Langley Fitzurse Church of England Primary School



Newsletter

Newsletter 1



My goodness how this term has flown. On the one hand, a return from the summer break seems a distant memory ... and the other it has been mightily busy, and that together with the term being 7 and 1/2 weeks, time for recharging batteries before the lead up to Christmas with be built into half term plans! We hope you are able to do this too.

Just see what we have been up to both inside and outside our classes by reading class newsletters and the word cloud below:



A very special and huge thank you to everyone who helped make our Make a Difference Day such a success. Over 20 parents offered their help, which really does show support and strength in the Langley School community. Planned at just the right time for a spring show of bulbs in readiness for the winter months, the list of jobs was long and varied! A lick of preserve for the Gazebo, winter readiness for the Pegasus outside area, a fix and refurb in parts of Hercules' raised beds, internal filling and painting, class signs relocated and a good tidy up at the front of school. Washed down with great cakes, flapjack tea—a fantastic way to spend a Wednesday!

Dates for Term 2 have been included in this Newsletter, and we have tried to include as many keys dates as possible. There may be from time to time unforeseeable changes so please check What's On each week.

The PTA are incredibly busy next term with the Christmas Fayre, Music Quiz, Christmas Cards and a whole host of other fundraisers. Please get behind the PTA and offer as much help and support as you can. This benefits all children at Langley Fitzurse.

It will be a sad day on Wednesday when we say farewell and good luck to Mrs Culley. Mrs Culley has looked after us all at lunchtimes for many years and has now decided to move onto new adventures.

Thank you for your continued support this term and we look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 3rd November .

Wake Up Wednesdays

As the nights draw in, more of us will be spending more time inside and quite possibly online. #Wake Up Wednesdays are shared with the school community each week and offer a wealth of knowledge for parents and carers.

#WakeUpWednesday aim to equip every trusted adult with the knowledge and skills they need to keep up with the latest information, implement best practice and heighten their awareness of issues around three core topics; online safety, mental health & wellbeing; and climate change & sustainability.

Relevant to all parents and educators, from early years through to secondary school, the #WakeUpWednesday resources can be accessed both on desktop and via the #WakeUpWednesday app, providing instant and easy access to world-class expertise in the areas they need the most anytime, anywhere.

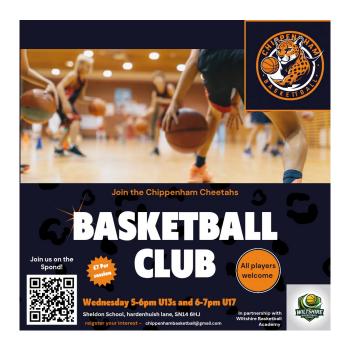
#WakeUpWednesday - Free resources for trusted adults

We are Superheroes!

Hercules topic during term 2 will be superheroes! This is sure to be a topic which brings a lot of fun and energy into the class!



Do you have any old t-shirts which you could donate to the class to be turned into their very own capes? If so please bring them in at the start of term 2!





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 been thankful for our friends, learned about teamwork and

Ubuntu – the idea that we can only flourish when others are flourishing too. And we put our values into action by donating our Harvest goods to Doorway. Thank you.

Thank you God, for the care of friends.

Help us to be good friends to others.

May we always look for opportunities to help other people.

Amen.

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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 in action means valuing everyone and everything - and celebrating our differences.

Together we will think about valuing each other (anti bullying), valuing different faiths (Interfaith Week) and valuing those who have served our country and given their lives (Remembrance).

On the 30th November Christians start the season of Advent, as we wait and prepare for Christmas. In a busy term we will pause regularly to remember the significance of Christmas.

"Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem.

May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man."

Pope Francis

P.E Days Term 2

Hercules - Tuesday + Thursday

Pegasus - Tuesday (Yr 2 PE, Yr 3 Swimming) + Friday

Phoenix - Monday + Thursday

Chameleon - Monday Lacrosse + Tuesday (Swimming)

Parking

When dropping off and collecting your children, please help to keep everybody safe by parking considerately. The grasscrete areas are to be used firstly, but when and if these areas are full, please find another spot on the south side of the road to stop your car, while also considering the driveways and access of residents. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated here, as we know it can get rather busy. Thank you.

School Improvement Priorities for Academic Year 25-26

Making sure we are doing the very best to support our children is always at the forefront of the decisions we make. As a school, the staff and Governors are continuously reviewing its effectiveness and impact in supporting pupils' outcomes.

Each year, Langley Fitzurse identifies school improvement priorities based on our evaluation. This year, the school's improvement priorities are as follows. These are 4 umbrella priorities under which specific actions are identified.

As a school, we are working towards these through the curriculum - both teaching and learning - and the way in which staff across the school lead in these actions.

As you read this newsletter and class newsletters, I hope you see how we are working towards these priorities.

States of Being - Thinking like a...

Computer Scientist – using technology to make things happen . Lead Mr Miles

Author – techniques to engage the reader—spelling punctuation and grammar. Lead Mrs Nathanson

Mathematician- developing and improving fluency, pattern and application in number. Lead Mrs Winterburn

Artist – enhancing techniques. Lead Miss Ford

Geographer – using real life and virtual resources to build on prior knowledge. Lead Mr Osler

...consistently embed within curriculum development and pedagogical approach. Lead Mr Osler

Personal development - knowing myself better, supporting one another. Lead Mrs Winterburn

Spirituality – define and develop. Lead Mrs Winterburn

Emotional Me - Year 5. Lead Mr Osler

PSHE – curriculum review. Lead Miss Ford

Forest/Outdoor Learning. Lead Mrs Hanna

Needs lead support and intervention. Lead Miss Waylen

Agents of Change—all staff.

Review effectiveness of L and M as a result of Governor and staffing changes

Circle versus Sub Committee model of Governance - strategic effectiveness. Lead Governing Body Establish expectations in and support effective Subject Leadership. Lead Mrs Winterburn/Mr Osler

Maintaining a sustainable, thriving school in a challenging local and national landscape - LFSSQ

Strategic plan for Raising School Profile, NOR, Making budgets fit. Lead Governing Body



Lost Property

As we move into the Autumn season more jumpers, cardigans and coats are coming into school.

Please can you make sure that all uniform is labelled so it can be returned to your child if it is misplaced. We have lots of unnamed items including jumpers, cardigans, coats, wellies and even water bottles and shoes in our Lost Property drawer in the foyer. If you are missing something that may not have been named, please pop in and have a look.

Also, can you please check that any cardigans, jumpers or other uniform items you currently have do belong to your child and any that have come home to you accidentally are returned to school as soon as possible so they can be given back to the correct owners.

Poppy's on Sale from Monday 3rd November

Poppy's and a selection of other remembrance gifts will be available for children to purchase during break times from Monday 3rd November through until Monday 10th November.



We recommend donations between 50p-£1.00



Langley Fitzurse C of E Primary School









7.30pm | Kington Langley Village Hall

Tickets £10 each | Teams of 6 max

Includes supper with a licensed BAR
Tickets available from school office (01249 750295) or
Admin@lfssq.wilts.sch.uk

In aid of first access violin lessons at Langley Fitzurse School



September 2026 Admissions

This term we have been busy showing prospective parents around our school who would like their children to join Langley Fitzurse in September 2026. If you would like to book a showround as your child will be starting school in September 2026, please email: admin@lfssq.wilts.sch.uk

Applications for September 2026 can be made online through Wiltshire Council's website or you can download a paper application. The recommendation is for parents to apply online:

https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/1657/Apply-for-a-school-place

The deadline dates are:

Primary Reception 2026 entry - 15th January 2026

Secondary Year 7 2026 - 31st October 2025

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.



Chippenham Junior Strings (Wiltshire Young Musicians)

3.45pm – 4.45pm on Thursdays at St Mary's Catholic School, Chippenham

Who is it for? All string players. Complete beginner to Grade 2 standard

Where is it? St Mary's Catholic School, Rowden Hill, Chippenham SN15 2AH

When is it? Thursday @ 3.45pm - 4.45pm - starting on Thursday 9th October 2025



November Timetable All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long £24 each or FREE with School Membership Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)	
Raising Self Esteem	3 Nov 10am
Decreasing Depression	3 Nov 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	4 Nov 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	4 Nov 7pm
Improving Family Communication	10 Nov 10am
Autism - Improving Communication	10 Nov 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	11 Nov 10am
Supporting A Child with ADHD	11 Nov 7pm
FREE ADHD Kids & Homework	13 Nov 6-7pm
Understanding Anger	17 Nov 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	17 Nov 7pm
Facing Defiance	18 Nov 10am
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	18 Nov 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	24 Nov 10am
Anxiety Explained	24 Nov 7pm

Festive Events at Langley Fitzurse

Christmas Jumper and Lunch Day—Wednesday 10th 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 until Friday 14th November! To order your Christmas lunch, please select option 1.

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



PTA Christmas Fair

Our school Christmas Fayre will return this year on Friday 5th December, from 3.10pm. The PTA will be working tirelessly to make this a special and memorable event for the children, and with a special appearance from our choir, it should really kickstart the festive season off!



Hercules Nativity — Thursday 11th December

This year, the children will perform their version of 'A Wriggly Nativity' for their Christmas Nativity. Nearer the time, your child will be given their role to play in the Nativity and we will advise you on the costumes they may need. We will be holding two separate performances on Thursday 11th December, the first at 1.30pm and the second at 3.30pm. Tickets for this will be on sale from the start of Term 2 at a cost of £1.00 each. Families will be able to purchase a maximum of 3 per performance (additional tickets can be requested from the school office. These will be allocated on a first come, first served basis).



Carols at the Pit Stop Friday 12th December — Langley Fitzurse Choir to perform Christmas Carols

Our wonderful Choir have been invited back to The Pit Stop for another evening of carols. If you would like to pop along, they will be

there from 3.30pm on Friday.





Term 2 Dates at a Glance

Monday 3rd November - Start of Term 2

- NO KS2 Lacrosse Club

Tuesday 4th November - Yr6 + Yr 3 Swimming Starts (please remember to send your children in with their

swimming costumes, hats, towels and goggles if necessary)

- KS2 Football Club Resumes (3.15-4.15pm)

Wednesday 5th November - Chameleon class trip to Nature in Art Museum

- KS1 Street Dance Club resumes (3.15-4pm)

Thursday 5th November - KS2 Street Dance Club resumes (3.15-4pm)

Friday 6th December - Street Dance Cake Sale from 3.15pm

Monday 10th November - School Photos (individual and sibling)

- Langley Fitzurse Open Afternoon (1.30-2.30pm)

- KS2 Lacrosse Club Resumes (3.15-4pm)

Friday 14th November - PTA Meeting

Tuesday 25th November - Scholastic Bookfair Opens (3.15-3.45pm, Cherry Hall)

Wednesday 26th November - Langley Fitzurse Choir to attend Wiltshire Voices Festival @ The Wyvern Theatre

Saturday 29th November - PTA Music Quiz @ Kington Langley Village hall to raise money for Yr3+4 First Access

Violin Lessons

Monday 1st December - Last chance to visit Scholastic Bookfair

Friday 5th December - Whole School Trip to We the Curious, Bristol

- PTA Christmas Fair (after school)

Wednesday 10th December - Christmas Jumper Day

- Langley Fitzurse Christmas Lunch (please make sure you have ordered your child's

Christmas lunch through the ScoPay app)

- No KS1 Street Dance

Thursday 11th December - Hercules Nativity (1.30pm / 3.30pm)

- No KS2 Street Dance

Friday 12th December - Langley Fitzurse Choir to perform @ The Pit Stop from 3.30pm

Wednesday 17th December - No KS1 Street Dance

- PTA Christmas Disco (KS1 5-5.45pm / KS2 5.45-6.30pm)

Thursday 18th December - Christmas Service at St Peter's (9.15-9.45am. All welcome)

No KS2 Street Dance

Friday 19th December - End of Term 2

