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**Matthew 5:14 – 16**

Dear Families,

Last week, Year Two enjoyed an afternoon with Sharon from The Salvation Army. They learned about the acts of kindness Sharon and her team show daily in our local communities including sharing food parcels with those in need, providing supplies such as sleeping bags for people living on the streets, supporting adults out of work to gain qualifications and much more. They were left feeling inspired by Sharon and her team's commitment to following Jesus' examples of kindness, forgiveness and loving thy neighbour.



On Friday it was time for Year 2 to visit the Lambourn Library as our other classes have been doing throughout the term. It was wonderful to see the children enjoying different activities that the library has to offer, from settling down with a good book to completing puzzles. We are very grateful to the library staff and volunteers who have made this terms visits so enjoyable for the children and we look forward to continuing the visits next term.



## Dates for your

### Diary

#### **INSET Day**

**Monday 30th  
October 2023**

#### **Term 2**

**Tuesday 31st  
October 2023 -  
Wednesday 20th  
December 2023**

#### **Health & Wellbeing Workshop Year 3**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
November 2023**

#### **Women in Science STEM Visit Y6 Girls**

**Wednesday 8th  
November 2023**

#### **Tower of London Trip Y1 & Y6**

**Thursday 9th  
November 2023**

#### **PC Lee Bremner Internet Safety Talk Y5 & Y6**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup>  
November 2023**

#### **Year 6 Baylab Science Visit**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>  
November 2023**

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Last week members of the School Council were invited to deliver the generous offerings made at the Harvest Festival to the West Berks Foodbank in Newbury. School Councillors from Years 4, 5 and 6 showed excellence in their organisational and logistical skills; packing up the goods from church, loading the minibus and then transferring the food into crates upon arrival at the Foodbank.

The children experienced first-hand how the food is logged, weighed and sorted according to type and date. They attentively listened to instruction and then rolled up their sleeves and assisted the various volunteers. We were then given a full tour of the warehouse. We learnt how the foodbank works with schools, churches and supermarkets (the latter mostly provide fresh produce) for donations. We observed boxes being packed up, noting the attention to details for individuals and families which ensures they receive items that are of use and to preference.

The children were amazed by the whole process and also found it interesting to see that it isn't just food that is sent out – household goods are always desperately needed together with baby products and even pet food. It was a thought-provoking day and gave us great joy to see how the donations given from our school will go toward supporting over a thousand families a month who are in urgent need of assistance. The School Council representatives displayed a mature and enquiring attitude and it was a privilege to attend with them.

We would also like to say a huge **thank you** to **you** for donating so much food. If you would like any further information about the foodbank please go to:

<https://westberks.foodbank.org.uk/>



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Our Y3 historians travelled back in time this week and spent an afternoon at West Berkshire Museum in Newbury learning about different aspects of Roman life. They tried on clothes that the Romans wore, looked at an artefact collection including pots, beakers and cutlery and they made a Bulla (a necklace with a charm inside that Roman boys tended to wear from birth until the age of 16).

The children also learned about food that the Romans brought to Britain and the uniform that a Roman soldier wore.



## MEASLES

Measles cases are rising across the country, with over 102,000 children starting primary school in England being at risk of catching the disease. Key messages from the NHS about measles / MMR and how to get vaccinated can be found via the links.

The [Back to school MMR Guidance](#) from the NHS includes information to share, as well as example social media posts which can be found here: [NHS Vaccine Poster](#) and [NHS MMR Poster](#).

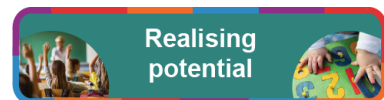
Measles is highly infectious and if left unvaccinated nine out of ten children in an early years setting can catch the disease if just one child is infectious. Please share these resources with colleagues, parents, and where suitable, community organisations to increase awareness and encourage parents to get their children vaccinated.

Kind regards,





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**102,000 children starting school in England are at risk of catching measles**

**Check your child is up to date with their MMR vaccinations**



**9 out of 10** unvaccinated children can catch measles if someone in their class has it

**Check your child is up to date with their MMR vaccinations**

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## BONFIRE NIGHT

As autumn leaves fill the air and nights draw in, we're all looking forward to the bright sparks of Bonfire Night on 5th November. But have you ever wondered about the history behind this glowing celebration? Bonfire Night, also known as Guy Fawkes Night, marks the failed Gunpowder Plot of 1605, where Guy Fawkes and his fellow conspirators attempted to blow up the English Parliament and King James I.

Their plot was foiled, and ever since, we've lit bonfires and fireworks to commemorate the event.

It's not just a night for ooohs and aaahs at the sky; it's also a wonderful learning opportunity for our children. Schools often provide historical context and safety tips around this time, but there's so much more you can do at home. Whether it's creating crafts, cooking up a storm with traditional Bonfire Night treats like toffee apples, or simply sharing the story behind Guy Fawkes, it's a perfect occasion for family bonding.

Safety, of course, is always our top priority. Please make sure to follow the Firework Code and supervise your children closely. This ensures that the evening remains a joyful experience for everyone involved. So as you wrap up warm and step out to enjoy the firework displays and bonfires, take a moment to reflect on the history behind the celebration. It's a wonderful way to make the night not just entertaining but also educational for the whole family.



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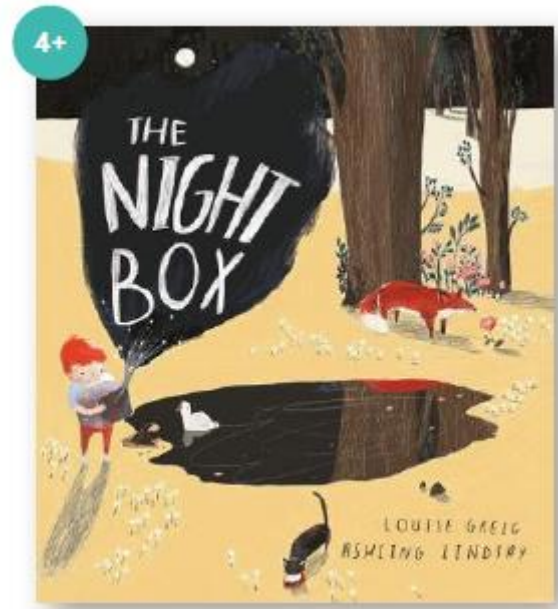
## RECOMMENDED READING

### **The Night Box** LOUISE GREIG Illustrated by Ashling Lindsay

Whilst this book might not actually be about bonfire night or fireworks, it does celebrate the light that shines through the dark. Nominated for the CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal and shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize, the Teach Primary Book Awards and the Klaus Flugge Prize. An enchanting bedtime story about a small boy who is the custodian of night, from talented new picture book author and poet, Louise Greig, with beautifully atmospheric illustrations by Ashling Lindsay.

Max has a key and a box of midnight blue.  
When he turns the key in the lock – WHOOSH!  
Day slips inside as Night sweeps out.  
Darkness tumbles into the air. It dances and whirls  
around the room. It goes under the bed, under the  
chair – everywhere!

Louise Greig's lyrical voice and Ashling Lindsay's warm, endearing illustrations hold a candle up to the magical nature of night time in this soothing picture book. Perfect for cosying up to read and share before bedtime, *The Night Box* is an original bedtime tale that sits perfectly alongside classics such as *The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark* – great for reassuring little ones who have a fear of the dark and calming down lively children before bedtime!"



### **Spy Dog: The Gunpowder Plot** Volume 12 ANDY COPE

The FINAL adventure for Lara the Spy Dog! Mr Big is on the loose. He's planning a final crime that will make him the most famous criminal alive: blowing up every prison in the country!

Lara and her spy team have their noses to the ground and know something evil is coming. Lara follows the clues to London and Big Ben's clock tower, where the explosives are set. With help from the spy pups and spy cat, can she stop Mr Big once and for all... before the clock strikes midnight?

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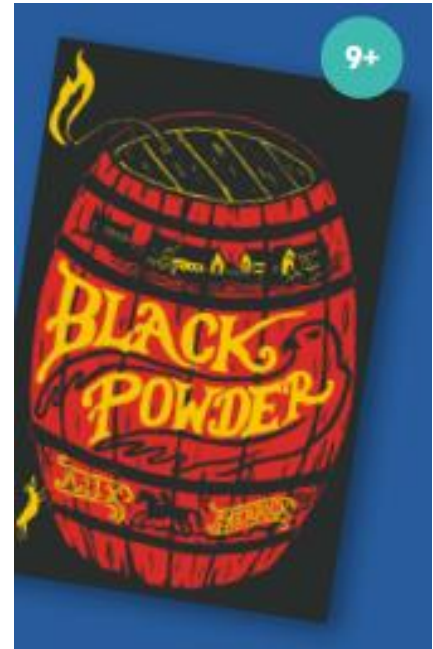
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## **Black Powder ALLY SHERRICK**

A rip-roaring historical adventure set at the time of the Guy Fawkes' Gunpowder Plot – winner of the Historical Association Young Quills Award!

England, 1605: 12-year-old Tom must save his father from hanging. He falls in with a mysterious stranger – the Falcon – who promises to help him in exchange for his service. But on the long journey to London, Tom discovers the Falcon's true mission – and a plot to blow up Parliament with barrels of black powder. Tom faces a terrible decision: secure his father's release, or stop the assassination of the king...

A rip-roaring, action-packed life-and-death quest, packed with history and adventure. Set at the time of the Gunpowder Plot and featuring Guy Fawkes – perfect for Bonfire Night and beyond.



## *Christian Vision & Values Awards*

### *'Let Your Light Shine'*

**F2 - Leah**

**Year 1 -**

**Year 2 - Harlequin**

**Year 3 - Caelen**

**Year 4 - Sienna**

**Year 5 - Megan**

**Year 6 - Theo**

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## Reading Champions

**Lily -Rose & Logan**

**Flynn & Julien**



**Children show us what you love about reading during the holidays!**

## Principal's Awards

Congratulations to all the children who received Principal's Awards this week. We are all very impressed with the following children's quality of work and commitment to their learning.

**Everyone else, remember, never, never, never give up!**

**F2 - Harley, Rose, Blake & Jackson**

**Year 1 - Scott, Isla, George & Benecio**

**Year 2 - Jackson, Eric, Arlo & Liam**

**Year 3 - Lily, George, Lyra & Bowie**

**Year 4 - Lucas, Alfie, Matilda & Archie**

**Year 5 - Jarvis, Kaitlyn, Alfie & Petra**

**Year 6 - Ruby, Sydney, Brooke & Chase**



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**Headteachers Award**

Awarded to:



For: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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## Governor Elections

We were overwhelmed with the response we received from parents who have applied to become a parent governor on Lambourn's Academy Committee. I can confirm the closing date for nominations is now passed and have checked that all nominees are eligible. After the half term holiday we will be holding a ballot.

The number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies and as a result a ballot will be required. After the half term holiday you will receive a letter giving details of the election and a numbered voting slip. The return date for voting forms shall be seven school days after the date of despatch.



### How to get your child school ready. Do you have a child who is due to start school in the next couple of years?

Come and be a part of three informative and relaxed sessions held on Zoom led by education advisers Kirstie Hanson & Louise Griffiths. The aim of the sessions is to explore how to help your child's learning at home and what "school ready" means.

**Wednesday 8th November 2023 How to be a good talker 7-8pm**

**Wednesday 15th November 2023 Early Reading & Phonics 7-8pm**

**Wednesday 22nd November 2023 Early Writing 7-8pm**

All sessions are free of charge and can be booked by emailing the Early Years Service on [earlyyears@westberks.gov.uk](mailto:earlyyears@westberks.gov.uk)

### 'My Wild Life' 2023/24 - Calling all budding photographers!

We are excited to bring back the popular 'My Wild Life' photography competition, inspired by the Natural History Museum's *Wildlife Photographer of the Year* exhibition which will return to The Base from Friday 1 March to Sunday 14 April 2024.

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Budding photographers of all ages and expertise can enter – whether it's capturing an image of insects in your back garden, wildlife discovered on a family walk or snaps of your beloved pet... we are looking for creative thinking when it comes to capturing the wonders of wildlife that surrounds us in town and country.

Finalists from two age categories (under-18s and over-18s) will be chosen by a panel of expert judges and the winning entries from each category will be chosen by the general public in an online vote!

The two winning photographers will win a Family ticket to visit Marwell Zoo. They will also win a Base Pass/Family Base Pass cards, which give them unlimited entry to The Base Gallery for a whole year along with seeing their photographs displayed in our Runway Gallery, printed in the Newbury Weekly News and published on The Base and Corn Exchange's websites and shared respective social media platforms.

We want to showcase the best local talent that celebrates our wildlife and the natural world and so the winning entries, along with 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Highly Commended entries, will be displayed in The Base's Runway Gallery for all to see and admire.

## **PRIZES**

### **1<sup>st</sup> prize Under-18s:**

- A **Family Day Pass to Marwell Zoo** (4 people)
- A **Marwell Zoo goodie-bag**
- A **Family Base Pass** giving unlimited access to the Base Gallery for 12 months\*
- Photo exhibited in The Base's Runway Gallery
- Photo printed in the Newbury Weekly News

### **1<sup>st</sup> prize Over-18s:**

- A **Family Day Pass to Marwell Zoo** (4 people)
- Get up-close with an '**Animal Experience**' at **Marwell Zoo**
- A **Base Pass PLUS** giving unlimited access to the Base Gallery for 12 months as well as discounts on selected events/workshops/courses\*
- Photo exhibited in The Base's Runway Gallery
- Photo printed in the Newbury Weekly News

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Prize:**

Photo exhibited in The Base's Runway Gallery  
Photo printed in the Newbury Weekly News

### **Highly Commended:**

Photo exhibited in The Base's Runway Gallery



# Lambourn CofE Primary School

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## ***Judging conditions***

- Entries will be judged by nominated judges – Phil Cannings (Newbury Weekly News photographer), Philip Tull (professional photographer) and the staff team at The Base.
- Images will be judged on artistic merit, originality, subject and style.
- The decision of the judges and following online poll is final.

## **HOW TO ENTER**

Entries must explore or capture the theme of 'My Wild Life'. Each entrant may enter a maximum of 5 photos. Email a completed entry form (including the communication release form below) and your photo/s attached to [admin@thebasegreenham.co.uk](mailto:admin@thebasegreenham.co.uk) by **Sunday 7 January 2024**.

Please ensure you have read the terms and conditions and also ensure your photo meets these guidelines:

- Your entry/entries must be saved as JPEG file (JPG) at a setting of 10 (100%) or higher
- The filename must contain your full name and age, for example:  
**LastName\_FirstName\_Age.jpg**
- no watermarks / copyright units / logos on images
- If images of people are submitted, all those in the photograph need to give their consent
- Please consider the well-being of wild creatures and ecosystems. Respect wildlife by not disturbing or moving the subjects you are photographing. We are looking for authentic images of nature. Please do not use apps or image editing software to manipulate your images.

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Lambourn Festival Committee and Lambourn Sports Club

# Community Bonfire Party



## Fireworks and BBQ

### SATURDAY 4th NOVEMBER

at Lambourn Sports Club, Bockhampton Rd  
Bars open through the evening - BBQ & hot drinks

**GATES OPEN AT 6.30pm – Bonfire lit at 7pm**  
**Firework Display starts 7.30pm**

**★ ENTRY PRICES HELD AT 2022 RATES ★**

**In advance:**

**£4.00 per adult and £2.00 per child (up to age 16)**

**On the gate: £5.00 and £3.00**

*all children MUST be accompanied by an adult*

Advance Tickets available from 9<sup>th</sup> October from  
Lambourn Universal Stores and the Sports Club

*Please note that due to strict insurance requirements, **all children MUST be accompanied by an adult** and NO individual fireworks or sparklers may be brought into the field. Parking at the Club will be limited, please walk if possible!*