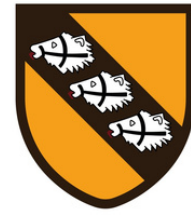


Langley Fitzurse Church of England



Primary School Newsletter 6



End of Term 5



A Message from Mrs Winterburn...

We've reached the end of term 5 – signs of spring and new life, plenty of rain (just recently) and not an awful lot of warmth yet. Although the weekend may suggest differently!

Once again, it has been such a busy half term – 6 weeks packed with class learning together with a range of wider curriculum opportunities for our children. Looking back through the diary I have captured just some of the exciting things children have taken part in which enriches the learning opportunities for children at Langley Fitzurse.



The school's vision: *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* is the golden thread running through all that we do.

The 'we' in 'we do' is home and school working in partnership, which is key to achieving this vision. This means children being in school, on time and ready to learn.

In recent weeks it has been noticed children coming in to school less punctually. Please help us in ensuring children are ready to come into school at 8.45am for KS2 and 8.50am for KS1. Children start with morning tasks straight away and so it is important that they are in promptly and ready to learn.

Over the coming weeks there will also be some requests for help – from Summer Fayre and initial works in developing Forest Schools. Please do step forwards to help – many hands do ease in the planning and execution of ambitious plans of a small school which ultimately support and benefit the learning opportunities for all children at Langley Fitzurse.

I thank you in anticipation for your support and offers of help and wish you a restful and recharging half term

Yours sincerely

Karen Winterburn

Calling all Green Fingred Gardeners...

If you have any spare bedding plants that you would be happy to donate to Gardening Club, they would very much appreciate them. If you could now keep them until the beginning of Term 6 ready for planting in the first week back.



Parking

A polite reminder to park responsibly at Drop off and Pick Up times. Please do not park opposite the junction of Church Lane, across neighbours drive ways – this includes the Methodist Chapel, or on Middle Common.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Term 5 PE Days...

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



The LFSSQ Federation

Governors Required!

The LFSSQ Federation is a Hard Federation made up of 2 schools—Langley Fitzurse Church of England School and Stanton St Quintin Primary and Nursery School. This Federation was formed on September 2020.

A term of office tends to be for 4 years. We are currently looking for two positions to be filled on our board:

1 Co-opted Governor

1 Local Authority Governor

Both of these positions can be filled by parents, other relations of children at the school or people not linked to school pupils who are members of the local community in some way (such as residents or having local jobs or volunteering)

What do school governors do?

School governors offer strategic guidance, rather than getting involved in the operational aspects of a school. This involves:

- Working with other board members to plan the school's strategic direction.
- Overseeing the school's financial performance, ensuring money is well-spent.
- Holding the headteacher and school leadership to account.
- A school governor's relationship with the school's leadership team involves challenging existing processes to drive school improvement.
- School governors usually attend around six Full Governing Body Meetings per year and a small number of working party meetings (which can be in person or online). There is a need to read documents ready for any meetings in advance. There are also often visits to the schools for specific roles a few times across a year.
- Although becoming a school governor requires drive and commitment, you'll enjoy many professional and personal rewards, including career development opportunities and the chance to support young people's futures.

Who can be a school governor?

You don't need to be a parent or education expert to volunteer as a school governor. There are a whole range of skills we have developed in both professional and personal settings that can be really useful to a governing board.

Schools require a combination of hard and soft skills to ensure their boards operate effectively.

Whether you're an experienced professional or embarking on the first stages of your career, you are highly likely to have skills that will help the ongoing development of our schools.

If you're over 18 and willing to devote some of your time to improving educational standards every month, we would be delighted to hear from you

If you are interested in finding out more about the roles please contact Karen Winterburn—Executive Headteacher or Amber Batson —Chair of Governors.

Thank you

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Amaze Excite Inspire

'Let us help each other to love others and do good'



As our school motto suggests, we are always looking for new ways to 'Amaze, Excite and Inspire' our children, so we are very excited to share that we are in the process of becoming a recognised Forest School provider. *But why?*

There is a growing body of research which identifies that children have better physical, mental and emotional health and even improved learning when they play outdoors. Sadly, the amount of time children spend outdoors is decreasing for a wide variety of reasons, but as a school we have an amazing opportunity to redress that balance.

So, what is forest school learning and how can it help?

Forest school learning promotes the holistic development of children, fostering independence, self-esteem, resilience and teamwork. It does this through enabling the children to experience hands-on learning and manage risks in their play. Forest school also facilitates the promotion of children's physical and creative skills, with the children taking the lead in their learning. Most importantly though, it does this by connecting them to nature and helps them to foster a deep appreciation for their natural surroundings and its wildlife, flora and fauna. The children learn and develop an understanding of conservation and the role they can play.

Indeed, our national treasure that is Sir David Attenborough is a strong advocate for nature education. He frequently advocates that early and direct experiences with the natural world is essential for its long-term survival.

'No one will protect what they don't care about'

Sir David Attenborough

If you have a love of the great outdoors and would be interested in volunteering to help promote that connection to nature for our children, we would love for you to get in touch. We will be looking to recruit volunteers during the next academic year (Sept 2026).

Best wishes

Debbie Hanna

Hercules Class Teacher/

Forest School Leader

Term 5: Perseverance

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

This term the school value we focused on was 'PERSEVERANCE'. Perseverance involves patience, determination and staying power. For Christians it is closely linked to placing hope and trust in a faithful God.

We have seen this value in action while pupils prepared and sat their SATS – well done, all. Time for some fun now!

Here is a prayer the Worship Council wrote:

Dear God, thank you for helping us to keep going when things are tough, and for comforting us when we are struggling. We are sorry for the times we are impatient and give up too easily. Please help us to encourage each other and give us courage to persevere. Amen.

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

Amaze, Excite, Inspire



Term 6: Service

'Let us help each other to love others and do good' Hebrews 10:24

This term the school value we will be focusing on is 'SERVICE'.

Service means being willing to help and support others. Christians believe that serving God means serving others; and Jesus, the Servant King, is our role model. **Service** is:

Spending time on others

Enjoying giving help

Responsibility in action

Volunteering willingly

I second, you first

Committing to a task

Everyone offering their talents and gifts

Our school Bible verse is: 'Let us help each other to love others and do good' Hebrews 10:24



As we get ready to say 'Goodbye' to our Y6's, how will we show our gratitude for all the ways in which they have helped and served us?

Here is the prayer that the Worship Council created for the value of Service:

Dear Jesus,

Thank you that you are the Servant King, showing us how to help others.

We are sorry for the times when we are selfish,
thinking only about ourselves rather than serving others.

Please help us to be more like you,
to love others and be kind and helpful to everyone.

Amen.

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

Computing Club Y3-6 - 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)

(please note that football club will NOT run on Tuesday 16th June)

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 ***(please note that gardening club will NOT run on Friday 12th June as it is the PTA Summer Fayre)***

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,

We are excited to let you know that our after-school club next term will be running a Minecraft Education club – and we think it is going to be a brilliant one! It is open to Year 3 to 6.

Children will work together in teams to solve specific problems and challenges set within the Minecraft world. This is not just about playing – it is about teamwork, creative thinking and problem-solving in a fun and engaging environment.

The club is open to all abilities. Whether your child plays Minecraft at home regularly or has never tried it before, they are very welcome. The activities are designed so that everyone can get involved and succeed.

Each child who takes part will be given their own Minecraft Education account, which gives them access to the full educational version of the game used in schools across the world.

Spaces may be limited, so please do register your interest as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the team or contact us via the school office.

We are looking forward to seeing what the children create and achieve. It is going to be a great term!

Jake Miles

Founder | Collaborative Computing

Chloe's Fundraising for The Little Princess Charity

Chloe Hodges, one of our year 6 students in Chameleon is cutting off her hair and donating it to the Little Princess Trust. Her 25cm hair donation will then be made into a real hair wig for children suffering with hair loss from cancer treatment or other illnesses.



She is fundraising for the big event because it costs the Little Princess Trust £700 to make and provide a child or young person with a real hair wig and she would LOVE to try and raise enough funds to cover the cost of HER hair to be made into a wig and make another person very happy!

Chloe is grateful for any donations, however big or small.

Here's the link to donate:

https://fundraise.littleprincesses.org.uk/fundraising/chloes-hair-donation-fundraising-page?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL

✨ Magical Maths Workshop for Years 3 & 4 – Thursday 4 June ✨

We're pleased to share an exciting opportunity for our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils. St Margaret's Prep in Calne is hosting a **FREE** Magical Maths Workshop on Thursday 4 June from 4–5pm.

Children will step into the world of the Mathmagicians, exploring clever number tricks that feel like mind-reading and prediction. They'll uncover the patterns behind the magic, boost their confidence, and leave ready to impress friends and family with their new skills.

This one-off workshop is open to local primary pupils in Years 3 and 4, and places can be booked using the link below:

👉 Book the Magical Maths Workshop here - [Mathmagicians! A Magical Maths Workshop for Local Primary School Children Years 3&4 – Fill out form](#)

If you have any questions, the team at St Margaret's Prep will be happy to help.

Rag & Bone Arts CIC New Free Creative Opportunities for Young People in Chippenham

Free Creative Sessions (School Years 6–8)

📍 Emery Gate, Chippenham

🕒 4.15–5.15pm

🎭 Acting & Improv

🎨 Art & Design

These sessions are completely free for young people and will run until July 2026. They are designed to help young people build confidence, creativity and friendships in a welcoming and supportive environment.

Hang Out Space

We are also running a free Saturday hang out space for young people aged 10–13.

📍 Emery Gate, Chippenham

🕒 Saturdays, 1.30–3.30pm

Young people can:

🎱 Play pool

🏓 Play ping pong

🎲 Giant Jenga and games

🎸 Try musical instruments

🥤 Enjoy free drinks and snacks

💬 Relax and socialise in a safe space

For more information or to book:

[Rag & Bone Arts](#)



Secondary Open Day Events for Year 5 Students

We would like to remind Year 5 parents of upcoming open days at local secondary schools. Please see the information provided below for details of each school's event.

If you intend on attending an open day that takes place during the school day, please contact the school office in advance. This will allow us to record your child's absence correctly and ensure our registers remain accurate.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Sheldon School – Open Events for Year 5 Families

Open Morning Tours

Open Mornings give families the chance to see Sheldon on a normal school day. Members of their Leadership Team will guide you around the school, answer your questions, and help you get a real feel for the opportunities awaiting your child.

It's recommended attending both an Open Morning and the Open Evening to gain the fullest picture of student life at Sheldon.



Monday 22 June 2026 Tours at 9:00am and 11:00am Please book one ticket per family.



Tuesday 23 June 2026 Tours at 9:00am and 11:00am Please book one ticket per family.

Open Evening

Their Open Evening is always a highlight of the year — lively, hands-on and full of energy. Expect:

- Music and live performances
- Explosive science demonstrations
- Robots and interactive activities
- Student-led tours with our Prefects and Sixth Form volunteers

You'll also have the chance to hear from the Headteacher, Mr Peter Lynch, during one of three presentations.



Wednesday 24 June 2026 Headteacher presentations at 6:00pm, 6:45pm, and 7:30pm. Please book one ticket per person attending a presentation so we can manage numbers in the School Hall.

Booking Information

All events require advance booking. Book your place here:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/sheldonschool/1939013>



HARDENHUISH SCHOOL TASTER DAYS 2026

Thursday 25th June 2026
Thursday 09th July 2026
9.15am -1.45pm

This event is for Year 5 pupils who have not yet had an opportunity to visit Hardenhuish with their primary school

Booking essential
as spaces are limited



PTA Summer Fayre

Pre-Order Your BBQ Food for the Summer Fayre!

The PTA are excited to be running a BBQ at this year's Summer Fayre, using high-quality meat from local suppliers. To help us plan quantities, we're asking families to pre-order and pay for their food in advance.

- Hotdog – £3
- Vegetarian Hotdog - £3
- Burger – £3.50

You can place your order now via the new Payment item in ParentMail. Tickets for pre-ordered items will be sent home with students closer to the event.



PTA SUMMER BAKE SALE

We Raised an Amazing £152! 

A huge thank-you to all the families who baked, bought, and supported our Summer Bake Sale. Your generosity and enthusiasm helped us raise a fantastic £152, which will go directly towards enriching school events and activities.

Your support truly makes a difference — thank you! 

Term 6 Dates at a Glance...

Monday 1 st June	Start of Term 6
Tuesday 2 nd June	Year 3-6 Computing Club Commences (3.30-4.30pm)
Wednesday 3 rd June	Year 6 Leavers' Treat, Grittleton Adventures
Thursday 4 th June	Year 5 Sheldon Taster Day
Friday 5 th June	Hercules Trip to Oxford Museum
	PTA Non-Uniform Day (bring a bottle donation)
	Gardening Club Commences (3.15-4.30pm)
Monday 8 th June	Lacrosse Skills and Drills session, SSQ (selected children)
Tuesday 9 th June	Lacrosse Tournament, Surrey (selected children)
Tuesday 9 th June	Scholastic Bookfair Opens (3.15-3.45pm)
Thursday 11 th June	Year 6 JGC Event, Potterne
Friday 12 th June	PTA Summer Fayre
	NO GARDENING CLUB
Monday 15 th June	Scholastic Bookfair - Last Day (3.15-3.45pm)
Tuesday 16 th June	Pegasus and Phoenix Trip to Devizes Canal Museum
	NO FOOTBALL CLUB
Saturday 20 th June	Kington Langley Scarecrows Trail (May pole and Street Dance Display from 11am)
Sunday 21 st June	Kington Langley Scarecrows Trail
Monday 22 nd June	Year 5 Sheldon Open Morning
Tuesday 23 rd June	Year 5 Sheldon Open Morning
Wednesday 24 th June	KS1 Street Dance Taster Session (please contact the school office to book a space)
	Year 5 Sheldon Open Evening
Thursday 25 th June	KS2 Street Dance Taster Session (please contact the school office to book a space)
Friday 26 th June	Sports Day (9.30-11am at the Rec)
Tuesday 30 th June	Year 6 Bikeability GROUP 1
	School Summer Concert from 6pm
Wednesday 1 st July	Year 6 Bikeability GROUP 1
Thursday 2 nd July	Voices of Friendship Choir Event, John Coles Park
Friday 3 rd July	Year 5 Sports Taster, Sheldon
Tuesday 7 th July	Summer Production of Snow White (1.30/6pm)
Wednesday 8 th July	NO KS1 STREET DANCE
Thursday 9 th July	NO KS2 STREET DANCE
Thursday 9 th July	Year 6 Sheldon Transition Day
Friday 10 th July	Moving up Day
	Year 6 Hardenhuish/Sheldon Transition Day
Wednesday 15 th July	Leavers Service, St Peter's Church from 9.15am
	NO KS1 STREET DANCE
Thursday 16 th July	Year 6 Bikeability GROUP 2
	Year 6 End of Year Thank you in the Gazebo from 3pm (invitations to follow)
	NO KS2 STREET DANCE
Friday 17 th July	Year 6 Bikeability GROUP 2
	End of Term 6

