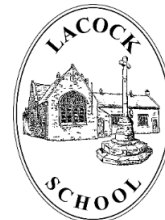


"Love each other as I have loved you"
John 15:12



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Term 2 Issue 5

Thursday 28th November 2024

A message from Mr Laws

Goodness me, what a fortnight we've had a Lacock Primary School! From **Voices for Life** concerts in Beech Class, **Music for Miniatures** workshops for the whole school, **Parents Evenings**, Oak Class visiting **Fleet Services** as part of Road Safety Week...to **Storm Bert** hitting the UK and closing our school on Monday! Every week I wonder whether life at Lacock can get any busier, and every week I'm shown that it can!



In particular, as we reach the 'business end' of Term 2, we have lots of big events coming up, from our **Lantern Parade**, **Nativity** and **whole school Panto trip**, as well as Oak Class' rearranged class trip to the **STEAM Museum**, our **Christmas Church Service** at St Cyriac's, and plenty more **Chippenham Sports Partnerships** events. Please make sure you read the information below carefully as well as the **Dates for Your Diaries** at the bottom to make sure you know what is coming up.

As always, I'd like thank you all for your continued support and hard work in helping our school to provide as many wonderful opportunities as we can. In particular, it wouldn't happen without the dedication of our amazing team of staff as well as the incredible Friends of Lacock School who provide so much support with many of our projects.

Mr 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 in **Term 2 Week 2/3**:

Willow Class (EYFS/Y1)



James, Teddy, Teddy, Jesse S, Freddie,
& Arlo

Oak Class (Y4/5/6)



Madison, Pollyana, Arlo, Theo, Anson,
Maisie, Zoey, Ruby & Reece

Beech Class (Y2/3)



April, All of Beech Class, Olivia, Rory,
Hendry & Beau

SCHOOL ENRICHMENT

Spotlight on Learning: A Look Inside Our Classrooms This Term



Willow Class had great fun on Friday afternoon discovering how wheels are attached to an axle and experimented by building a chassis to put these on as part of their **Design & Technology** topic. The next step is for the children to design a wheeled vehicle so they can put their new skills to good use. They have lots of good ideas for their own designs including police cars, Lamborghinis, babies prams and tractors!



Beech Class has been taking part in **Voices for Life** this year, an experience which takes children on a journey of self discovery through the power of music, creativity and performance. This has involved weekly workshops led by Kate Courage and culminated in two live performances on 13th and 15th November at Wiltshire Music Centre in front of almost 200 people! They performed with such confidence and was definitely a performance to remember. Well done Beech Class, we are very proud of you!



Last week, **Oak Class** visited neighbouring company **Fleet Services GB**, who hosted a Road Safety Week series of workshops to help our children learn more about how to stay safe on the roads!

They walked over a mile to their site, putting the rules of the road we'd learnt into practice, and were greeted by a giant traffic cone and Safety Man, as well as all the other Fleet Services staff dressed in different costumes! They then took part in several activities, including measuring stopping distances at different speeds, crossing the road with some temporary traffic lights set up in the car park, and explored several different vans and lorries, which included helping to 'test' their horns! They very kindly provided the children with hats, goody bags and cupcakes, which had different road signs on top of them! A huge thank you to Fleet Services GB for helping to bring our learning about Road Safety to life; it was a great afternoon and the children loved it!



Music for Miniatures Concert Inspires Lacock Primary School!

On **Monday 18th November**, each class got to experience **Music for Miniatures**, a group which creates opportunities for children to experience professional classical musicians performing in their community!



The children watched and joined in as the two musicians shared more about their instruments (the trumpet and oboe) in a fun and interactive way, teaching the children about how their instruments worked, different styles and genres of performance, and even how something as simple as a conch shell could have inspired the world's first musicians thousands of years ago!



You can find out more about Music for Miniatures here: <https://www.musicforminiatures.co.uk/>

Fantastic Y5/6 Football Festival!

On **Friday 15th November**, Mrs Tedds and Mrs Gray took our Year 5 and 6 children to Stanley Park to take part in a **Football Festival** organized by **Chippenham Sports Partnership**. The event brought together mixed teams and all-girls teams in a spirit of inclusivity, teamwork, and fun.

The matches were played in a round-robin format, allowing every team to compete against each other. It was wonderful to see players of all abilities coming together, showcasing their skills, and embracing the true essence of football. The mixed teams highlighted the importance of working together regardless of background, while the girls' teams demonstrated the growing strength and enthusiasm for girls' football.



The atmosphere was buzzing with excitement, with spectators cheering from the sidelines and players giving their all on the pitch. It was particularly inspiring to see so many girls confidently taking part, showing just how much talent and passion there is for the sport. Stanley Park proved to be the perfect venue for such an event, offering excellent facilities and a welcoming environment for everyone involved. A huge well done to all the players, coaches, and organisers who made the day a resounding success. It was a brilliant display of football at its best—fun, inclusive, and competitive! **Well done to our Year 5/6s who represented our Lacock Vision** so well throughout the festival!

Children In Need Fantastic Fundraising!



Thank you for your donations for Friday's **BBC Children in Need Day!** This year's campaign was focused on raising money to 'Make Life Lighter' for children and young people all over the UK.

Our children had fun in their Pudsey-inspired spotty and stripy outfits and we raised a brilliant **£144**; well done Lacock Primary School!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Open Morning: Monday 2nd December

*****We can now confirm that Full Wraparound Care (Breakfast Club & After School Club) will be available from September 2025!!!*****

Do you know any parents whose children are **starting school in September 2025** or interested in **transferring schools in-year**? Please share the attached poster at the end of the newsletter for our next **Open Morning on Monday 2nd December**, meeting at 9:30am in the Village Hall.

Call 01249 730271 to book. **Individual tours** can also be booked upon request.



Whole School Christmas Lunch Order Deadline: Monday 9th December



It is time to order for our whole school **Christmas lunch**!

On **Wednesday 18th December** we will gather together as a school for our whole school Christmas lunch. A full-sized menu is attached to the end of the newsletter and parents can order via Lataca. If you have not yet registered with the Lataca, please ask a member of the officer team.

All pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive UFSM and you will have a credit on your account. If you find you are asked to pay, please call Lataca before completing the transaction. For all other year groups, you will need to pay for the Christmas lunch, unless you are in receipt of FSM. If you prefer, you can send your child with a packed lunch.

Deadline for ordering is Monday 9th December.

Christmas Lantern Parade: Monday 9th December

On **Monday 9th December** at 5:30pm, with the support of the National Trust we will be holding our annual **Christmas Lantern Parade**, one of our most beautiful events of the school year!

We need to let the Abbey know how many families will be attending. Please use the form on ParentMail to indicate how many in your family are hoping to attend (please note, children must be accompanied by an adult).

We will gather at school from 4:45pm where the **Friends of Lacock School** will be **providing hot food** for families to buy before beginning the parade at 5:30pm. A full-sized flyer can be found at the end of this newsletter.

The children will make their way around the village singing carols, followed by carols around the tree in the Courtyard in Lacock Abbey. Drinks and nibbles will be available, plus there will be a chance to see inside the decorated Great Hall. We hope you agree that this will be a wonderful start to our Christmas celebrations.



NB: Parents will be responsible for their children throughout the Lantern Parade. Please bring additional torches/lights/headlamps to increase visibility, as the school grounds will be particularly dark at this time. If any families have larger lights/string lights etc that they would be happy to provide to brighten the playground, please let the School Office or Mr Laws know asap.

Willow Class Nativity & Christmas Hamper Raffle: Tuesday 10th December



Tuesday 10th December will see our youngest children, Willow Class, performing their annual **Nativity**! They will be performing "**A Little Bird Told Me**", in which a little bird tells some exciting news about the birth of a very special King.

There will be two performances, one at 1:30pm and another at 5:30pm in the Village Hall. No tickets are required, so please feel free to bring along the whole family to enjoy! We also extend an invite to the clergy and congregation of St Cyriac's Church to come and enjoy the performance with us. Further details have been shared by Mrs Ley on Tapestry, but make sure to book the dates/times into your diaries...it's sure to be a wonderful Christmas treat!

To help raise funds for the Friends of Lacock School, there will be a **Christmas hamper raffle** at the Nativity! We are asking **each class to bring in items** to contribute to a themed Christmas class, so that the FLS can bundle them up as lovely hampers to win! See the examples and themes below and, if you are able to, please bring in some items to contribute to your class hamper!

Willow Class *"Pamper Hamper"*



Think all things **relaxing**...candles, face masks, bubble bath, incense, bath bombs, eye masks etc!

Beech Class *"Sweet Treats"*



Think all things **sweet and sugary**...chocolate, sweets, popcorn, selection boxes etc!

Oak Class *"Traditional Christmas"*



Think all things **traditional at Christmastime**...puddings, mince pies, grown-up bubbly, chutneys and jams, cheeses etc!

Items for the Christmas hampers can be brought into the School Office by **Monday 9th December**. Raffle tickets will be available to buy before the performances, both in the Village Hall and at school if you are unable to attend.

Whole School Panto: Wednesday 10th December

On **Wednesday 10th December**, the whole school will be travelling to Salisbury Playhouse to watch a pantomime performance of Sleeping Beauty.

The coach will be leaving promptly at 8.15am, so please ensure your child is at school for 8.00am to avoid missing the coach. The coach will return to school by the end of the school day. Children will need to bring a packed lunch, water bottle and snacks for the day (information about ordering a packed lunch from Lataca will be sent out soon).



A HUGE thank you to the **Friends of Lacock School** for giving £1200 to support in subsidising the trip and ensuring that we can keep costs to families as low as possible.

REMINDERS, SAFETY & WELLBEING

We want YOU...to join the Friends of Lacock School!



WE WANT YOU

Much of what we do at Lacock Primary School – the trips, visits, visitors, workshops, amazing curriculum resources – is only possible because of the hard work, dedication and passion of our incredible **Friends of Lacock School (FLS)**. As a challenge, can you spot how many times they are mentioned within this newsletter alone?

If you are interested in joining this amazing group of people, please speak to our School Office or contact Alexandra Creed, the Chair of the FLS, directly on friendsoflacock@yahoo.com



Lacock Parish Council Petition: Pedestrian Safety Reminder

A message from **Lacock Parish Council**: *“Wilts Council’s action has placed School children at increased risk when entering/leaving school walking between parked cars directly onto the highway; emergency evacuation of school via their main gate can no longer be relied on. Pedestrians with mobility issues, wheelchairs, children’s buggies etc. can no longer safely access facilities and amenities they need; they are also at increased risk when entering/leaving their residences. There is now also an increased likelihood of vehicles parking close to building accesses obstructing customers and emergency services, obstructing light and increasing pollution into homes.*



Please sign the Parish Council petition here or by scanning the QR code:

<https://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/mqEPetitionDisplay.aspx?id=101> “

Lacock Primary School Safeguarding Team

At Lacock Primary School, **the safeguarding and welfare of all children in our care is of the utmost importance and highest priority**. If you have any concerns about the safety or wellbeing of a child, no matter how big or small, please contact a member of the Lacock Primary School Safeguarding Team as soon as possible; there will *always* be a member of the team available to address your concerns.



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Letters sent home via ParentMail in the last fortnight

Subject	Class / year group	Date
Lantern Parade	All	13 th November
Whole School Christmas Lunch	All	21 st November
Whole School Pantomime	All	25 th November
Swimming Oak Class	Oak	28 th November

Diary Dates for 2024 /2025

*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.*

December 2024	
Monday 2nd	Open Morning: 9:30am (Meet in Village Hall)
	Y6 SATs Workshop (For parents and children)
	Christmas post box opens
Monday 9th	Christmas Lantern Parade – see above for details
Tuesday 10th	Oak Class to Sheldon Production ‘Wendy and Peter’
Tuesday 10th	Willow Class Nativity (1:30pm & 5:30pm at the Village Hall)
Wednesday 11th	Whole School Panto
Thursday 19th	2:30pm Christmas Service at St Cyriac’s Church (all welcome) 3:15pm Term 2 ends
Friday 20th	TD day (no children in school)
January 2025	
Monday 6th	Term 3 begins
Tuesday 7th	Swimming lessons for Oak Class begin (every Tuesday for 6 weeks) details to follow
February 2025	
Friday 14th	Term 3 ends
Monday 24th	Term 4 begins

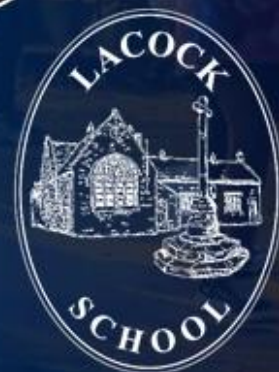
Please be aware that from time to time we are asked to publicise events from other groups / organisations. While we are happy to advertise events and distribute letters from third parties, we do not endorse them and it is for parents / carers to check the reliability and safety of these events / companies.

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Lacock Primary School

"Where the whole village is our school!"



DECEMBER OPEN MORNING

Monday 2nd December 2024

Starts at 9:30am in Lacock Village Hall

Call 01249 730271 to book

- Small Class Sizes • Historic Setting
 - Enriching Curriculum • Local Pre-School
 - Full Wraparound Care from September 2025
- Individual tours also available upon request

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**This December
Lataca will be serving a traditional Christmas Lunch**

Roast Breast of Turkey or Quorn Roast

served with

**Pigs in blankets, homemade gravy,
sage and onion stuffing,
crispy roast potatoes, carrots, peas
& of course, Brussels sprouts!**

Followed by

Mince pies, satsumas or novelty ice cream

**Accompanied by
Orange/blackcurrant squash**

**Christmas cracker and festive napkins
The cost for this meal is £3.75, no payment is required
if your child is KS1.**

**Please complete your order via Parentmail if you
would like your child to enjoy the Lataca Christmas
lunch.**

**You can email us at info@lataca.co.uk if you need to
register for a Parentmail account.**



LANTERN PARADE - DRINKS & GRUB!

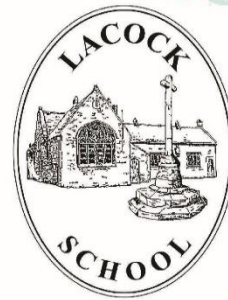


As part of the Lacock School
Lantern Parade, FLS (in
collaboration with Lacock
Shop & Deli) will be serving
food and drinks at
Lacock Shop between
4.45pm & 5.30pm.

Sausage Roll - £2.00
Jacket Potato - £2.50
Cheese / Beans - 50p
Fruit Shoot - £1.00
Mulled Wine - £2.50
**(Teas, Coffees and soft
drinks also available)**



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Lacock Christmas Celebrations

Monday 9 December 2024 5.30pm - 7pm

Watch the Lacock Primary School Lantern Parade after it leaves the School at 5.30pm, followed by carols around the tree in the Courtyard in Lacock Abbey. Drinks and nibbles will be available, plus there will be a chance to see inside the decorated Great Hall. You may like to bring a torch for your journey and a mug for your drink.

RSVP by 1 December to lacock@nationaltrust.org.uk or call us on 01249 730141

Location: Please meet outside the Fox Talbot Museum, Lacock Abbey. We will be happy to guide you down the driveway to the Courtyard.



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