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Dear Families,

On Monday 25th September we were happy to welcome Katie from the Blue Cross. Katie joined us for collective worship to talk to the children about Safety around Dogs. The children learned how to read the signs of Dog Body Language, so they are able to identify when a dog is relaxed and happy or when it is tense and unsure. They learned how to keep themselves safe at home using the rhyme, 'If a dog is EATING or with its TOY... ...LEAVE THEM TO ENJOY!! Quiet and slow... ...IS THE WAY TO GO!!'

Katie talked to them about canine choice and they learned the 3C's:

- CHECK Always check with the owner first
- CALL Call the dog to you by patting your legs and saying a friendly "hello"
- **COUNT** If the dog happily approaches use one hand to COUNT 3 strokes on the shoulder then STOP

The children got to practice the 3C's with Katie's special puppy that she brought along.

CHECK



CALI



COUNT



We all learned how to keep safe **Stand Still & Chill:**

- Look away from the dog
- BLUE CROSS your arms
- Drop any items away from you



Be a Stone:

- As solid as a stone
- As still as a stone
- As silent as a stone





Dates for your

Diary

Term 1

Tuesday 5th September – Friday 20th October 2023

Individual
Photographs
Monday 9th
October 2023

World Mental Health Day Tuesday 10th October

Year 3 Educational Visit

West Berkshire Museum Roman School Day Monday 16th October

INSET Day

Monday 30th October 2023



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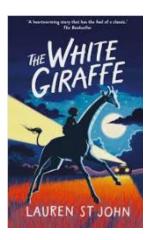
Wantage Literary Festival

On 27th September, Year 5 and 6 has the exciting opportunity to attend the Wantage Literary Festival, at the Beacon in Wantage, to listen to author Lauren St John discuss her new book 'Finding Wonder'. Lauren St John told the children all about her exciting childhood in Zimbabwe, growing up on a game reserve with her pet horses, warthogs and giraffe, and how inspiration for a book can come from anywhere!

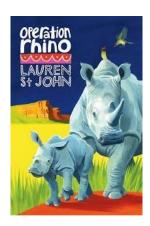
Her love of horses and animals has been the main source of inspiration for all her children's novels, and she has travelled all over the world, spending time with different animals, in order to write her books. She is a passionate conservationist, Lauren is the founder of <u>Authors4Oceans</u>, an ambassador for the <u>Born Free Foundation</u>, and a patron for <u>Mane Chance Animal Sanctuary</u>.

Thank you to Jayne Snewin from the Wantage Literary Festival for organising this event for the children and offering it free of changre to the school, so that the children could be inspired to get reading and writing!











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National read Aloud Challenge

This week I received a phone call that made me feel immensely proud of the children and families who made such a commitment to the National Read Aloud Challenge this summer. We have received a prestigious award as a result of our impressive achievement. Well done everyone!

Dear Maria,

It was lovely speaking with you earlier today.

We are thrilled to confirm that Lambourn CofE Primary School has achieved an outstanding 1st position in the inaugural National Read Aloud Challenge for the South East region. Congratulations for this remarkable achievement!

Your students have truly made you proud by reading diligently all summer long, leading to your school's remarkable achievement of winning this prestigious award for your region.

We are excited to inform you that your school has secured a spot at the prestigious inaugural National Read Aloud Challenge awards ceremony. Congratulations!

We are delighted to invite two teachers and two of your highest-performing pupils to an awards ceremony in London, as our guests hosted by our esteemed brand ambassador, Clare Balding CBE. What's even better? We will cover your travel expenses too!

We will provide you with further details regarding the awards ceremony and the logistics in due course.

The true gift lies in the engagement and improvement we witnessed from the children throughout the summer holidays. In due course, we will share with you some insightful data, including the names of the highest-performing pupils. This will highlight the remarkable progress your pupils achieved collectively.

While you wait, embrace this chance to celebrate your achievements alongside your school community by showing off the attached certificate!

The whole Read Aloud Challenge and Fonetti team warmly congratulates each and every one of you!

Best wishes, Vicki



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Congratulations!

Lambourn CofE Primary School

Regional Winner! National Read Aloud Challenge!!

26th September 2023

Chief Executive Officer Auris Tech Limited / Fonetti CLARE BALDING, CHET

Author, Presenter Fonetti Brand Ambassador



Reading Tips

We hope you are as excited as we are to dive into the wonderful world of books. Reading is more than a skill; it's a gateway to imagination, empathy and understanding. We are committed to fostering a love for reading that lasts a lifetime and to kickstart this year's reading journey, we've gathered some top tips to encourage reading at home, suitable for all primary ages, from EYFS to Year 6:

- **1. Create a cosy reading nook:** designate a special spot filled with comfy pillows and good lighting where your child can curl up with a book.
- **2. Explore a variety of genres:** from picture books to poetry, let your child discover different types of reading materials that ignite their interest.
- **3. Set a reading routine:** whether it's bedtime stories or weekend reading time, a consistent routine helps make reading a beloved habit.
- **4. Join in the fun:** read together as a family and take turns reading aloud to make the experience engaging and interactive.
- **5. Visit your local library:** regular library visits can turn the search for a new book into an exciting treasure hunt.
- **6. Celebrate special reading events:** this term, we'll be featuring exciting events such as World Gratitude Day, National Poetry Day and Non-fiction November. Stay tuned for special activities and ways to participate!



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Together, we can make reading an enriching and joyful part of your child's daily life. We're looking forward to a year filled with literary exploration, creativity and connection.

NATIONAL POETRY DAY – Thursday 4th October 2023

National Poetry Day, celebrated annually in the UK, is a delightful opportunity to explore the world of poetry with your children. Falling on the first Thursday of October, this day celebrates poetry's unique ability to capture emotions, tell stories, and inspire imaginations. Here are ways you can engage with your children.

1. Read poetry together: select a few child-friendly poems and read them with your children.

Discuss the themes, imagery, and emotions they convey.

- **2. Write your own poems:** encourage your children to pen their own poems. They could write about their favourite things, memories, or even create a poem together as a family.
- **3. Visit a library or bookshop:** many libraries and bookshops host special events for national poetry day. Attending a poetry reading can be an exciting way to experience poetry with others.
- **4. Explore poems online:** many websites offer interactive poetry experiences tailored for children.

They can watch videos, listen to readings, and even create digital poems.

5. Create poetry art: combine poetry with art by having your children illustrate a favourite poem.

This can bring the words to life and create a unique connection to the poem.

- **6. Share favourite poems at dinner:** make dinner a special occasion by encouraging everyone in the family to share a favourite poem or quote. Discussing why the chosen pieces resonate can spark meaningful conversation.
- **7. Explore different forms of poetry:** introduce your children to different forms of poetry such as haikus, limericks, or sonnets. Experiment with writing in these forms to understand their unique rhythm and structure.

RECOMMENDED READING

Poems Out Loud VARIOUS AUTHORS Illustrated by Laurie Stansfield



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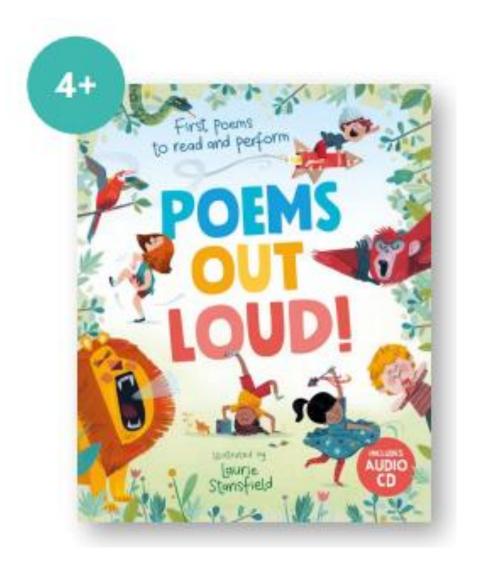


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From rockets to mermaids and everything in between, there's something for everyone in this diverse and contemporary collection. Perfect for young children aged 4+ who are approaching poetry for the very first time, these poems can be performed out loud, shared with others or simply read in your head.

Featuring award-winning poets, brand new voices, hip-hop artists and spoken-word performers, this is a wonderfully fresh, diverse and relevant new anthology that will get children laughing, thinking, sharing and performing!





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Being Me

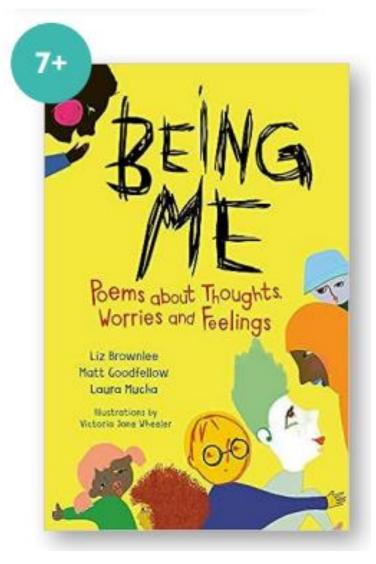
LizBrownlee, MattGoodfellow, LauraMucha Illustrated by Victoria Jane Wheeler

Read about the Land of Blue, where it's OK to feel sad, find ideas for what to do with worries or how to slow down when your head is full of hurry. Give yourself time to chill out, find quiet voices in noisy places and discover kindness in yourself and others. Then maybe your own special thought machine will tell you,

'This is going well. You're doing great. You've got this!' And you have!

This important and unique anthology of 45 poems by three leading poets, well known

for their empathy and perception, speaks to the heart of what children think and care about, offering understanding, support and encouragement. With an endnote by leading clinical psychologist Karen Goodall





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F2 St. Michael & All Angel's Church Visit



F2 had a lovely time this week at the Church with Julie and Christine. The children enjoyed a story, a tour of the church to learn about what happens and what is significant about the different areas within the church. They also enjoyed some juice and biscuits. Mrs Crick and the team were so happy with the children's positive behaviour and how engaged they were with this experience. The EYFS team and children are now eagerly looking forward to their regular church visits.















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World Mental Health Day: 10th October

Next Tuesday is World Mental Health Day. This international day is about raising awareness and driving positive change for everyone's mental health.

West Berkshire Libraries have created some <u>Wellbeing Bags</u>. These include a great mix of books, activities and ideas to help you maintain your health and wellbeing. These are free to borrow, using your library card (free to join) or can be reserved via their online catalogue and then collected from the library most convenient for you (includes mobile libraries too).

An additional support resource is <u>Able Futures</u>. Able Futures has been set up to provide the Access to Work Mental Health Support Service on behalf of the Department for Work and Pensions. It can provide nine months' advice and guidance from a mental health specialist to help you manage your mental health at work.

Follow this link to Action for Happiness's <u>October calendar</u>. This month, the daily calendar prompts focus on creating optimism.





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Christian Vision & Values Medals

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F2 - Lottie

Year 1 - Scott

Year 2 - Finley

Year 3 - Olivia

Year 4 - Owen

Year 5 - Bella

Year 6 - Lily-Rose

Reading Champions

Scott & Winnie

Luca & Layla

Children show us what you love about reading next week!

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 - Leah, Ivy, Luna & Oscar

Year 1 - Harvey, Leo, Isla & Florence

Year 2 - Lacey, Ivy, Frankie & Lola

Year 3 - Hari, Kathryn, Luca & Logan

Year 4 - Grace, Erin, Owen & Poppy

Year 5 - Thanshika, Harison, Amy & Sinead

Year 6 - Harriet, Rex, Hari & Ria



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LOCAL PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY - NOMINATIONS

As a valued member of Lambourn's school community, I am delighted to inform you that there are 3 parent governor vacancies you may wish to apply for. All parents (or those with parental responsibility) of registered pupils are eligible and encouraged to apply for these positions. A letter about nominations, the process and application form will be sent separately to all parents.

Mrs Hanson has found some interesting recipes that are affordable and might encourage the children to try something new. Who could resist a Cowboy Pie!

Cowboy Pie

Ingredients

- 2 tsp sunflower oil
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 8 pork sausages, cut into bitesize pieces*
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed or finely grated
- 2 tsp hot smoked paprika
- 2 x 410g cans baked beans
- 3 tbsp barbecue sauce

(*Replace the Pork sausages for your favourite vegetarian variety)

For the mashed potato

- 1 kg <u>potatoes</u>, peeled and roughly chopped
- 50g butter
- 4 tbsp milk
- 75g grated cheddar
- 2 tbsp chopped chives, to garnish, optional

Method

STEP 1 - First, make the mashed potato. Bring a large pan of salted water to the boil over a medium heat, then carefully tip in the chopped potatoes. Cook for 15-20 mins until tender. Drain, then tip back into the pan and leave to air-dry for a couple of minutes before mashing. Tip in the butter and milk, and stir through until combined. Set aside with the lid on to keep warm.





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- STEP 2 Heat the oven to 200C/180C/gas 6. While the potatoes are cooking, heat the oil in a frying pan or saucepan over a medium heat and fry the onion for 6-8 mins until softened. Tip in the sausage pieces and fry for 4 mins until browned all over, then add the garlic and cook for 1 min before stirring in the smoked paprika and cooking for 1 min more. Pour in the beans and barbecue sauce and cook until just about to simmer before removing from the heat
- STEP 3 Spoon the sausage and bean mixture into an ovenproof tin or dish (ours was 20x20cm), then spoon over the mashed potato and sprinkle the grated cheddar on top. Bake in the oven for 25-30 mins until bubbling round the edges and the cheese is golden. Remove from the oven and scatter over the chives, if using.

Lunchbox Pasta

Ingredients

- 400g <u>pasta</u>
- 4-5 tbsp fresh <u>pesto</u>
- 1 tbsp mayonnaise
- 2 tbsp Greek yogurt
- ½ <u>lemon</u>, juiced
- 200g mixed cooked veg such as peas, green beans, courgette (chop the beans and courgette into pea-sized pieces)
- 100g cherry tomatoes, quartered
- 200g cooked chicken, ham, prawns, hard-boiled egg or cheese



Method

STEP 1

Cook the pasta in boiling water until it is all dente, so about 11 mins, but refer to the pack instructions. Drain and tip into a bowl. Stir in the pesto and leave to cool.

STEP 2



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When the pasta is cool, stir through the mayo, yogurt, lemon juice and veg. Spoon into lunchboxes or on to pasta plates and put the cooked chicken or protein of your choice on top. Chill until ready to eat if intended for a packed lunch.

Dame Rachel de Souza Children's Commissioner for England – Letter to Parents & Families

Good afternoon,

You may have seen that I recently launched <u>The Big Ambition</u>, a new campaign to hear directly from children, young people, and parents across the country about what they need to make their lives better.

I want to thank all the schools that have already participated and to the thousands of children that have had their say. I am keen to build momentum on this and so would appreciate it if you could encourage your school to take part in The Big Ambition, if you have not done so already.

As we approach the General Election, now is a crucial moment to take children and young people's voices to policymakers, Government, and decision makers, to make sure they are heard.

That is why I want to hear from every child and young person in England about their schools, communities, family life, and the wider world. I will also be asking what they want for their future, their hopes, dreams, and aspirations.

This survey is for all children and young people aged 6-18 and for parents/carers who can complete the survey on behalf of children aged 0-5. This will ensure we hear from early years settings. Adults can also assist children who are unable to complete the survey independently.

The survey can be completed here: www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition

Schools play a critical role in ensuring I can hear from as many children and young people as possible. Please see The Big Ambition webpage, where you will find lesson slides and additional resources, such as accessible versions of the survey, as well as responses to frequently asked questions. To further assist you, my team have hosted a series of webinars explaining how to facilitate The Big Ambition survey in a lesson, you can download the recording of one of these webinars here.



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Additionally, it would be wonderful if you could share this survey on your social media accounts using the hashtag #TheBigAmbition. See our **Schools Social Media Kit** for suggestions of what this could look like.

By sharing my survey far and wide, you'll be ensuring children's voices are reflected in the decisions that will affect them in years to come.

I am grateful for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Dame Rachel de Souza

Children's Commissioner for England



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 earlyyearsservice@westberks.gov.uk





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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



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 9th 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!



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