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Dear Families,

Mrs Chacon-Alvarez has been extremely busy over the last couple of weeks

organising resources and special visitors for our Easter Stations. She also organised a very special visitor for the **Palm Sunday Station, Norman the donkey!** We would like to say a huge thank you to Sadie Corbridge, her dad Phillip and Reggie for bringing Norman to spend the morning with us on the school field. Norman the donkey and Sadie helped to bring to life Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. It was amazing for the children and staff to share this experience. We are extremely fortunate at Lambourn, as not every school has the facilities and supportive community that enables these extraordinary opportunities.

We are also extremely grateful to Julie Mintern who stayed for the entire morning after delivering collective worship, as she usually does on a Tuesday. Julie spent the morning with Norman telling the children about when Jesus went into the city of Jerusalem and how the crowd was very excited. Julie explained the significance of the donkey and the links to Christianity. She explained how many had heard of Jesus, his teachings and his miracles. Julie talked about how Jesus rode through the city gates on a young donkey, the people cheered and praised God. 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord'. As people began to throw their cloaks and palm leaves onto the ground to pave the way for Jesus, their hearts were full of expectation. The children had time to reflect on the big questions and contemplate their own hopes and dreams for the future and pray for God's action in them.

We all know that a donkey carried Mary to Bethlehem and Jesus rode a donkey to Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and the significance of Jesus' riding a donkey was that he was coming in peace. The donkey so loved his master that he later followed Jesus to Calvary. Grief-stricken by the sight of Jesus on the cross, the donkey turned away but couldn't leave. It was then that the shadow of the cross fell upon the shoulders and back of the donkey, and there it stayed. All donkeys have borne the sign of the cross on their backs since that very day. Having Norman with us meant that the children were able to see the cross markings on the donkeys back for themselves. The children were able to visit another five stations in different areas of the school finishing with the resurrection. During each station children explored the big questions to help them reflect on the events.

With best wishes

Maria

Miss Maria Cupit

Dates for Your Diary 2024

INSET Day

Thursday 28th March 2024

Term 5

**Monday 15th April – Friday
24th May**

'Little Lambourn Lights'

**Every Wednesday Afternoon
2.00pm – 3.15pm**

World Autism Acceptance Week

02.04.24 – 08.04.24

Bikeability

8th May: Y5 Level 1

Class group photos

5th June

Athlete to visit the school

6th June

Year 6 Residential

24th June – 26th June 2024

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Easter Stations

Station 1 Hopes and Dreams - The Story of Palm Sunday. Luke 19.28-44

Station 2 Servant King - Jesus washes the disciples' feet. John 13. 1-15

Station 3 Remember me - The Last Supper. Matthew 26.17-30

Station 4 Alone - In the Garden of Gethsemane. Matthew 26.36-56

Station 5 Sharing our sorrows - The Crucifixion. Mark 15.21-41

Station 6 Resurrection - The empty tomb. John 20.1-18



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Lambourn Choir Perform at the Hexagon Reading

Thank you to all the staff and parents who supported the choir this year in preparation for and by attending the performance of this year's exciting Junior Music Festival. It saw the children going on a journey across the world!

From Africa to South America, they met animals and experienced lands across our precious earth. There were monkeys, hippopotami, condors and more.

As always there was a range of musical styles for singers to embrace; pop, musical theatre, folk and a selection of songs from 'Yanomamo' a musical about the Yanomami; the oldest Indian tribe living in the Amazon rainforest.

As they explored their way through this year's Junior Music Festival, they made sure they had the 'Bare Necessities' and sang their way through Toto's 'Africa'. An amazing experience for all involved.



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

Friday Working Parents Provision Club: we are organising our Friday Working Parent/Carers provision for the school term 5 and term 6 April 19th to July 19th 2024 . If you wish to apply for a place for your child, please kindly complete the form that was sent out on Friday 15th March and return by Monday 15th April. The provision will run from **Friday April 19th to Friday July 19th, 2024**. We will contact you to confirm if your child is eligible to attend.

Breakfast Club: Breakfast Club for Term 5 (April and May) is now available to book via MCAS under Wraparound Care. In order to secure a place at breakfast club you must book and pay for your place unless you pay by childcare vouchers in which case you can message the school office with your dates.

Lunch Options for next term are available to select. If you are having a packed lunch that option must also be chosen in MCAS. See hot menu attached for the 3-week rotation.

Y6 Residential: please ensure you have paid £155 by Monday 15th April.

Y1 trip to the Living Rainforest on 17th April: please remember to give your consent and pay £10. The children will be taken to The Living Rainforest by minibus, leaving school at 9am and returning around 3:00pm. The children will need to wear school uniform, a coat, sensible walking shoes and require a packed lunch (including a water bottle).

Y5 trip to Shri Guru Nanak Gurdwara in Swindon: please remember to give your consent for this free trip. The children are required to bring a packed lunch and will return within school time.

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

27th March: PTA Rainbow Raffle and special Eater visitor
 27th March: Term ends at 1:30pm
 15th April: Back to school
 17th April: Y1 trip to The Living Rainforest
 24th April: Y5 trip to Shri Guru Nanak Gurdwara , Swindon
 24th April: Y6 moving up group photograph for Newbury Weekly
 8th May: Y5 Level 1 Bikeability
 27th May - 31st May: half term - school closed
 3rd June: School reopens at 8:40am
 5th June: Class group photos
 6th June: Athlete to visit the school
 10th June: Rags to Riches collection
 12th June: Y2 trip to Victorian school
 24th June - 26th June 2024: Year 6 Residential
 5th July: Sports Day (tbc)

8th July: Swimming Gala (tbc)
 8th and 9th July: Y6 Group 1 Level 2 Bikeability
 15th and 16th July: Y6 Group 2 Level 2 Bikeability
 19th July: Colour Run (PTA event)

For the school term dates please visit the following link
<https://lambourn.excalibur.org.uk/parent-information/calendar/>

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Christian Vision & Values Medals

'Let Your Light Shine'

F2 - Leah

Year 1 - Isla

Year 2 - Lola

Year 3 - Logan

Year 4 - Alfie

Year 5 - Thanshika

Year 6 - Jan

Reading Champions

Louie & Sanjana

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 & Oscar

Year 1 - George & Elodie

Year 2 - Arlo & Betsy

Year 3 - Tegan & Isla

Year 4 - Logan & Matilda

Year 5 - Petra & Bella

Year 6 - Hugo & Ruby

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Easter Holidays at The Nature Discovery Centre

Come along and join us for our easter holiday activities.

- **Spring Animals Day Camp** - Wednesday 3rd April, £35 per child
- **Pond Dipping for Families** – Tuesday 9th April, £8 per child
- **Weird and Wonderful Wildlife Day Camp** - Thursday

11th April, £35 per child

Visit our website to book
or for more info: events@bbowt.org.uk



The Nature Discovery Centre
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Wildlife Photographer of the Year

£5 SPECIAL TICKET OFFER

Come and enjoy the Wildlife Photographer of the Year 59 exhibition at The Base Greenham on Wednesday 27 March between 2pm - 5pm for just £5 per person*

Simply enter **WPYHoliday5** at the checkout online or in person!

* This offer is subject to availability and is only valid for the following timeslots on Wednesday 27 March 2024 only: 14:00 - 15:00, 15:00 - 16:00 & 16:00 - 17:00. This offer cannot be applied retrospectively to tickets already purchased or used in conjunction with any other offer.

thebasegreenham.co.uk
Box Office 01635 522733
Greenham Business Park, RG19 6HN

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EASTER HOLIDAYS FUN AT THE BASE

Hop along to The Base for tonnes of creative fun for the whole family this Easter!

Wildlife Photographer of the Year 59

Bring the whole family along to marvel at the incredible pictures of nature in all it's forms on display in the 59th instalment of Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition.

We've put together a fun **free activity sheet** which you can use to guide your visit and gives them tasks to complete whilst they're in the Gallery space. There is also an **arty Easter egg hunt** for children!



Coming again this year to see an exhibition? Our Family Base Pass gives 2 adults and 2 children unlimited access to the Gallery for 12 months for just £45!



Tasty Treats...

Along with their fabulous range of delicious treats, Honesty at The Base has the handy Children's Lunch Box for the younger members of your family to enjoy...

Or if you're just popping in for a snack and quick drink, the lovely team at Honesty are offering a FREE Cawston Press juice box when you purchase a hot drink in the café - all you need to do is show your exhibition ticket on your phone.

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CREATIVE WORKSHOPS

Children's Easter Printmaking

Sat 30 Mar, 9.30am - 11.30am

Screenprint a Wildlife Tote

Thu 28 Mar, 10am - 12pm

Songs & Stories in the Gallery

Sat 6 Apr, 9.30am - 10.30am

Club Curious:

Exploring WPY59

Tue 9 & Fri 12 Apr, 9 - 10am,
10 - 11am or 11am - 12pm

Create Your Own Scribble

Monster T-Shirt

Sat 13 Apr, 10am - 11.30am
and 12pm - 1.30pm

Crafting with Nature

Wed 10 Apr, 10am - 12pm

Find out more & book online
via our website

