

# Langley Fitzurse Church of England Primary School



## Newsletter

### Newsletter 5



**Message from Mrs Osler— Vacancies— Term 4 Values—Term 5 Values— Lunches— Community Magazine Article—  
Attendance—Bags2 School—Scarecrow Festival—School Events and Trips— PE Days—Dates for the Diary**

Dear parents and carers

Even though the Spring term normally has fewer school weeks, we have certainly packed a lot into T4. Children have approached their learning with increasing enthusiasm and have been getting to grips with our 'States of Being' initiative. They are now very familiar with regularly being authors, artists, mathematicians and geographers etc. during a school day. Over the Summer term we will develop this further by creating displays around the school highlighting these different learners, that feature some of the children themselves.

At the start of this term, our KS2 dancers showed off their skills at the Chippenham Dance Festival. The children really put their hearts into the performance that took place at the Neeld Hall. It was great to also see that confidence in one of our children joining the team of comperes for the night, communicating to the audience so clearly. Next term will see our dance team journeying to Bath Forum for the Great British Dance Off. They have been putting super efforts into their practising and will surely do well. Best of luck to them!

Other exciting events across this term included the older children having their residential at Grittleton House, and our whole-school focus on STEM for science week. Read more about these further down our newsletter.

Langley Fitz continues to grow as a place of musicians. Our Y3s and Y4s have been learning the violin during the First Access sessions for over half of this academic year and are showing some good signs of musicianship with the pieces they are learning with Mr Winfield in the hall. As many of you know, this is funded through our PTA. It is also lovely to see the ever-growing list of piano students across all ages – the future musicians! We are also lucky to have developing drummers and guitarists in our school. The KS2 choir has continued to grow in strength and number. They treated the school to a performance of three modern songs last week, and really wowed the audience with their gusto and intonation. Great work!

We, along with the Local Authority, are always monitoring pupil attendance. Our school is currently at around 96.5%, which is a little over the county average of just over 95%. While this in itself is positive, we will continue to support pupils and families to reach the best attendance figures that we can achieve. We currently have a number of children who are around 90% or below, equating to half a day a week not in school.

We will have enjoyed our Easter service at St Peter's on the last morning of this term. We hope you were able to join with us to sing, celebrate and revisit the Easter story. We will be back on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April for the start of the Summer term. We hope you have a lovely break and look forward to seeing you then.

Kind regards  
Mr Osler

#### **Vacancies**

Two exciting opportunities to join our wonderful staffing team at Langley Fitzurse have opened.

Maternity Cover

Upper KS2 Teacher

If you would like to know more about these positions then please visit [Vacancies - Welcome To Langley Fitzurse](#)

Class structure for the next academic year will be shared at the beginning of Term 5



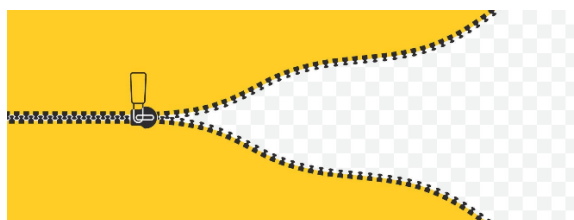
***Just as the Lord has forgiven you,  
so you must also forgive each other."***

Colossians 3:13

#### **Term 4: FORGIVENESS**



This term the school value we focused on was 'FORGIVENESS'. Forgiveness can be difficult and costly, it takes strength and courage, but without it, a new start is impossible.



***Ask your child about how a zip reminds us about forgiveness and reconciliation.***

As Christians prepare to mark Holy Week and then celebrate Easter, we remember that God is abounding in love, slow to anger, and forgives all our sins completely, because of Jesus' death on the cross. And because we have been forgiven, we are encouraged to forgive others.

A prayer for this term written by the Worship Council:

*Dear God, thank you for forgiving us.*

*We are sorry for the times when we hold on to our anger and hurt against others. And when we find it hard to say sorry for our wrong choices.*



***'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.'*** Philippians 4:13

#### **Term 5: Perseverance**

This term we will be focusing on our school value of 'PERSEVERANCE'. Perseverance doesn't mean being good at things or being a big success, it means keeping on trying when we feel like giving up. In the Bible, perseverance is closely linked to trust in God rather than self-reliance. Christians believe that the Holy Spirit helps them to keep going when things are tough.

Some questions to reflect upon.

- *Who helps you to keep going?*
- *How can you encourage others to keep trying? Is there someone you can encourage today?*

Here is a prayer you might like to use:

*Dear God, we thank you that you are always with us when we find it hard to keep going. When we feel like giving up, help us to stay strong. When others are struggling, remind us to encourage them. Amen.*

*"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."* Philippians 4:13

***Amaze, Excite, Inspire***

## A blue lunchbox with a black handle and latch is open. Inside, there is a sandwich with yellow filling, a red apple, and a banana.

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, you have had a conversation with them about the different choices available, and, each morning, remind them what is coming up for their lunches for that day.

If you need any help ordering your school lunches then please do feel free to contact the school office for support.

Parents can order for any days right up to the end of term and amend those meal orders too without having to let SBC know. However, **there is an 8-day rolling period where parents cannot add/amend/cancel meals**. This means that 8 days in advance are not editable. If a child your sick, please let SBC know by emailing [schools@suebradycatering.com](mailto:schools@suebradycatering.com) before 8am on the day in question, and they will be able to help. Please be aware that if you try to add/make adjustments to your selections after 12pm on Thursday night for the following week these changes **will not be submitted**.

- 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

Summer Menu 2025							
		11/06/25 - 12/06/25    02/06/25 - 21/06/25    14/07/25					
W/C		MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	
Week 1	A-B	Veggie Curry and Rice	Sausage Roll with Cheesy Baked Beans (2,4,7)	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes and Steamed Veg	Pork Pitta with Peppers and Corn on the Cob (3)	Fish Burger with Peas & Sweetcorn (2,5,9) (12)	
Option 1	C-D	Jacket Potato with Cheese and Veg Sticks (7)	Chicken Fajita Wrap with Veg Sticks (7)	Pesto & Chicken Tomato Pasta with Veg Sticks (2,4,5,9)	Tuna Cucumber Baguette with Veg Sticks (2,4,5,9)	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo & Sweetcorn with Veg Sticks (4,5,9)	
Option 2	E-F	N/A	Veggie Sausage Roll with Baked Beans (2,4,7)	Quorn Fillet, Roast Potatoes and Steamed Veg (2)	Quorn Mince Pitta with Peppers and Corn on the Cob (2)	Quorn Fishless Finger with Peas & Sweetcorn (12)	
Vegetarian	G-H	N/A	Chicken (2,7)	Chicken (2,7)	Chicken (2,7)	Chicken (2,7)	
Sandwich Choices	I-J	Ham & Cheddar (2,7)	Ham & Cheddar (2,7)	Ham & Cheddar (2,7)	Ham & Cheddar (2,7)	Ham & Cheddar (2,7)	
Dessert	K-L	Apple & Walnut (2,5,9)	Tiramisu (2,4,5,9)	Tiramisu (2,4,5,9)	Tiramisu (2,4,5,9)	Tiramisu (2,4,5,9)	
Frill	M-N	French Fries (2,4,5,9)	French Fries (2,4,5,9)	French Fries (2,4,5,9)	French Fries (2,4,5,9)	French Fries (2,4,5,9)	
W/C		MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	
Week 2	A-B	Tomato Pasta with Broccoli (2)	Chicken Burger with Corn-on-the-Cob (1,2) (1,12)	Sausage, Roast Potatoes, Steamed Veg & Onion Gravy (2)	Lasagne with Collesale (2,7) (4,5,13)	Fish, Chips, Peas (2,5)	
Option 1	C-D	Jacket Potato with Cheese and Spring Onions in Mayo with Veg Sticks (4,7,9)	Egg Mayo Baguette with Veg Sticks (4,9)	Cheese and Tomato Pasta with Veg Sticks (2,7)	Ham salad wrap with Veg Sticks (2) (9)	Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo & Sweetcorn with Veg Sticks (4,5,7,9)	
Option 2	E-F	N/A	Courtesy Vegetable Burgers with Corn-on-the-Cob (7) (12)	Veggie Sausage Roll, Roast Potatoes, Steamed Veg & Onion Gravy (2)	Vegetable Lasagne with Collesale (2,7) (4,5,13)	Quorn Fishless Finger, Chips, Peas & Sweetcorn (12)	
Vegetarian	G-H	N/A	Chicken (2,7)	Chicken (2,7)	Chicken (2,7)	Chicken (2,7)	
Sandwich Choices	I-J	Ham & Cheddar (2,7)	Ham & Cheddar (2,7)	Ham & Cheddar (2,7)	Ham & Cheddar (2,7)	Ham & Cheddar (2,7)	
Dessert	K-L	Apple & Walnut (2,5,9)	Wafels (2,4,5,9)	Tiramisu (2,4,5,9)	Tiramisu (2,4,5,9)	Tiramisu (2,4,5,9)	
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Week 3	A-B	French Bread Pitta with Corn-on-the-Cob (2,7) (4,12)	Sausage, Beans and Cheesy Mash (2,7)	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes and Steamed Veg	Mid Chicken Curry with Rice	Cod & Parsley Fishcake Wedges and Beans (5)	
Option 1	C-D	Jacket Potato with Cheese and Beans and Veg Sticks (7)	Chicken Tikka and Cucumber Baguette with Veg Sticks (2) (9)	Tuna Mayo & Sweetcorn Pasta with Veg Sticks (2,4,5,9)	BLT Wrap with Veg Sticks (2) (9)	Jacket Potato with Chicken and Sweetcorn & Veg Sticks (4,7,9)	
Option 2	E-F	N/A	Veggie Sausage, Beans and Cheesy Mash (2,7)	Quorn Fillet, Roast Potatoes and Steamed Veg (2)	Quorn Curry with Rice (2)	Quorn Fishless Finger Wedges and Beans (2)	
Vegetarian	G-H	N/A	Chicken (2,7)	Chicken (2,7)	Chicken (2,7)	Chicken (2,7)	
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Frill	M-N	French Fries (2,4,5,9)	French Fries (2,4,5,9)	French Fries (2,4,5,9)	French Fries (2,4,5,9)	French Fries (2,4,5,9)	

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T	Today
O	Order Day
X	No orders or changes possible on this day



## **Community Magazine Article—March 2025**

Langley Fitzurse PTA – April 2025

We can't believe that we are over halfway through the 2024/2025 school year already, and it's a busy one!

Whilst we are a small school, we have an amazing community and aim to raise funds for the PTA by doing enjoyable events throughout the year. All funds raised by the PTA are used for enriching the children's experiences through school and making vital memories.

So far this school year, we have organised and enjoyed a few bake sales, school discos, Christmas card designs/prints, as well as a very busy Christmas season. During the run up to Christmas, we organised a very successful Christmas fayre with lots of activities, cakes, and stalls for everyone to enjoy. The wonderful school choir demonstrated their skills whilst providing a show for everyone to enjoy. There was also a successful raffle, fun run with hot chocolate, a gift for every child and member of staff, and of course, a welcome visit from Father Christmas himself.

The music quiz was held earlier this year and was a huge success thanks to the participation of the Kington Langley community. We are grateful for the Kington Langley community support towards this annual event. It looked as though fun was had by everyone involved and there was enough chilli, cakes, cheese, and potatoes to feed the whole village and beyond! The music quiz raised a whopping £1300 towards violin lessons. The PTA are proud to fund violin lessons every week for every child throughout Year 3 and 4 – this is well above the expected curriculum and provides a great opportunity for the children. Thank you!

So far this school year, we have funded a school trip for the whole of Key Stage 1 to Chepstow castle and Key Stage 2 to the Bristol Museum, £200 per class for additional resources, First access violin lessons, Key Stage 1 sound screen for their learning den, and Key Stage 2 resources for an art exhibition.

Going forward, we have big plans to financially support with improving the forest school/outdoor learning provision including renovating the outside space, providing equipment to enhance outdoor learning, and provision for some teacher training. We are so excited about this opportunity to progress and expand the children's learning experience.

The rest of the school year looks busy with more cake sales, discos, an Easter Egg hunt for the whole school, Year 6 leavers' celebrations, and of course the famous Scarecrow Trail and Summer Fayre.

Thanks for your ongoing support!

From the PTA Committee

### Easter @ The Pit Stop

Join us at Chippenham Pit Stop this Easter holiday. There will be 11 Easter bunnies hidden all around the Pit Stop each with a letter. Children will need to find the letter and unscramble them to solve the puzzle and win a treat. Every child will win a homemade treat.



### 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>.



### Bags2School

Thank you for the clothes and textile donations—we raised £64.80 for our PTA!



### Kington Langley Scarecrow Festival

This year's Kington Langley Scarecrow Festival will take place on Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 June, and the theme is Weather. Scarecrow Trail with the chance of winning £100, fair-ground rides, live music, barbecue, tea tent and bar - fun for all the family!

It's not too late to register a scarecrow on the theme of Weather! Just go to [www.scarecrows.biz](http://www.scarecrows.biz) and click on Get Involved and then Register. Don't worry if you haven't built a scarecrow before - we are running a Scarecrow Workshop on Sunday 18 May from 10.30 am to 2pm at school, where you can get all the help you need.





## School Trips and Events

### **Chippenham Dance Festival—Monday 24th February**

The curtain has closed on this year's Lights, Camera, Action! Dance Festival, and what a truly spectacular showcase it was! Over two magical evenings, 14 primary schools, three secondary schools and Silverwood – took to the stage, delivering show-stopping performances at the iconic Neeld Hall.

The festival celebrated the incredible talent, confidence, and creativity of our young dancers, with each performance lighting up the stage. From high-energy street dance routines to beautifully choreographed contemporary pieces, every routine was a testament to the dedication of the children and their fantastic teachers who worked so hard to bring their ideas to life.

A special mention must go to our primary school comperes, who took on the role of hosting the festival with professionalism and confidence, guiding the audience through each night with charm and enthusiasm.

This event wouldn't have been possible without the support of our sponsors WASP and An Apple a Day Supply, whose generosity has helped us celebrate dance and provide unforgettable opportunities for so many young people.

Thank you to everyone involved – the dancers, teachers, families, and schools – for making this year's festival a truly inspirational celebration of dance and community!

You can relive the magic by watching the opening video here: [Chippenham Dance Festival – Chippenham Sports Partnership](#)



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## World Book Day—Monday 10th March

Children all looked fantastic in their outfits and had a fabulous time. We started off with a book quiz in our house teams before taking part in exciting book related activities such as finding out the adult hiding behind a book. It was wonderful to see so many children turn up for our bed-time story in their pyjamas, enjoying a story and some hot chocolate.

After extending the dead-line we luckily had a few more contributions to our competition about creating a reading corner. Congratulations to: Elliott, Stefan, Rose and Grace, Ezra, Eva, Fraser, Harry, Amelie, Daphne, Millie and Bailey.

We are already looking forward to next year's WBD!



## STEM Week—10th—14th March

Between the 11th and 14th March, the school was very lucky to have a host of exciting additions to our timetables as part of Science week. The theme of this year's Science week was STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). It was lovely to have members of our school community giving up their time to come into school to work with the children. A paediatric doctor showed us lots of different medical tools and we had the chance to use some of these ourselves—the highlight being the ultrasound machine that allowed us to look at our own hearts beating. We had an engineer from Bristol docks telling us all about the activities of this very busy place. We got our hands into some of the different produce that goes in and out of the port as well as seeing pictures of the huge machinery. An aircraft engineer also came to visit, giving us demonstrations on how planes take off. We learnt about jet engines and grew our knowledge of these amazing machines through pictures and models. There were several online sessions focused on different engineers, too. The children learnt about rockets and helicopters and how watches are made. We learnt about the many, many jobs within the NHS and our older children also did some of their own designing of a product 'that could change the world'. Thanks, again, to the adults who enhanced and enriched our week!





### Talent Team—Friday 21st March

The Talent Event provided an incredible opportunity for students to experience elite level coaching, teamwork, and skill development alongside like-minded peers. The morning was designed to challenge students, push them outside their comfort zones, and expose them to new sports and experiences that could shape their future in sport. Students took part in a range of activities led by expert coaches and athletes, gaining invaluable insights into high-performance training and the mind-set required to succeed; wall climbing, Fitness suite training and, Badminton with an England Student Player. This event was about growth, learning, and unlocking potential. By working alongside like minded peers, students were able to challenge themselves in a supportive environment, developing key skills in leadership, teamwork, and resilience.

### Grittleton Adventures Year 5+6 Residential—Week commencing 17th March

The children in Chameleon class had a wonderful time on their residential at Grittleton House. The site was gorgeous, the activities exciting, and the food plentiful. Our instructors were well versed in keeping the children entertained as they guided them through a range of activities that tested their physical and mental skills to the limits. Some of the highlights of the week included Archery Tag, Jacob's ladder, The Crystal Maze and the Quiz Night. It was great to see the children get stuck in to challenges, individually and in teams, to really the best out of themselves. It will surely be a week to remember. Many thanks to Grittleton and to the school staff who gave up their week to be with the children.





## PTA Spring Disco—Wednesday 26th March

Another successful disco, thank you to our wonderful PTA and of course the children for coming along and showing off their dance moves!



## P.E Days Term 5

<b>Reception</b>	- Thursday
<b>Year 1+2</b>	- Tuesday + Friday
<b>Phoenix</b>	- Monday + Wednesday
<b>Chameleon</b>	- Monday + Thursday

## Untypical Parenting

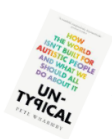
A talk by Pete Wharmby

At Chippenham Library

Thursday 1 May 7.15pm

Tickets £3 per person

In this talk, Pete will explore some of the experiences of autistic children and parents, and offer ideas for managing home life, school, communication with teachers and much more.



Since being diagnosed as autistic at the age of 34, Pete has immersed himself in working to improve autistic awareness, acceptance and making the world a more suitable place for the neurodivergent community. He has published two books and gained a huge following on social media.

Tickets must be booked in advance at the library or on 01249 650536.

## Jax Dance

DRESS REHEARSAL  
THURS, 24TH APRIL

DANCERS:

- COME TO SCHOOL WITH HAIR TIED UP
- BRING ALL MAKE-UP
- BRING HAIRBRUSH, PINS, GEL ETC

*Specialist Teacher Visiting!*

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**The Fairways Care Home**  
Malmesbury Road, Chippenham

**EASTER FAYRE**  
SAT 5TH APRIL  
2-4.30PM

- Easter Bunny Hunt
- Entertainment
- Visiting Lambs
- Raffle & Tombola
- Tea and Cake
- Craft Stalls



### Term 5 Dates at a Glance

Monday 21st April	—Bank Holiday
Tuesday 22nd April	—Start of Term 5
Thursday 24th April	—KS2 Street Dance Troupe dress rehearsal for GBDO
Tuesday 29th April	—KS2 Street Dance Troupe to attend 'The Great Big Dance Off' @ Bath Forum
Tuesday 6th May	—School Photos (Class and Individual Year 6) <b>DATE CHANGE</b>
Wednesday 7th May	—PTA Meeting Via Teams @ 7pm
Thursday 8th May	- VE Day. 80th Anniversary. Children to wear red, white and blue. Parents invited to join for a picnic 12-1pm
Friday 9th May	— Hercules Dinosaur Egg Hunt @ Abbeyfield School
Monday 12th May	—Start of KS2 SATS
Friday 16th May	—Yr 6 Cricket Tournament @ Chippenham Cricket Club
Friday 16th May	—PTA Bake Sale
Sunday 18th May	—Scarecrow Workshop @ LF 10.30am—2pm
Wednesday 21st May	—Yr3+4 to attend Kingfisher Award Scheme @ Dairy Farm, Hullavington
Friday 23rd May	—Pop Lacrosse Tournament (selected children tbc)

### Dates for the Diary

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
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	- Summer Open-air Concert @ Langley Fitzurse
Wednesday 2nd July	- Yr 6 Open Evening @ Sheldon
Tuesday 8th July	- Reserve date for Summer Concert in case of poor weather
Wednesday 9th July	- Yr 6 Transition to Hardenhuish—Induction Evening
Thursday 10th July	- Yr 6 Sheldon Induction - Yr 6 Transition to Hardenhuish—Induction Evening - Yr 6 New Parents Evening @ Sheldon
Friday 11th July	- Yr 6 Transition to Hardenhuish—Induction Day (0830-1500) - Yr 6 Sheldon Induction
Wednesday 16th July	- PTA Summer Disco
Thursday 17th July	- Leavers' Service @ St Peter's 2.15pm