



## Newsletter 17.04.26

### Hello from Our Principal, Maria Cupit

Dear Families

#### **Futures Day: Exploring Interests for a Balanced Future**

As we begin another busy term, I want to share with you news about our successful 'Futures Day' at the end of last term. We were delighted to host our second Futures Day of the year - a special event designed to help children think more broadly about their futures.

Earlier in the year, our first Futures Day focused on the qualities that support future success, such as resilience, teamwork, and curiosity. This term, we shifted our focus to something just as important: interests and hobbies, and how these can support wellbeing and a healthy work/life balance as children grow.

Throughout the day, pupils took part in a wide range of activities, giving them the chance to try something new, develop skills, and discover what they enjoy. Activities included board games, sewing, music, sudoku, gardening, yoga, pottery, cake decorating, drawing, junk modelling, and painting.

The aim of the day was to highlight that future success is not only about academic achievement or career choices, but also about leading a balanced and fulfilling life.



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Hobbies can help reduce stress, build confidence, encourage creativity, and provide lifelong enjoyment. By experiencing a variety of activities, children were able to reflect on what helps them relax, focus, and feel happy.

It was wonderful to see so much enthusiasm, creativity, and collaboration across the school. Many pupils discovered new interests, while others deepened their passion for activities they already love. Just as importantly, they began to understand how making time for hobbies can positively support their mental health and overall wellbeing.

We hope this experience encourages children to continue exploring their interests at home and to recognise the value of balance in their daily lives. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

The end of term was a very busy one as well as our Futures Day we were extremely busy organising resources and special visitors for our Easter Stations. There was a very special visitor for the Palm Sunday Station, Norman the donkey! We would like to say a huge thank you to Sadie for bringing Norman to spend the morning with us on the school field. Norman helped to bring to life Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. It was amazing for the children and staff to share in this experience.

We are extremely fortunate at Lambourn, as not every school has the facilities and supportive community that enables these extraordinary opportunities.



## Hello from Our Principal, Maria Cupit... continued

We are also extremely grateful to Julie Minter who stayed with us for the morning relaying the story to the children of how Jesus travelled to the city of Jerusalem and how excited the crowds were to greet Him. Julie explained the significance of the donkey and its links to Christianity. She explained how many had heard of Jesus, his teachings and his miracles. Julie talked to the children about how Jesus had rode through the city gates on a young donkey. The people had said, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord." Many had laid down their cloaks and palm leaves on the ground to pave the way to welcome Jesus; their hearts were full of expectation. The children had a chance to reflect on the big questions as well as contemplate their 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 into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, 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. He was so grief-stricken by the sight of Jesus on the cross that he turned away. But couldn't leave. It was then that the shadow of the cross fell on the back and shoulders of the donkey, and there it stayed. All donkeys have borne the sign of the cross on their backs from that very day. Having Norman with us meant that that children were able to see the cross markings on the donkeys back for themselves. The children also had the opportunity to visit other Easter stations including: 'The Washing of the Disciples Feet', 'The Last Supper', 'The Garden of Gethsemane', 'The Crucifixion' and 'The Resurrection'. During each station the children explored the big questions that enabled them to develop their knowledge and understanding as well as providing the opportunity for them to reflect on the events.



## School Celebrations

### Values Medals 23rd March



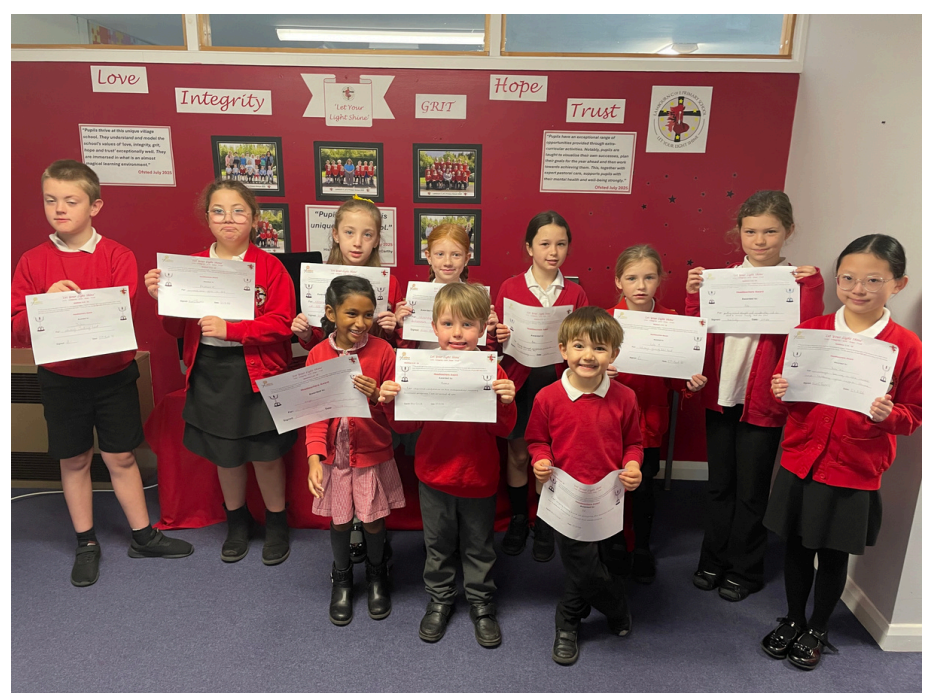
### Reading Champions 27th March



### Handwriting & Presentation 27th March



### Headteacher Awards 27th March



### Maths Champions 27th March



### Top Doodler 27th March



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## School Office:

# Reminders, updates & future calendar dates

### Reminders and updates:

**23<sup>rd</sup> April:** Year 1 and Year 2 trip to The Living Rainforest . The children will need to wear school uniform, a coat, sensible walking shoes and require a packed lunch (including a water bottle).

### Future Calendar Dates (new dates added - event information will show in bold)

23<sup>rd</sup> April: Year 1 and Year 2 trip to The Living Rainforest

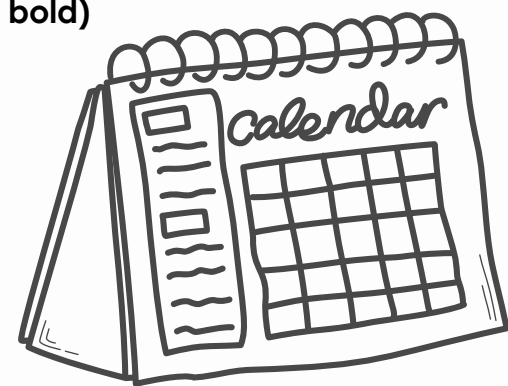
18<sup>th</sup> May: Choir sing at The Corn Exchange in Newbury

18<sup>th</sup> May: Year 2 and Year 1 COOL Session at 3pm

16<sup>th</sup> June: Choir sing at the Hexagon in Reading

29<sup>th</sup> June: Year 6 Residential

14<sup>th</sup> July: Reception trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park



If you have a query about your child please contact their class teacher in the first instance:

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## Attendance

Please keep your child home if they have a fever, or feel too unwell to do normal activities. Specific guidance requires keeping children off for 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting. Children with a fever should stay home until it breaks, while mild symptoms like a runny nose or slight cough, without a fever, are usually fine for school.



## Do I need to keep my child off school?



<b>Chicken Pox</b> Until all spots have crusted over	<b>Conjunctivitis</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Diarrhoea &amp; Vomiting</b> 48 hours from last episode	<b>Glandular Fever</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Hand, foot &amp; mouth</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Impetigo</b> Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
<b>Measles or German Measles</b> 4 days from onset of rash	<b>Mumps</b> 5 days from onset of swelling	<b>Scabies</b> Until after first treatment	<b>Scarlet Fever</b> 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	<b>Slapped Cheek</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Whooping Cough</b> 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
<b>Flu</b> Until recovered	<b>Head Lice</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Threadworms</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Tonsillitis</b> No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed		



## School Council

We are excited to welcome the School Council back to the final Summer Term of school. There are many plans ahead and they will be kept very busy. From the start of the year the Councillors have expressed their desire to make positive environmental changes. As a result we are excited to celebrate Earth Day on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. On this day children will explore what climate change is and learn about Greenhouse gases and discover how everyday choices can make a difference. School Councillors will be doing their bit for the Big Clean Up and in Term 6 we will be doing our annual 'Litter Pick'.

We have also received our VegPower 'Growing to Love Tomatoes' packs and the School Council will be planting and looking after tomato plants in the coming weeks. We look forward to sunny and healthy days ahead!

Mrs Womersley and Miss Ross



# PTA



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NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING (EGM)

Date: 15.04.2026

Subject: Notice of EGM - [Friday 8th May 2026]

Dear Parents, Teachers, and Members,

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of the Lambourn School PTA will be held on Friday 8th May at 8.40am at School (Please come to the Office to sign in).

The meeting is called to discuss and vote on the following business:

1. An amendment to the Constitution to become a PTFA (to enable non parents/carers and teachers to volunteer and be on the committee).
2. Additional business as necessary.

As a parent or guardian of a child at the school, or a member of school staff, you are automatically a member of the association and are invited to attend. If you plan on attending please let us know via email.

Kind regards,  
Hannah Locke-Wheaton  
Chair  
Lambourn School PTA



## Year 1 & 2 Update

### **Hello from Year 1/2!**

I hope that everyone has had a very restful Easter holiday. It has been lovely to have everyone back in class this week and the children have been very enthusiastic in their learning.

In maths, we have been learning about telling the time and fractions. I have been incredibly impressed with the hard work that the children are putting into these challenging topics, and this is showing in their work. They face every new topic with a smile and are really showing that they are enjoying their learning.

In English, we have started our new unit based on 'The Great Kapok Tree'. This fits in very well ahead of our trip to the Living Rainforest next week.

We are all really looking forward to what the rest of the term has got in store!

Many thanks for your continued support  
Miss Townsend, Miss Ball, Mrs Lord and Mrs Backhouse



## Year 3 Update

### Hello from Year 3!

Welcome back for the final stretch! Year 3 have slipped back into their school routine beautifully; all ready and rested for the summer term.

We have started our new English book looking at 'Charlie and The Chocolate Factory' by Roald Dahl. We are actually being immersed in this book as this is our book for reading reconsidered and our end of day story. By the end of the unit, the children will have produced a newspaper report which will tell people about Charlie's experience in the factory. This week we looked at a new writing feature - subordinate clauses. While this was tricky and we are still wrapping our heads around how to include these in our work, I was so blown away by the children's GRIT and resilience to learning a new skill.

In maths we are moving onto money. As they have already covered the value of coins and notes in previous years, the focus has been on adding and subtracting a variety of values under £10.

We are starting lots of new units in our other lessons such as 'The Alps' in geography, 'Ancient Egyptians' in history and 'Light' in science so the children will hopefully have lots of new information to share with you.

Thank you so much for your continued support with all outside schoolwork such as Fonetti and Doodle. I want to say a big well done to Aria, Virendra and Joshua who have over 1000 stars across all Doodle apps and Leo, Scott and Oscar who have over 2000 stars across all apps. Keep it up!

Thank you for your continued support,  
Miss Ross



## Year 4 Update

### **Hello from Year 4!**

It has been lovely to welcome Year 4 back after the Easter break and they have hit the ground running!

This week we have been singing along to Percy Parker's 3 times table and the children are all making good progress with this.

In writing, they have looked at instructions for baking cookies - perhaps they could have a go at making some this weekend!

Thank you as always for your support!

Mr Wootten and Mrs Smith



## Year 5 Update

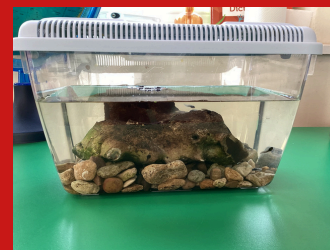
### Hello from Year 5!

With a positive start to the term, Year 5 have been showing a great attitude to their learning.

In English, we have begun writing emotive flashback narratives, using The Piano video as inspiration.

In writing, the children have been enjoying reading the poem Icarus by Kae Tempest and have formed some fantastic predictions using evidence from the text.

We have also gained some class tadpoles to support us with our new Science unit on Animals and Humans!



## Year 6 Update

### **Hello from Year 6!**

Welcome to what promises to be a very busy and exciting summer term for Year 6!

This is always a memorable time in the school year, filled with important milestones, celebrations, and opportunities for the children to shine.

This term, we will be studying Macbeth, exploring the story, characters, and themes of betrayal and power. In maths, our focus will be on algebra.

Pupils will learn how to use simple formulae, find unknown values, and solve problems involving patterns and sequences- key skills as they prepare for secondary school.

As well as preparing for transition to secondary school, we will continue to support the children academically and emotionally during this important time.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Miss O'Farrell



## Community News



### KS2 Twilight Transition event: Action packed evening

King Alfred's Academy would like to take the opportunity to invite you along to an exciting transition opportunity- our Physical Education department will be leading an exciting twilight workshop, taking place on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May from 4.15pm to 6.00pm on West Site.**

#### Outline of the evening:

You will be welcomed into the main hall for refreshments before undertaking a high energy event which will include the opportunity for pupils to take on the staff in a pupil vs. staff challenge.

The Physical Education team hope to build on the hugely successful transition events held previously, and the sessions will lend you a true sense of the opportunities that King Alfred's Academy has to offer. These events also provide KS2 pupils and parents/guardians from our local feeder schools with the opportunity to further explore a secondary school environment and begin to forge positive relationships with our teaching staff.

If you would like to attend, please confirm your attendance via the link below.

[Twilight Transition Evening - Thursday 7th May 2026 - Fill out form](#)

The Physical Education team are really excited to have the opportunity to show off their faculty and are looking forward to seeing you soon.

Yours Sincerely,

King Alfred's Academy



Good Vibes Music Academy has just one space left for guitar or ukulele lessons at Lambourn Primary and we want to make sure that any students that wish to learn have the opportunity to do so. Good Vibes' lessons are based around famous songs that students will love playing! If you want to start lessons, sign up at <https://www.goodvibesmusicacademy.co.uk/lambourn> and they will get you strumming in no time!

