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Dear Families,

It has been another busy couple of weeks for the children and staff. Our Year 6 scientists visited Baylab for the 'Who Do You Think You Are?' workshop. This workshop gave our scientists the chance to think about what makes human beings unique. They learned more about DNA, what it is and where it is found, and how the structure makes each person different, exploring mutations and their effects on displayed characteristics. This workshop complimented their learning at school about Evolution and Inheritance. It linked to the real world in many ways, such as studying the genetic causes of disease, development of diagnostics and medication, and also in forensic science and sequencing genomes.

The children extracted their own DNA from their cheek cells and came away with a small piece of it in a necklace.

Baylab workshops are designed to be fun and engaging. Children can 'solve' a crime using forensics, investigate colours or help transport oxygen around the body while learning sound scientific principles through a process of discovery. The workshops are targeted to different key stages. Some experiments have basic and advanced versions, depending on the key stage. We are exploring opportunities for different year groups to attend future workshops to support their science learning.

Baylab Science Visit



Dates for your

Diary

Non-Fiction November

Term 2

**31st October 2023 –
20th December 2023**

Road Safety Week: 19th-25th November

24th November: Wizard of Oz at Watermill

27th November: Year 4 trip to Ashmolean Museum in Oxford

30th November: Year 6 please give consent and pay deposit for residential trip

1st December: PTA Christmas wreath making workshop at school £35

11th December: Christmas Church Service at 1:30pm

13th December: KS1 Afternoon Nativity Performance at 2pm

14th December: KS1 Morning Nativity Performance at 9:30am

15th December: Christmas Jumper Day in exchange for contribution of £1 for the PTA

18th December: KS2 Afternoon Carol Concert at 2pm

18th December: PTA Christmas raffle at school

19th December: KS2 Evening Carol Concert at 6pm

20th December: Term ends at 1:30pm

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The Daily life of a Priest

Mthr. Julie Mintern visited Year 4 last week to discuss her daily life as a priest, the things she has to do daily/weekly/yearly etc... as well as the special clothes and equipment that she needs in her role. This ties in with Year 4 looking at the Gospels this term in RE, particularly focussing on what it takes to be a good Christian and how Jesus wants us to live our lives and what it is to be a good Christian.

Julie read from the Bible and explained the Beatitudes.



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From the School Office: reminders, updates and future calendar dates

24th November: Wizard of Oz at Watermill we hope the children going to this exciting event have a fantastic time! We endeavour to return to the school **by 4pm**. As there will be 3 full coaches returning and parking at the bottom of the hill and for the safety of the children getting off the coaches please can we politely request that you do not park near the school for the 4pm pickup but instead if you have to park then park outside the Lambourn Leisure Centre. The school would like to give a massive thank you to the PTA for funding the coaches for this event.

Year 4 will be traveling to the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford on Monday 27th November. Please remember to give your consent and make £8 payment. Children will need to wear school uniform and they will be expected to bring a packed lunch and water bottle. If you are entitled to a free school meal please let the office know. The children should return by the end of the school day.

30th November: Year 6 please give consent and pay deposit for residential trip.

KS1 Nativity please remember to submit your ticket request for your preferred date. From next Monday 27th the office will issue additional ticket requests in the order they were received.

KS2 Carol Concert: tickets for the Tuesday evening performance (19th December) have sold out and no additional tickets can be issued for this performance.

From next Monday 27th the office will issue additional ticket requests in the order they were received for the Monday afternoon performance (18th December). As places are very limited we cannot guarantee that all additional requests will be accommodated.

KS2 Football for Boys and Girls last week of football before Christmas for the KS2 boys is Monday 4th December and the last week of football for the KS2 girls is Tuesday 5th December.

Free School Meals Click [Free School Meals](#) to check if your child can get free school meals. If your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll also qualify for the Holiday Activity and Food Programme

Future calendar dates – new dates added in green since last issue

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4th January 2024: School reopens at 8:30am

29th January 2024: KS2 Choir member attending Young Voices Concert in O2 Arena

11th March 2024: Parents Evening

13th March 2024: Parents Evening

5th June 2024: Class group photos

24th June – 26th June 2024: Year 6 Residential

5th July 2024: Sports Day (tbc)

8th July 2024: Swimming Gala (tbc)

For the school term dates visit our website by clicking on this [Term Dates](#) link

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PTA Wreath Workshop – 1st December 2023



Come and get crafty at our popular Christmas wreath making workshop.

Friday 1st December arrive 7.15pm to start at 7.30pm

The cost is £35 per person and includes all the materials you will need. **No experience necessary!**

To book your place contact the PTA on lambournschoolpta@outlook.com or via our Facebook page. To secure your place payment needs to be paid in full. **Spaces are strictly limited so be sure to book early to avoid disappointment**

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Christian Vision & Values Medals

'Let Your Light Shine'

F2 - Mya

Year 1 - Marnie

Year 2 - Aarav

Year 3 - Maysa

Year 4 - Archie

Year 5 - Shinade

Year 6 - Hari

Reading Champions

Jet & Owen

Josie & Olivia

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 - Walt

Year 1 - Max & Marnie

Year 2 - Harlequinn & Eric

Year 3 - Luca & Maroosh

Year 4 - Phoebe & Logan

Year 5 - Bella & Megan

Year 6 - Darcy & Spencer

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Name of Child: Age:

Address:

..... Postcode:

Tel no:

Signature of Parent/Guardian:

*No addresses will be published.



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Newsletter

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AGM 2022-2023

THANK YOU to everyone that took the time to attend our AGM in October. The committee have voted the following people into the officer roles for the year ahead:

Chair: Hannah Locke-Wheaton

Secretary: Jo Christie

Treasurer: Sarah Burton

THANKS to Clare MacDonald-Crawley for giving her time to fulfil the secretary's role last year and WELCOME to Jo Christie who has lots of valuable experience from her work with other PTAs.



CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP

We will be running our Christmas wreath workshop on the 1st December at the competitive price of £35 per head. This evening is always lots of fun and a great way to kick off the festive period. Get in touch for more information.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

There will be a Christmas Raffle this year with the draw happening at school on Monday 18th December. Keep an eye out for details of the prizes on our Facebook page. We have already had some extremely kind and very generous prizes donated from local businesses and members of the community so you definitely won't want to miss out!

FUNDING

With the money we raise we aim to help the school enrich the children's education and school experience. Last year we are proud to have funded a new microphone, KS1 and KS2 SATs revision books, Easter eggs, Santa visit, a Christmas tree, coronation pin badges and dyslexia-friendly reading books.

So far this year we have already agreed to fund even more dyslexia-friendly books for varying age groups and T-shirts for the school choir for their trip to the O2 Arena to sing with Young Voices in January. More spending to come!

RAGS TO RICHES & SPOOKY DISCO



Thank you so much for contributing to our most recent Rags to Riches collection. Our next collection is booked for the 9th February 2024, so the perfect time for a post-Christmas sort-out. Thank you also to all school staff, parent volunteers and children who participated in making the Spooky Disco possible.

These events combined have raised over £800 so far this academic year and we look forward to spending it on the children!



SANTA VISIT & CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

We are very excited to have booked another visit from Santa this year. Listen out for his jingle bells on the 15th December when he will visit each classroom with a gift and special letter for every child.

There will also be a Christmas Jumper Day on the 15th December, in exchange for a contribution of £1.00. Funds raised will go towards Santa's costs so please do contribute so that in the spirit of Christmas, we can continue making Santa's visit available to all children.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We have a very small team and to ensure we can keep the PTA running we are always looking for volunteers to help organise and run events. Without a PTA the kids would go without so many enriching experiences and resources. We are looking for whatever help you can provide. There is no expectation to attend every meeting or event and the PTA is a great way to meet new friends. If you would like to become part of the committee or would like more information please get in touch.

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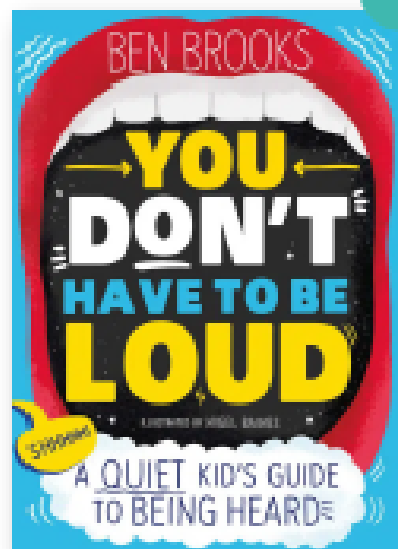
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The Kindest Red: A Story of Hijab and Friendship

IBTIHAJ MUHAMMAD

The highly-anticipated sequel to *The Proudest Blue*; a **NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER** which explores sisterhood, and kindness, from trailblazer and Olympic medallist Ibtihaj Muhammad.

I want a kind world. A world where kindness passes from one to another. When Faizah's teacher asks her class to imagine what kind of world they want to live in Faizah imagines a world where everyone is kind to one another, and tries to create that world in the school playground. But what Faizah wants most is to be like her big sister, Asiya. Will Faizah's classmates repay her kindness and find a way for her to match Asiya in time for school photo day? An important and uplifting story about celebrating each other's differences and similarities.



You Don't Have to be Loud BEN BROOKS

Illustrated by Nigel Baines

A shy kid's guide to thriving in their own (quiet) way. Do you sometimes feel afraid of talking in front of people, making a mistake or saying the wrong thing? While everywhere else you look there are loud, confident people? You're not alone. Ben Brooks also grew up as a shy child (so much so that he'd rather have cut his own hair or spend a week at a Silent Retreat than have to speak to other people). But he soon realised that being quiet doesn't make you strange or wrong or boring. In fact, being shy can give you great skills such as listening, kindness and compassion. It's something to embrace and be proud of. In this book, Ben introduces readers to some of the most famous, talented and brilliant shy people – including Charles Darwin, David Bowie, Greta Thunberg, Rosa Parks, Beyonce and Emma Watson – who used their special quietness to achieve awesome things, and he shares his tips for growing up shy in a world that can sometimes feel, well, LOUD. Because you don't have to be loud to be liked, and you definitely don't have to be loud to make an impact!

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A Glasshouse of Stars

SHIRLEY MARR

Meixing Lim and her family have arrived in the New Land to begin a New Life. Everything is scary and different. Their ever-changing house is confusing and she finds it hard to understand the other children at school.

Yet in her magical glasshouse, with a strange black-and-white cat, Meixing finds a place to dream. But then Meixing's life comes crashing down in unimaginable ways. Only her two new and unexpected friends can help. By being brave together, they will learn how to make the stars shine brighter.

A Glasshouse of Stars is based on the author's childhood and beautifully illustrates the importance of friendship, kindness and love.



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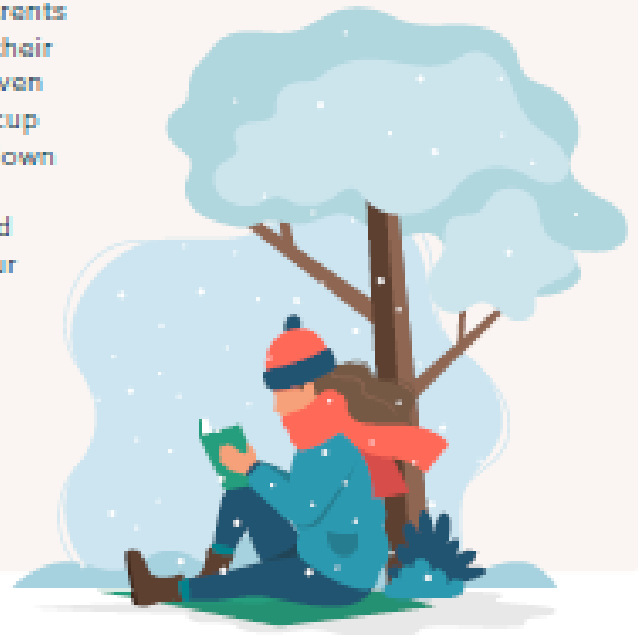
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WINTER WONDERS

As the days grow shorter and temperatures drop, there's nothing quite like snuggling up with a good book to make winter feel a bit warmer. There's something magical about getting lost in a story while the wind howls and the snow falls outside, isn't there? And the best part is, it's a joy that can be shared with our children. Reading together as a family can be a memorable part of the colder months. Whether it's revisiting classics like "The Snowman" for younger children or diving into enchanting worlds like Narnia for the older ones, books have a way of bringing families together. Plus, they offer a fantastic alternative to screen time, providing mental stimulation and fuelling imagination even as the outdoor activities are limited.

If you're not sure where to start, many libraries and bookshops curate special, "cosy reads" and we have included some wonderful recommendations to get you started.

It's a great opportunity to introduce your children to new genres or authors. We also encourage parents to let their children choose books that pique their interest, as it makes the reading experience even more engaging for them. So why not make a cup of hot cocoa, grab some blankets and settle down with a good book? It's not just a way to pass the time; it's a way to travel to new worlds and go on adventures—all from the comfort of your living room.



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RECOMMENDED READING

Clive Penguin HUW LEWIS JONES

Illustrated by Ben Sanders

Who's ever heard of a penguin that doesn't like the cold? Surrounded by the same old snow, day in day out and always bloomin' freezing, Clive Penguin wishes he was somewhere else. **SOMEONE** else. But, with an epic discovery just around the corner, the solution might be easier than he thinks.

From real life polar-exploring adventurer Huw Lewis Jones and award-winning illustrator Ben Sanders comes a quirky story about getting what you need, rather than what you want. Readers will hoot with laughter at the hilariously deadpan Clive Penguin - a unique voice that's perfect for fans of Jon Klassen, Oliver Jeffers and Morag Hood. Featuring edgy illustrations complete with orange neon ink. Oh, and penguins.



A Thing Called Snow YUZAL ZOMMER

A gorgeous Christmas picture book that's destined to become a festive classic. Fox and Hare were born in spring, grew up in summer, and were best friends by autumn. When winter comes, they can't wait to jump, leap and bounce in this thing called snow. But what exactly is snow?

Join fox and hare on an Arctic journey as they ask all their friends to help them find out. This is a charming and classic-feeling Christmas picture book with a heartfelt message about seeing the wonder of the natural world. Families will love sharing the story and talking about kindness, community, and the true meaning of Christmas. Award-winning author of books such as *The Big Book of Bugs* and *The Big Book of Beasts*, Yuval Zommer puts the living world at the heart of his powerful storytelling.



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Tyger S.F. SAID

Illustrated by **Dave McKean**

Winner of the British Book Award for Children's Fiction Book of the Year 2023!

Adam has found something incredible in a rubbish dump in London. A mysterious, mythical, magical animal. A TYGER. And the tyger is in danger. Adam and his friend Zadie are determined to help, but it isn't just the tyger's life at stake. Their whole world is on the verge of destruction. Can they learn to use their powers before it's too late?

