

Langley Fitzurse Church of England



Primary School Newsletter 4



End of Term 4



A Message from Mrs Winterburn...

My Goodness what a busy term 4 we have had. There is so much to read in this end of term newsletter, so please make sure you have a cup of tea and a biscuit or two at the ready! We hope you enjoy and join us in celebrating all the fantastic learning which has happened at Langley this term.

Wishing you all a lovely Easter break and we will see you back for the summer term on Monday 13th April.

Karen Winterburn

Kindness Challenge

At Langley, during Lent we have been thinking about and taking
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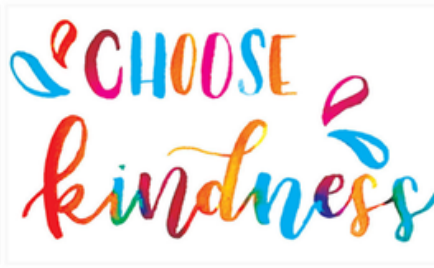
Kindness Challenge

This has been to:

Be Kind with our words

Be Kind with our actions

Be kind even when it is difficult.



Our Kindness Challenge has been represented as a heart.

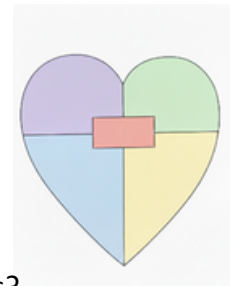
At home - purple

In school – blue

In our community – yellow

To our world - green

We have tried to choose kindness, and love others as Jesus loves us.



You may be asking what the red part of the heart represents?

When we think about Easter, we often think about kindness to others. We remember how Jesus showed love, forgiveness, and care to everyone around him. But sometimes, we forget that kindness is not just something we give to others—it's also something we should give to ourselves.

I wonder: how have you been kind to yourself this Lent? Pupils and adults!

Have you taken time to be quiet, to get enough sleep, to walk in a green space, to listen to birdsong or peaceful music, to do something creative, or curl up with a good book?

Being kind to yourself also means treating yourself the way you would treat a good friend. Imagine your friend makes a mistake in class, or forgets their homework, or feels a bit sad. You wouldn't shout at them or tell them they're no good, would you? You'd help them, encourage them, and remind them that it's okay to get things wrong sometimes.

But when 'we' make mistakes, we can be much harder on ourselves. We might think, "I'm not good enough," or "I always get things wrong." That's not kindness—that's the opposite.

At Easter, we remember that Jesus understands us completely. He knows that we are not perfect, and he loves us anyway. The message of Easter is full of hope, forgiveness, and new beginnings. It reminds us that no matter what we've done or how we feel, we are loved and we can start again.

So being kind to yourself might mean saying, "It's okay, I'll try again."

It might mean taking a deep breath when you feel worried.

It might mean asking for help when something is difficult.

Or simply reminding yourself, "I am valued. I am loved."

Kindness to yourself also helps you be kinder to others. When you feel calm and cared for inside, it's much easier to share kindness with your friends, your family, and everyone around you.

So, as we celebrate all the ways you have been kind this Lent, remember to include ourselves in that kindness. Let's speak gently to ourselves, forgive ourselves, and give ourselves the same care that we give to others.

Thank you Mrs Bloomer for kindly sharing her thoughts and words from our Easter Service and to our Year 6 children for their Kindness badges.

Building works at Langley Fitzurse, advanced notice.

The school roof is planned to be repaired over the break, so that hopefully we won't be rushing for buckets to catch drips when it next rains. Should there be any changes to access to the school, this will be communicated to parents before the beginning of term.

School Uniform Mountain

There must be some empty drawers within homes of the Langley Fitzurse school community that are missing key items of uniform. If your child has misplaced any items, and this includes water bottles and lunch boxes, anything named, we are trying to get back to their rightful owners. But if unnamed items have been lost, please come and have a rummage.

Any clothing left at the end of term will be taken to charity or recycled.

Many thanks



A Community Magazine Article - thank you Mr Priest

A Precious Jewel in our Village

There is a quite remarkable place in our village which most of us will pass by regularly – perhaps to the point where perhaps it goes unnoticed. Our village school sits in the heart of our village but is set back a little from the road. Not many of us have cause to visit the school (if we don't drop off or collect children there). Being a governor has allowed me to see the school in action and appreciate the value of this amazing place- a genuinely positive, safe space where children can flourish and thrive.

As soon as I enter the foyer when the school day is progressing, I'm met by an atmosphere of calm, benevolence and productivity. Courtesy and politeness shines from every member of the school, regardless of status or age. What is remarkable is that this is natural, normal and genuine. It's what the school is and what it does, demonstrating the very best of what community or family should be. This is why Langley Fitzurse School is like a precious jewel. As such, it deserves to be celebrated and cherished.

Church Schools these days are expected to 'walk the walk,' to be what it says on the tin, not just a phrase on the sign or a few displays on the wall. Our school has been thinking about their Christian ethos and spirituality. If you look on the school website at [Our Christian Ethos - Welcome To Langley Fitzurse](#). It explains that "Spirituality is not something we can see; it is something we feel inside ourselves. It is about awe and wonder, asking questions, inspiration and being aware of something 'bigger' outside of ourselves."

At Langley Fitzurse, the school motto "Amaze, Excite, Inspire" is modelled by the adults and lived each day out by all. We have this precious gift in the heart of our village. I challenge you to cherish it, value it and support it. Some of us are governors, volunteers or members of the PTA - or you could simply smile, wish the school well or pop in when the building is open to the public, such as this year's Parish Council's Annual Parish Meeting (19th May) or the Scarecrow Festival (20th - 21st June).

Morning Snack

It has been noticed that less healthy snacks are being eaten for morning break such as crisps and chocolate bars/biscuits, and in particular by our older children.

Please support us by keeping these for after-school treats and not sending them into school, thus removing temptation!

Morning break snacks should be healthy fruit/vegetable sticks. Many thanks

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.

Amaze, Excite, Inspire: Our Approach to Spirituality

At Langley Fitzurse School, we believe that everyone carries a divine spark — a little bit of God's light and love that makes each of us unique. This spark connects us to God, to one another, and to the amazing world around us.

Our motto, Amaze, Excite, Inspire, helps us to think about how we can grow spiritually every day:

- Amaze: We pause to be amazed by God's creation — the beauty of nature, the kindness of others, and the joy of learning new things.
- Excite: We find excitement in discovering more about God and His love for us through prayer, worship, creativity, and curiosity.
- Inspire: We let our divine spark shine by showing friendship, forgiveness, and kindness, and by inspiring others to do the same.

Spirituality in our school happens everywhere — in quiet reflection, in friendship, in learning, and in moments of wonder. Together, we aim to amaze, excite, and inspire, letting God's light shine brightly in all we do.



Term 4: FORGIVENESS

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

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.

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.

Please help us to have soft hearts, ready to forgive others, just like you forgive us. Amen.



Term 5: PERSERVERANCE

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

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.

Maybe you would like to reflect as a family:

What helps you not to give up? Who helps you keep on going?

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.



Whole School Art and R.E. Project

This academic year the children at Langley Fitzurse Primary School have been working on a new, whole school project. We wanted to use art and design to highlight the Christian Distinctiveness and Spirituality development in school, and to help create a child-friendly understanding of Spirituality. It was important to tie the project into our school ethos of Amaze, Excite, Inspire. So, every class started by reading a copy of the book “Little Glow” by Katie Sahota. This charming book tells the story of a little glow character, who learns about religious celebrations from around the world, observing the inspiring ways different communities celebrate light through the year.

Once we had discussed the journey and all the aspects of light in different religions, we thought about how children see spirituality. Each class was given a rectangular piece of material to represent what they think about religion and spirituality. The ideas ranged from painting Diwali fireworks to embroidering a word that represents the children’s understanding of spirituality.

On completion, every child’s work was glued to a large piece of fabric and this has now been hung in pride of place in our school hall for everyone to enjoy.



Textiles Bank

We have made the decision to move away from the Bags2School scheme and are pleased to share that a textiles bank has now been installed on site. This can be used by anyone in our school community, as well as members of the wider community who wish to donate. Please see below for the list of items that can be accepted.

Can take:

- Clothes
- Shoes
- Bed Linen
- Accessories such as bags, hats, belts, gloves and handbags
- Soft toys

Can't take:

- Off cuts
- Duvets or cushions
- Carpets or curtains



School Trips and Events...

Hercules Class Trip to The Cotswold Wildlife Park - Thursday 26th February

Hercules Class kicked off the term with a fantastic trip to the Cotswold Wildlife Park as part of their jungle topic. The children were thrilled to meet a penguin keeper and were fascinated to learn that penguins have spiky tongues. A huge thank-you to the parents who volunteered—your support helped make this memorable day possible.



Break the Rules Day - Friday 27th February

Year 6 organised a fund raising day where everyone in school was allowed to break the rules for a day. They created posters and put them on display around school. These explained the rules that could be broken. On the day, each child could decide which rule to break and pay for the privilege. It was lovely to see children in their own clothes, having fun, wearing nail varnish and sporting coloured hair! We are thrilled to have raised £238.72 and to have had so much fun along the way.

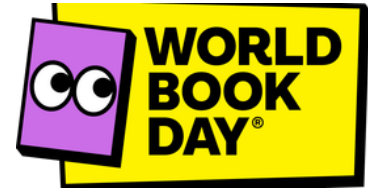
Thank you to everyone for taking part – we appreciate your enthusiasm.



World Book Day

This term the school embraced World Book Day with a wonderfully cosy theme. Children arrived in their bedtime clothes, ready to settle in with a favourite story. House teams enjoyed a lively book-themed quiz before contributing to our vibrant Reading River display, adding front covers and characters from books they love.

The creativity didn't stop there — the toilet-roll book characters were a real highlight and brought plenty of smiles.



Phoenix Class Trip to Swindon Gurdwara - Tuesday 17th March

Phoenix Class had a wonderful visit as part of our RE topic. We visited a Sikh Gurdwara in Swindon. Children needed to cover their heads and remove their shoes as we entered. The priest was so welcoming and informative. He gave a presentation and showed us the Guru Granth Sahib, the Sikh holy text. The children showed great respect as they listened well and moved quietly around the building. Serving others is a huge part of being a Sikh, and we were served snacks and drinks at the end of the morning. It really enriched our learning. Well done to the children, and thank you to Shri Guru Nanak Gurdwara for a really interesting outing.



Whole School Drama Workshop - A Visit from Perform

We were very pleased to receive a visit from Perform on Tuesday 24th March. The children had a wonderful time exploring the theme of 'Midnight in the Toyshop' and using drama, dance and singing to help develop their confidence, concentration and social skills.

To complement the workshop, there is a free educational app for iPhones and iPads based around the theme of Midnight in the Toyshop. It contains fun games, creative tasks and videos of the themed songs and dances. Click [here](#) to download it free or visit: www.perform.org.uk/toyshop to find out more about the Midnight in the Toyshop theme.

Perform run regular weekly classes in the local area and they are offering a special introductory discount to all parents of Langley Fitzurse Cofe Primary if they come along for a free trial session before Wednesday 13th May.

To claim your discount, just call Perform on 020 7255 9120 quoting **LAFI130526** or book a Free Trial Session online at perform.org.uk/try.

Here are some of the nearest Perform classes to the school:

Perform Chippenham (1.9 miles)

- Thursdays at 4pm
- Chippenham Sports Club, Hardenhuish Park, SN15 1NH

Perform Larkhall (12 miles)

- Mondays at 4pm
- New Oriel Hall, Brookleaze Buildings, BA1 6RA

Perform Saltford (15.9 miles)

- Saturdays at 9.30am
- St Mary's Church Hall, Queen Square, BS31 3EL

Perform Longwell Green (16.8 miles)

- Wednesdays at 4pm
- Longwell Green Community Centre, Shellards Road, BS30 9DU

Perform Brislington (19.7 miles)

- Fridays at 4pm
- St Christopher's Church Hall, 90 Hampstead Road, BS4 3HN



Wraparound Care Provisions



Early Morning Club

Start your children's day off at Early Morning Club with friends, fun and a tasty breakfast!



7.45am - 8.45am - £4.00 per session (includes breakfast)



After School Clubs

A range of after school clubs are available for children throughout the school to enjoy

After School Club - Monday to Thursday



3.15pm - 4.30pm - £6.00 per session

3.15pm - 5.25pm - £12.00 per session

KS2 Lacrosse Club - Monday (Term 5 Only)



3.15pm - 4.15pm - £6.00 per session

EYFS + KS1 Computing Club - Monday



3.30pm - 4.30pm - £6.00 per session (please see following page for more information)

KS2 Football Club - Tuesday



3.15pm - 4.15pm - £6.00 per session (football boots and shin pads required)

Street Dance Club



Wednesday - KS1 - 3.15pm - 4pm - £6.00 per session (PE Kit/change of clothes required)

Thursday - KS2 - 3.15pm - 4pm - £6.00 per session (PE Kit/change of clothes required)

Gardening Club - Friday

3.15pm - 4.30pm - £6.00 per session

Booking couldn't be easier - just select the date you need and pay through ParentMail!

We also accept childcare vouchers - please contact the school office for details!

Need a **last minute space**? No problem!



Call the school office on 01249 750 295 to arrange!



Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the continued success of the Collaborative Computing after-school club, I am now excited to be offering places for EYFS and Key Stage 1 students next term at Langley Fitzurse Primary School through our new Story Makers Studio.

In this creative and engaging club, children will create and bring their own stories to life. Through drawing, role play, and discussion, they will develop characters, settings, and simple storylines. Using Book Creator, their ideas will be captured through photos and voice recordings, turning their work into a digital story.

The club is designed to support creativity, confidence, and communication, with a strong emphasis on talk, imagination, and sharing ideas with others.

By the end of the term, each child will have created their own digital story to be proud of. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Kind regards,

Jake Miles

Founder | Collaborative Computing

Polite Reminder

A reminder to parents and carers that, in line with government guidance for schools, if your child has been sick or has diarrhoea, they must stay at home and should not return to school until at least 48 hours after the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea. This helps prevent the spread of illness within the school community.

Thank you for your support.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities/children-and-young-people-settings-tools-and-resources>



Term 5 Dates at a Glance...

Monday 13th April	• START OF TERM 5 • KS2 Lacrosse Club commences • Early Year and KS1 Computing Club Commences
Tuesday 14th April	• KS2 Football Club resumes
Wednesday 15th April	• KS1 Street Dance Club resumes
Thursday 16th April	• KS2 Street Dance Club resumes
Friday 17th April	• PTA Meeting at Langley Fitzurse • Gardening club resumes
Wednesday 22nd April	• Year 4 Maypole Practice commences
Monday 27th April	• KS2 Street Dance Club - The Great Big Dance Off @ Bath Forum
Tuesday 28th April	• Walk Safe Session (Yr 1,3 +6)
Monday 4th May	• BANK HOLIDAY
Monday 11th May -	• KS2 SATs week
Thursday 14th May	
Friday 15th May	• Rogation service - Whole school (more info to follow) • PTA Summer Bake Sale
Wednesday 20th May	• Chameleon Kingfisher Award Scheme Trip
Friday 22nd May	• Class Photos and Y6 Individual • END OF TERM 5

Term 5 PE Days...

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