachers and staff, parents and teachers, school and church, alongside other external stakeholders, to highlight a few. Working together we share the responsibility to make our vision a reality. At Langley this is: *To 'Amaze, Excite and Inspire' a confident, happy and resilient school community, to be an inclusive church school where everyone can be the best God has made them to be.*

This term the PTA, school and village have worked together to put on the music quiz that raises money to enable pupils to learn the violin. The Worship Council and Katherine Bloomer will work together to explore this term's value of truthfulness and what that looks like in action as they lead Collective Worship.

The school and St Peter's will also work together to raise awareness and funds for The Children's Society living out our school bible verse *'to help each other love others and do good'*. Three classes will come over to the church for a multi sensory experience exploring the symbolism of the Christingle with church volunteers, and then celebrate with a service on 4th February.

As a Church School we are blessed to have the support of the Draycot Ministry Team and the Diocese of Bristol. We celebrate our partnership and will continue to develop our relationship to help support the spiritual wellbeing of the whole school community. So that together, with the whole school community we can Amaze, Excite and Inspire and ***"help each other to love others and to do good" Hebrews 10:24***

I look forward to seeing the results of all our partnerships in another successful, fun and productive term.

Tom Stables
Foundation Governor
LFSSQ Federation

Drop off and Parking

Following a number of concerns around road safety around our school, we had a meeting with the local PCSO. The information and reminders below has come from these discussions.

It is imperative that when parents visit school to drop off or pick up their children that they do so with due care and attention and do not put others at risk. They should also give consideration to our local community and park safely and in appropriate areas. This may result in parents parking a distance away from school and walking into the school grounds to drop off or collect their children. It is important to our school that positive relations with our local community remain in place and do not diminish due to inconsiderate, dangerous parking by our parents or visitors. As we are all aware, parking in and around the school during pick up can be a rather tricky situation, in terms of space and time. Once again, we ask you to park responsibly, to leave in plenty of time, and to consider our neighbours.

What can you do to help keep everyone safe around the school gates and village? Avoid:

- Blocking the road - emergency vehicles and other traffic may need access
- Parking on residents' driveways
- Parking where you will cause inconvenience to other road users, including the village bus
- Leaving your vehicle with the engine still running
- Stopping in the middle of the road or at the top of the drive to pick up your child, even for a few seconds.

School Travel Plan

A **School Travel Plan (STP)** is a document that sets out how a school will promote safer, active, and sustainable travel to school. The main objectives of an STP are to:

1. Reduce the number of children being driven to and from school.
2. Promote walking, cycling, and public transport.
3. Improve road safety outside the school.



***Just as the Lord has forgiven you,
so you must also forgive each other."***

Colossians 3:13

Term 4: FORGIVENESS

The BIG QUESTION – What does forgiveness look like and feel like?



This term the school value we will be focusing on is 'FORGIVENESS'. Everyone makes mistakes, it's part of being human. Sometimes our mistakes hurt others and then we need to say sorry.

As a Church of England school, we recognise that forgiveness, offered and received, will be at the heart of all our relationships. As we journey towards Easter, we remember that Jesus shows us how to forgive, again and again.

In school we show our understanding of forgiveness by:

- Not holding grudges
- Genuinely saying 'Sorry' from the heart
- Showing we are sorry by our words and actions

A prayer for this term:

Forgiving God, you see all our needs and know our hearts. In our journeys may we know you beside us and follow your direction, just as Jesus did. Amen.

School Lunches

Please remember to check that you have ordered lunch for your child each day, if you have any problems doing this, please contact Sue Brady Catering directly.



We have noticed that there has been an increase in food waste at lunchtimes as children are not liking the food that has been ordered for them, especially some of the filling options for the wraps. Please can we ask that, when placing your child's lunch order, that you have a conversation with them about the different choices available, and, each morning, what is coming up for their lunches for that day.

Parents can order for any days right up to the end of term and amend those meal orders too without having to let us know. However, there is an 8-day rolling period where they cannot add/amend/cancel meals. This means that 8 days in advance are not editable. If a child is sick, the parents needs to let SBC know by emailing schools@suebradycatering.com before 8am on the day in question, and we can help.

- Parents and school can let SBC know via email if a child has allergies to any of the items listed on the attached allergen chart, so that alternatives can be arranged.

NOTE: Mondays are meat free day on our menu so if a child is a vegetarian, parents just need to select A or B on Mondays, no need to select E or F.

Rolling 8-Day Calculator

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X No orders or changes possible on this day

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 miss 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>.

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- Chippenham Netball Youth
- Chippenham Cricket Club
- Chippenham Rugby Club

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www.gameoncharity.com

School Trips and Events

All Active Academy—Friday 31st January

Some of our KS2 children were selected to attend a sporting event at Abbeyfield school for the morning. The All Active Academy provided an incredible opportunity for these children to experience a range of exciting sports and fitness activities, giving them a taste of different ways to stay active and healthy.

One of the highlights of the day was the gym experience, where children got the chance to step into a real gym environment and work with a gym instructor. They learned how to use the equipment safely and effectively, building their confidence and understanding of fitness in a structured and supportive setting.

Alongside this, children took part in an archery session, testing their aim and precision, as well as new age kurling, a fun and inclusive sport that allowed everyone to get involved, regardless of ability. Short golf was another fantastic addition to the day, helping children develop their coordination and accuracy while enjoying a new sporting challenge.

A key element of the event was the support from secondary school sports ambassadors, who played a crucial role in guiding and encouraging the children throughout the activities. Their leadership and enthusiasm helped create a positive and engaging atmosphere, ensuring every child felt supported and motivated.

The All Active Academy was a brilliant success, giving children the chance to try something new, build their confidence in sport, and experience the benefits of staying active in a fun and welcoming environment.

Christingle—Tuesday 4th February

Our three older classes went to St Peter's Church before the service, to learn about the celebration of Christingle. Stations were set up around the church and children listened and took part in the activities really well. They enjoyed a delicious biscuit from Mrs Bloomer!



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KS2 Egyptian Day—Thursday 13th February

Phoenix Class ended the term with an Egyptian Day. We dressed up and displayed all of our Egyptian work on our tables. This included our paintings on canvas of pyramids, our papyrus paper that we made using brown paper and PVA mixed with water, our topic books with our information writing about the River Nile and our names in hieroglyphs. After lunch the other classes took it in turns to come and have a look at the work we have been creating. We really enjoyed sharing our learning with the younger children. After school, parents and carers were invited in to have a look too and we were proud to be able to show them all our work.

Miss Ford



School Uniform

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Year 1 + 2 Artic Explorer Day—Wednesday 12th February

Year 1+2 looked brilliant, dressed up in the explorer gear on Wednesday! They had a day packed full of activities from creating an artic animal northern light inspired print, making snowflake cookies to stacking presents and penguins onto a sleigh to deliver to Santa at his workshop.



KS2 Production—Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat—Tuesday 11th February

What a wonderful performance of a wonderful show! The KS2 children put great effort into their production this year. So many songs to learn and actions on stage painted the picture of this well-known Bible story. A big well done to the cast, and a big thank you to the staff involved.



Term 4 Clubs—Return of Lacrosse!

Club bookings for Term 4 have now been released! Please make sure to book your required slots as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. As previously communicated, the slots for both early morning club and after school club have been increased to 30.

Lacrosse is back for Term 4!!!

We are very excited to be inviting Mr Roberts from Bath Lacrosse back into school for 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 on the Village Rec.



For Term 4, all Key Stage 2 children will need to come to school in their PE kits 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!

The lacrosse after school club is available to book. This will run after school on Mondays from 3.15-4.00pm. This will give the children further opportunities to develop skills and develop game tactics.

Numbers for this after-school club will be limited to 20 children. We ask that parents collect children from school at 4.00pm. Any children are attending Wraparound Club after this time will be handed over to the Grassroots team.

The cost of the club will be £5.00 as per all other ASC clubs.



P.E Days Term 4

Reception — Thursday

Year 1+2 — Tuesday + Friday

Phoenix — Monday (Lacrosse—please wear warm clothes) + Wednesday (Swimming)

Chameleon — Monday (Lacrosse—please wear warm clothes) + Wednesday

Term 4 Dates at a Glance

Monday 24th February	- Start of Term 3
Monday 24th February	- KS2 Dance Troupe to perform @ Chippenham Dance Festival
Monday 3rd March	- Parent Evenings
Wednesday 5th March	- Parent Evenings (school nurse)
Monday 10th March	- Celebrate World Book Day
Friday 7th March	- PTA Meeting in Cherry Hall @ 2.30pm
Monday 10th March	- STEM Week
Thursday 13th March	- School Nurse Workshop @ 12.30pm —Anxiety (via teams)
Tuesday 18th March	- Bags2School
Wednesday 26th March	- PTA Spring Disco
Monday 31st March	- Year 3+4 Multi Skills
Friday 4th April	- Easter Service @ St Peter's Church 9.15am all welcome
	- PTA Easter Egg Hunt
	- End of Term 4

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 29th April	- KS2 Street Dance Troupe to take part in The Great Big Dance Off—Bath Forum
Friday 16th May	- PTA Bake Sale
Monday 9th June	- KS2 Children who attended All Active Academy + Talent Team events to take part in event @ The Arc, Chippenham
Tuesday 10th June-	- Scholastic Bookfair
Monday 16th June	
Thursday 12th June	- Bags2School
Saturday 14th June	- Kington Langley Scarecrow Festival
	- School Summer Fayre
Sunday 15th June	- Kington Langley Scarecrow Festival
Thursday 19th Jun	- Sports Day inc. visit from Glamorose Cake Van
Wednesday 16th July	- PTA Summer Disco
Thursday 17th July	- Leavers' Service @ St Peter's 2.15pm