

"Love each other as I have loved you"
John 15:12



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A message from Mr Laws

It has been a wonderful fortnight once again at Lacock Primary School, including more Open Mornings for prospective parents whose children will be starting school in September 2025.

Further Open Mornings will be announced soon for November and December, so if you know someone who is looking for a school place next September or is considering an in-year transfer in any year group, please let them know they can attend one of our Open Mornings or **arrange an individual tour** of the school by contacting the School Office!



I have loved spending even more time in each class recently and seeing the hard work that children have been putting into their learning, from building Egyptians shadufs in Beech Class, to producing outstanding writing about the ethical treatment of tigers in zoos in Oak Class, to finding signs of Autumn on welly walks in Willow Class.

We have lots of things going on over the coming terms, including **Beech Class' Assembly on Thursday 17th October**, so please read this fortnight's newsletter carefully to make sure you know everything that's coming up!

Mr A Laws

Celebration Awards

Every Friday, we celebrate the achievements of our children in our Celebration Worship, with each class choosing a **Star of the Week Award** for being a superstar in learning, behaviour or attitudes, a **School Values Award** for demonstrating our school values, and a **Hot Chocolate Award** for consistently doing the right thing.



Congratulations to the following children who were selected for our **Week 4/5 Celebration Books**:

Willow Class

Beech Class

Oak Class



Albert, Freddie, James, Jesse S,
Gabriella & Elsie



Jacob B, Charlotte, Parker, April,
Josh & Harper



George, Jacob H, Sienna-Rose, Maisie,
Sanika, Gracie & Arlo

SIAMS Success!

We are delighted to be able to share the **SIAMS Inspection Report** following our inspection earlier this term, which gave the school a Judgement 1 (J1) confirming that:
"The school is living up to its foundation as a Church school, and is enabling pupils and adults to flourish."



We hope you take the time to read the report, which can be found on our website (<https://www.lacock.wilts.sch.uk/siams-inspection.html>) and celebrate the many, many strengths it identifies, but here are a few snapshots to give you a flavour of the report:

"Pupils and adults flourish at Lacock Church of England Primary School."

*"Lacock's revised Christian vision is valued by the school community...drives leaders' actions and strategic planning...develops confidence across the school and inspires staff to **seek the best for everyone.**"*

"Strong community links enable pupils to be proud of their heritage and school."

*"A belief in the importance of **kind and caring relationships** is central to adult and pupil flourishing."*

*"Care is taken to support and **nurture pupils**, ensuring they thrive and access learning...including those have **special educational needs and/or disabilities.**"*

*"Collective worship is...inclusive, inspirational approach provides opportunities to pause, sing and question, which is **enhancing personal growth.**"*

*"Pupils are **caring, respectful and proud** of their school and community. They say it is '**a small school with a big heart.**'"*

*"Pupils are quick to see when their peers are struggling and immediately **come to their aid.**"*

*"Parents and carers talk of the **inclusive and supportive vision** of the school where pupils are **treated as individuals.**"*

Throughout the inspection, all members of our school community were spoken to, from parents and pupils, to staff and governors, to members of the clergy and diocese, and for that I would like to extend my warmest thanks; you were all able to help shine a spotlight on the amazing work that happens in our wonderful school!

We are so incredibly proud of this report and it was a real privilege and a joy to be in a position to show the inspector the best of what Lacock Primary School has to offer.

Friends of Lacock School AGM: Tuesday 15th October

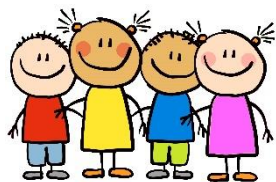
This year's AGM will be on **Tuesday 15th October at 7:30pm** at Lacock Primary School.

Everyone is welcome and we would really appreciate it if you can join us. Please don't be concerned that if you come along, you are letting yourself in for a formal role in running the FLS; the main purpose of the evening is for you to come and meet other parents and understand what we do at the FLS.



During this year, we do hope that more parents, old and new, will help us run some of our events just as informal members of the FLS.

Beech Class Assembly: Thursday 17th October



On **Thursday 17th October at 2:30pm in the Village Hall**, Beech Class will be leading a **Class Assembly** to share their learning journey from this term.

All are welcome to attend!

Coffee Morning: Thursday 17th October

We will be holding a coffee morning for parents and carers on **Thursday 17th October** straight after school drop off at 9:00am in the Village Hall.

All are welcome to come along!



Harvest Festival Service: Wednesday 23rd October



Our **Harvest Festival Service** will take place on **Wednesday 23rd October** in St Cyriac's starting at 2.00pm. All are welcome!

We will be asking families to bring in **food donations to donate to Corsham Food Bank** as part of the service; please only contribute if you are able. Children may begin to bring in their donations from next week, where we will

collect them together as a school!



Any packets, tins or and non-perishable donations are welcome, but Corsham Food Bank are particularly short on: *tinned soup; tinned fruit; custard; squash; sugar; jam, honey marmalade; peanut butter; pasta sauces; sweets and chocolate (lots of families with young children!)*

If you or someone you know would benefit from using a food bank, please contact **Corsham Food Bank** (<https://corshamchurchesfoodbank.org.uk>) or **Melksham Food Bank** (<http://melkshamfoodbank.org.uk>) for more information on how to receive support. Additionally, the school is happy to make contact with either food bank on your behalf; please speak to the School Office or Mr Laws for more information.

Term ends at 3.15pm on Wednesday 23rd October and children will be dismissed by their class teacher from school following the service. Term 2 begins on Monday 4th November at 8.45am (breakfast club from 8.00am).

Friends of Lacock School (FLS) Bonfire and Firework Event: Thursday 7th November

We are very lucky again this year to be able to hold our fantastic **bonfire and fireworks night** at Owls Lodge run by the Friends of Lacock school (FLS). The date this year will be **Thursday 7th November 2024**.



This is a closed event and only open to school children, parents, grandparents, and school staff. Tickets will be available soon.

PE Uniform Safety: Hair & Earrings



If your child has long hair, please can you ensure that they come to school with their **hair tied back** on PE days so that it cannot be caught/tangled in any PE equipment or cause any other safety issues.

In addition, the Association for Physical Education (AfPE) strongly recommends the practice of **removing all personal effects at the beginning of every lesson**. As such, children will be asked to remove watches, necklaces and earrings prior to PE lessons. The use of tape to cover earrings won't be allowed.

If your child is unable to remove earrings themselves, please ensure they take them out before coming to school in the morning.

Class Dojo: Sharing Your Child's Successes!

This week, your child will have come home with a letter explaining how to **sign up to Class Dojo**, our Lacock Primary School reward system!

Our staff use Class Dojo to award children Dojo Points throughout the day and by downloading the app and connecting to your child's class, you can be notified throughout the day to find out when/why your child has been awarded Dojo points!



If you need an extra copy of the letter, please ask your child's teacher or sign up using the Class Link posted to Tapestry earlier this week.

Willow Wall Reconstruction



You may have noticed that this week some construction work is going on at our school: **reconstructing the Willow Wall!** From now until mid-December, the wall connecting Willow's outdoor area to our neighbour is being completely reconstructed to ensure its long-term safety and integrity.

During this time, the side entrance will no longer be used for pick up at the end of the day, and instead the **Office or Oak door will be Willow's collection point**.

Stopping Up Measures: Where oh where are the planters?

You may also have noticed that the planters which were previously used to create a safe passageway into the main entrance have been moved. This is part of a village-wide enforcement of rules from Wiltshire LA to prevent obstructions (**Stopping Up Measures**) being placed on public highways, which includes our planters. The school is working with Lacock Parish Council to find long-term measures to ensure the safety of our children entering/exiting the premises, which will include a short parent survey in the next week.

In the meantime, we kindly ask that you **avoid parking directly in front of the gate** during drop-off and pickup times.



Roots: Raising Children From the Ground Up



This year, Mrs. Brady will be starting a **Family Support Group** for parents/carers at Lacock School. The group will be a chance to get together, learn from each other's experiences and put the world to rights.

As the main people in your child/ren's life, YOU are the most important person to encourage, inspire and guide your child. YOU are their Roots: *'They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.'* **Jeremiah 17:8**

Mrs. Brady is full of ideas, but would like your feedback as this group is for YOU. Please could you complete the following **parent questionnaire** to share your views about what type of family support you might be interested in: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CCGFSDR>

Attendance Matters: The Impact of Missing School

As a school, we track every child's attendance carefully because of the **long-term impact it can have on children's education**. If we are concerned, we will request meetings when we are concerned about a child's attendance to see how we can support. Something we will highlight is the impact of low attendance, for example, did you know that:

If a child's attendance is **95%** across a 5-year period, they will have missed **3 terms of school...**

If a child's attendance is **90%** across a 5-year period, they will have missed **half a year of school...**

If a child's attendance is **80%** across a 5-year period, they will have missed **a whole year of school!**

As a school, we aim to keep attendance above 96%, as we recognise the importance of ensuring children are in school consistently to give them the best educational outcomes in the future.



Vacancies: Part-Time TA / MDSA

We are looking to appoint a new member of our team to perform the role of a part-time Teaching Assistant and Midday Supervisory Assistant in our EYFS and Year 1 class at Lacock Primary School.

As a Teaching Assistant and Midday Supervisory Assistant you must be committed and flexible, able to support groups and individual children with their learning. Being able to work as part of a team is essential as well as being able to use your own initiative. The successful candidate will need excellent communication and liaison skills and will be closely supported by a class teacher and wider team.



Duties will include:

- Supporting pupils with their learning. The exact tasks will depend on the learning support needs of the pupils.
- Supporting the pupils' self-esteem, inclusion and behavioural development
- Provide physical/personal care to pupils where required
- Supporting the Teacher/s

Supporting the delivery of the Early Years curriculum along with other aspects of the enhanced curriculum offered by the school.

Support the school e.g. assisting with setting up, storing and retrieving, and general maintenance of classroom equipment and teaching aids.

We are keen to hear from individuals who are patient, calm, organised and adaptable. Being able to have a positive outlook and sense of humour is essential. Experience of supporting learners with communication difficulties would be an advantage but not essential.

The jobholder must demonstrate a commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. This will involve undertaking annual Safeguarding training and using school reporting systems for any Safeguarding concerns.

Find out more and apply:

Visits to the school are strongly encouraged so you can get a full flavour of our wonderful setting! Please contact Mrs Lucinda Prater (Admin Officer) on 01249 730271 or via email admin@lacock.wilts.sch.uk if you would like to arrange a visit.

Please refer to the job description and person specification on our website [vacancies](#) for further information.

Interested candidates are required to complete and return an application form ASAP or no later than by 12pm on Tuesday 5th November 2024. Interview date TBC and start date ASAP

Please be aware that from time to time we are asked to publicise events from other groups / organisations. While we are happy to advertise events and distribute letters from third parties, we do not endorse them and it is for parents / carers to check the reliability and safety of these events / companies.

Letters sent home via ParentMail in the last fortnight		
Subject	Class / year group	Date
FLS AGM	All	25 th September
SIAMs report	All	30 th September

Diary Dates for 2024 /2025	
<i>Some events (in italics) are run by Friends of Lacock School (FLS) and some may not confirmed. All dates are subject to change. We will give as much notice of any changes as possible.</i>	
October 2024	
<i>Friday 11th</i>	Hockey Festival (Years 5 and 6)
<i>Tuesday 15th</i>	Beech Class trip to Dorchester Museum
<i>Tuesday 15th</i>	FLS AGM 7.30 start
<i>Thursday 17th</i>	9:00am Coffee morning in Village Hall (all welcome)
	2:30pm Beech Class Assembly (all welcome)
<i>Wednesday 23rd</i>	2:00pm Harvest Festival Service at St Cyriac's Church (all welcome)
	3:15pm Term 1 ends
November 2024	
<i>Monday 4th</i>	8:45am Term 2 begins (Breakfast club from 8:00am)
<i>Thursday 7th</i>	FLS Bonfire and Firework Display (closed event)
<i>Wednesday 13th</i>	Voices for Life Concert – Beech class
<i>Friday 15th</i>	Voices for Life Concert – Beech class
December 2024	
<i>Thursday 19th</i>	2:00pm Christmas Service at St Cyriac's Church (all welcome)
	3:15pm Term 2 ends
<i>Friday 20th</i>	TD day (no children in school)
January 2025	
<i>Monday 6th</i>	Term 3 begins
February 2025	
<i>Friday 14th</i>	Term 3 ends
<i>Monday 24th</i>	Term 4 begins