

Langley Fitzurse Church of England



Primary School Newsletter 3



End of Term 3



A Message from Mrs Winterburn...

My goodness what a wet Term 3 we have had! But never let the rain pour on the amazing learning that has been happening inside and outside of classrooms at Langley Fitzurse.

This year, as a school, we are exploring states of being - thinking like a mathematician, historian, artist, author, scientist and performer. This was captured beautifully when Pegasus shared their learning to parents and the school earlier this week; when our dancers performed at the Wyvern Theatre; when our Worship Council led in Candlemas at St Peter's Church last week.

Writing has been also priority - being an author. I hope you enjoyed seeing your child's writing journey at this week's Parents Evenings. Chameleon Parents, we look forward to sharing some great writing with you after half term.

I hope next term is drier - if not, it will be time for waterproofs and wellington boots! Have a great half term, and we hope that spring is on its way soon.

Wallace & Gromit Music Workshop – Coming Next Term!

We are delighted to share that next term, on Tuesday 3rd March, our whole school will be taking part in a special Wallace & Gromit-themed music workshop, delivered by members of the Wiltshire Music Centre and the West of England Youth Orchestra.

As part of the national Wallace & Gromit Schools Project, professional young musicians—alongside conductor Tim Redmond—will lead an exciting 45-minute interactive assembly. Children will enjoy:

- Live performances from orchestra members
- Learning a song that will feature in the upcoming family concert
- Music from The Wrong Trousers
- A chance to experience brilliant live music up close

The workshop aims to inspire children to explore music, try new instruments, and feel confident engaging with cultural events in our community.

We are very lucky to have this opportunity, and to help fund the visit we kindly ask for a £1.00 donation per child, payable through ParentMail. Thank you for supporting us in bringing high-quality musical experiences into school.



Parent Carer Council

The Short Breaks Bulletin is a guide to activities, leisure and social opportunities for children & young adults with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) AGED 0-25 years during school holiday periods. The bulletin is available electronically on the Wiltshire Parent Carer Council Website:

https://www.wiltshireparentcarercouncil.co.uk/en/Home_Page



Term 4 PE Days...

Hercules - Tuesday and Thursday
Pegasus - Wednesday and Friday
Phoenix - Thursday and Friday
Chameleon - Thursday and Friday



Free Swimming Sessions...

Wiltshire Council is offering free swimming to all primary and secondary school pupils who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals, starting from the Easter holidays

It follows the success of last year's pilot scheme when children and young people enjoyed free swims during the summer holidays. The scheme will now start in the Easter holidays and then run through all school holidays.

It will be available across all council-run leisure centres with a pool to children and young people who are eligible for benefit-related free school meals.

The free swimming initiative will build on this success and aims to support families and promote healthy, active lifestyles for children who may not otherwise have the opportunity to access leisure activities over the holiday period.

The offer is available for all eligible primary and secondary-aged children who have benefits related free school meals. From the Easter holidays, the offer will provide one free swim per eligible child per week during school holiday periods, for up to 13 weeks.

More details on how it will be rolled out will be shared in the coming weeks.



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Term 3: TRUTHFULNESS

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

The BIG QUESTION - Why is it important to be truthful?

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

The classroom reflection table was called ‘Walking in the Light – Truth & Honesty’ Christians believe that God’s truth is like a light that helps us see the right way to live. Pupils were invited to think about:

- When is it easy to tell the truth?
- When can it feel hard?
- How does honesty help friendships?

“The Lord delights in people who are truthful.” Proverbs 12:22

A prayer:

Dear God,

Thank you that you love us and care for us.

Thank you for teaching us what is true and right.

Help us to be honest in what we say and do, even when it feels difficult.

Help us to walk in your light and to be people others can trust.

Amen.



Term 4: FORGIVENESS

**“Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive each other.”
(Colossians 3:13)**

The BIG QUESTION – Is there a limit to forgiveness?

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.



Year 6 Bikeability Courses Confirmed for Term 6

We are pleased to share that we have successfully secured two Bikeability courses for Term 6. All participating children have now been allocated to either Course 1 or Course 2, and full details have been sent via ParentMail.

A quick reminder: Parents and carers must complete the Bikeability consent form using the link below. This is essential in order for your child to take part.

👉 Consent form: <https://consent.bikeability.org.uk/shy-bar-undue>

Thank you for your support. We are delighted to be able to offer this valuable opportunity to the children.



Parents and carers are often the first place young people go when they're struggling – whether that's relationships, school or their mental health.

However experienced you are, it can be hard to know the right thing to say when someone you love is hurting, or what next steps to take.

This Children's Mental Health Week, we want parents and carers to know that help's out there. Our [Parents Helpline](#) advisors are just a click or phone call away with free, expert, confidential, 1-1 advice. And we have hundreds of [online guides](#) and [real stories](#) from parents who get it.

Here are some of the top concerns parents talk to us about:

[School avoidance](#)

[Talking to your child](#)

[Anxiety](#)

[Low mood](#)

Are you a parent or carer? [Let us know so we can better support you.](#)

School Trips and Events...

Swindon Dance Festival - Monday 9th February

On Monday 9th February, our KS1 and KS2 children who attend Jax Dance enjoyed an incredible afternoon at the Wyvern Theatre, where they performed the routines they have been working so hard on. During the dress rehearsals, they had the chance to showcase their dances in front of the other participating schools and to watch the fantastic performances from their peers. They then took to the stage for the main shows in front of their friends and families—and they were brilliant. The children did both Jax and our school proud. They delivered confident, polished performances and showed wonderful support for one another throughout the day. A huge congratulations to all the children involved.



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A Message from Our Governors...

Outdoor Education is so much more than play.....

There was a time when playing outside was considered to be just that – having fun with your friends and possibly getting up to pleasurable mischief. But for many years now, outdoor learning has taken on a significant role in primary education, not least in the two schools of our federation, Langley Fitzurse and Stanton St Quintin.

Outdoor Learning, sometimes referred to as ‘forest school’, forms a regular part of the curriculum, and in all seasons and weathers! The UK charity Learning Through Landscapes outlines five key benefits for children from taking their learning into the outdoors.

First, children’s mental health and wellbeing improves. Children feel free and untethered by the restrictions of ‘formal learning’ in the classroom, and can express themselves in a variety of creative ways, whether it be in art or craft, technology or music. Pictures from leaves, twig sculpture, exploring textures and musical shakers are a few of the activities children have explored and enjoyed.

Second, children’s relationship with nature improves. A recent example of this was when children searched keenly for insects under rotting leaves and wood, looking closely at their habitats. Reflecting on the differing environments of creatures in the wild enables children to develop a deepening understanding of our shared world.

Next, education is more inclusive. Regardless of attainment in literacy and numeracy, children of all abilities work together to create and problem-solve in mixed-ability pairs and small groups. Teachers have commented on how the quietest children in the classroom may suddenly gain confidence when in the outdoor learning environment, taking greater responsibility and showing strong leadership skills that are not obvious in a formal setting.

Fourth, curriculum learning is enhanced, and so many examples abound. Recently children have been making and following maps, using a compass, testing scientific hypotheses such as how a dam works and why toy cars accelerate down a map. The impact on literacy and numeracy need an additional article, so massive are the benefits. Poetry, role-play, story-telling, measuring, hypothesising, this just scratches the surface.

And finally, in all the ways that have only been touched on above, overall child development is enhanced. Both schools are committed to developing their outdoor learning provision over the year. Opportunities for teachers to plan challenging, open-ended experiences are endless, and with a strong lead amongst the staff in each school, both are forging ahead with this important area of primary education.

World Book Day - Wednesday 4th March



World Book Day 2026

This year WBD will be on Thursday, 5th 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 **Wednesday, 4th March.**

Competition!



How about turning a toilet roll into a book character?? Why not have a go and bring it to school on the day, there might be prizes

Dressing up

For this year we have decided to all dress up in pyjamas!! Bring your favourite bed-time cuddly for a story and we'll have some hot chocolate at the end of the school day.



You also might like to explore 'Words for Life' to discover fun, family activities that support children's writing, reading and speaking at home,

<https://wordsforlife.org.uk/>



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

Draw a book character

Scavenger hunt

Book quiz

Create a mini-book or comic strip

Participate in some of the online activities

Ring -and-Read

Create a Reading River

Reading Rivers



Bring your own book recommendation!



Term 4 Dates at a Glance...

Monday 23rd February	Start of Term 4
Thursday 26th February	Hercules trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park
Saturday 28th February	PTA Music Quiz @ Kington Langley Village Hall
Tuesday 3rd March	Wallace and Grommit Music Workshop (whole school)
Wednesday 4th March	Langley Fitz Celebrated World Book Day
Friday 6th March	PTA Meeting @ 9am
Tuesday 10th March	Bags2School
Friday 13th March	PTA Mothering Sunday event
Tuesday 17th March	Phoenix trip to Swindon Gudwara
Tuesday 24th March	Drama Workshops for the Whole School
Wednesday 25th March	PTA Easter Disco
Thursday 26th March	Easter Service @ St Peter's Church, 9.15am - all welcome
Friday 27th March	PTA Easter Egg Hunt End of Term 4



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Music Quiz

SATURDAY 28TH FEBRUARY

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.

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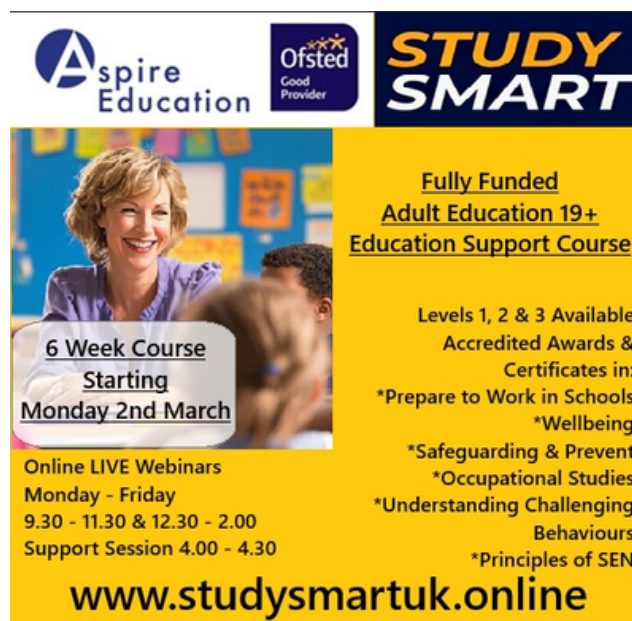
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