



Newsletter 17.07.26

Hello from Our Principal, Maria Cupit

Dear Families,

As we come to the end of another wonderful school year, I would like to begin by expressing my sincere gratitude to our incredible PTA for organising such a fantastic Summer Event on Friday 10th July. It was a truly enjoyable afternoon, bringing together our school community to celebrate another successful year. Events like these take an enormous amount of planning, commitment and enthusiasm, and we are so fortunate to have such a dedicated group of volunteers who give their time so generously. The PTA plays a vital role in school life, not only by creating memorable events for our children and families but also through the invaluable fundraising they undertake. Their efforts provide resources and opportunities that enrich the experiences of every child in our Nursery and Primary School. If you have ever considered getting involved, I would warmly encourage you to become a member. Whether you can offer a little time or a lot, every contribution makes a real difference, and new members are always welcome.

As I reflect on the year, I feel incredibly proud of everything our pupils have achieved. From our youngest learners in Nursery, taking their first exciting steps on their educational journey, to our oldest pupils preparing for the next chapter, every child has shown determination, resilience, kindness and enthusiasm for learning. Their successes, both inside and outside the classroom, are a credit to themselves, their families and our dedicated staff.



Hello from Our Principal, Maria Cupit... continued

None of this would be possible without the unwavering support of our parents and carers. Thank you for working in partnership with us throughout the year, whether by supporting learning at home, attending school events, volunteering your time or simply encouraging your children every day. Together, we have created a nurturing and ambitious community where every child can flourish.

A special mention must go to our Year 6 pupils, who now prepare to leave us for secondary school. Many of them have been part of our school family since Nursery or Reception, and it has been a privilege to watch them grow into confident, thoughtful and capable young people. They have been excellent role models for our younger pupils and have contributed so much to the life of the school over the years. While it is always difficult to say goodbye, we know they are ready for the exciting opportunities that lie ahead. We wish each and every one of them every success and happiness as they begin this new chapter, and we hope they will always remember that they will remain a valued part of our school family and we ask them to remember to 'Let Your LIGHT Shine'.

I would also like to thank our exceptional staff. Their dedication, professionalism and care ensure that every child is supported, challenged and encouraged to achieve their very best. They consistently go above and beyond, and I am incredibly grateful for everything they do.



Hello from Our Principal, Maria Cupit... continued

Sadly, we have to say a few goodbyes to staff that are leaving us at the end of this year. We would like to thank Mr Wootten who is leaving us to take up a new position in September; I know Y4 have enjoyed having Mr Wootten as their teacher since January 2026 and we are grateful for his contribution to our school community over the last four terms.

Miss Linsley will be leaving us at the end of her second year in Year 5 as she is returning to university in September to begin her post graduate studies to become an Educational Psychologist. We wish her every success in her future studies and career and we are grateful for all that she has contributed to the school community in her two years as part of the Lambourn family.

Finally, after more than 20 years of dedicated service, we are saying a fond farewell to one of our much-loved teaching assistants, Mrs Backhouse as she begins her well-earned retirement. Throughout her time at our school, she has made an incredible contribution, supporting children across every stage of their primary education - from EYFS right through to Year 6. Generations of pupils have benefited from her kindness, patience, encouragement, and unwavering commitment to helping every child achieve their best.

Her positive attitude, caring nature, and wealth of experience have made her an invaluable member of our school community. She has built lasting relationships with pupils, families, and colleagues alike, and her presence will be greatly missed by everyone who has had the pleasure of working alongside her.



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As she closes this chapter, we would like to thank her for the dedication, compassion, and hard work she has shown over the years. The difference she has made to the lives of so many children is a lasting legacy, and we are incredibly grateful for everything she has given to our school.

On behalf of the entire school community, we wish her a happy, healthy, and fulfilling retirement. May this new chapter be filled with opportunities to relax, spend precious time with family and friends, pursue new interests, and enjoy all the adventures that lie ahead. Thank you for everything, we wish you every happiness in your retirement.

As the summer holidays begin, I hope every family has the opportunity to rest, recharge and enjoy some special time together. We look forward to welcoming our returning pupils, as well as those joining our school community for the first time, in September for another exciting year of learning, friendship and opportunity.

Thank you for being such an important part of our school community. I wish you all a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer break.

With warmest wishes,
Maria
Miss Cupit



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School Celebrations

Values Medals 13th July



Reading Champion 17th July



Handwriting & Presentation
17th July



Headteacher Awards 17th July



Maths Champions 17th July



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School Office:

Reminders, updates & future calendar dates

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

20th July: Y6 Leavers service in church at 1:30pm

Please follow link and complete the short survey for Impact Food Group that supply and make our pupil lunches everyday

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/FSdc4uQd3b>



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

Mrs Crick: F1@lambourn.excalibur.org.uk F2@lambourn.excalibur.org.uk

Miss Townsend Y1@lambourn.excalibur.org.uk

Miss Townsend Y2@lambourn.excalibur.org.uk

Ms Ross Y3@lambourn.excalibur.org.uk

Mr Wootten Y4@lambourn.excalibur.org.uk

Ms Linsley Y5@lambourn.excalibur.org.uk

Miss O'Farrell Y6@lambourn.excalibur.org.uk

For any other enquiries please phone or e-mail the school office: 0148871479
admin@lambourn.excalibur.org.uk





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?



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





F2 Trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park



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Year 1 & 2 Update

I cannot believe that I am writing the final newsletter update of the school year. It has absolutely flown by!

The children now know who their teacher will be in September. I am delighted to be keeping Year 1 for another year, but it will be bittersweet to see the Year 2's move into their new class having taught them for 2 years now. I know that they will continue to do themselves proud in Year 3 and they will have a great time with Miss Ross and Mrs Lord and continue to let their light shine. Our transition day gave me a glimpse of what to expect next year and I was so impressed with the way that the Year 1's welcomed the new members of our classroom and I am sure that they will be excellent role models for the F2's as they move into Year 1 in September.

It has been a very busy year, and every child has made progress that they should be proud of. The children have developed some admirable learning behaviours this year that will ensure they are ready for the next step on their learning journey. They have believed in themselves, listened carefully, and truly done themselves proud this year. While it has not been easy every step of the way, they have faced every challenge with enthusiasm and grit.

Over the Summer holidays I would like to encourage the children to continue using Doodle and Fonetti to ensure that they keep practising the skills that they have learned over this school year so that they can hit the ground running in September. That being said, I recognise that the children also deserve a well-earned break, and I hope that they all enjoy the 6-week holiday.

I wish everyone a happy and safe time over the Summer holidays, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

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



Year 3 Update

Hello from Year 3!

This week, we reached the end of our Year 3 curriculum content and the children should be incredibly proud of everything they have achieved throughout the year.

The children worked extremely hard on both their Golden Essays and their final independent writing pieces. It was wonderful to see them consolidate the knowledge they had gained throughout our units while also showcasing the writing skills they have developed over the course of the year. Their effort, creativity and resilience have been a pleasure to see.

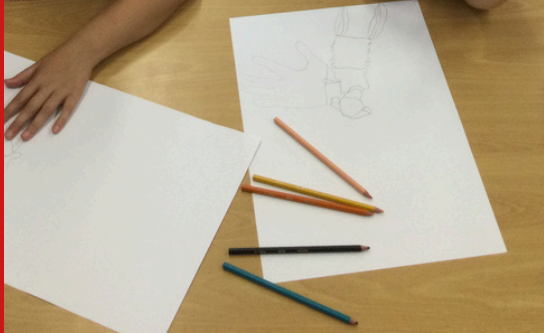
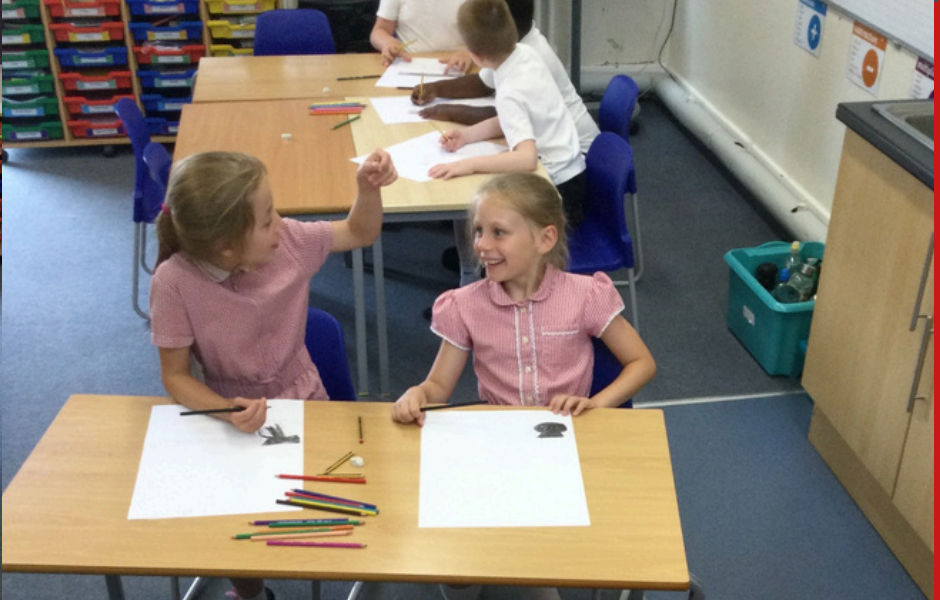
We were also fortunate enough to welcome visitors from the Watermill Theatre, who delivered a series of workshops based on their current production of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part and embraced the opportunity with enthusiasm and confidence.

I would like to say how incredibly proud I am of all the work the children have produced this term, particularly in math. The progress made across the class has been phenomenal, and it has been a privilege to watch their confidence, resilience and understanding grow throughout the year. I am very lucky to be able to continue seeing them develop and flourish further as they move into Year 4.

Thank you for all of your support throughout the year. I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable summer break, and we look forward to welcoming the children back refreshed, recharged and ready for the exciting challenges of Year 4.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year,
Miss Ross (photos on next page)





Year 4 Update

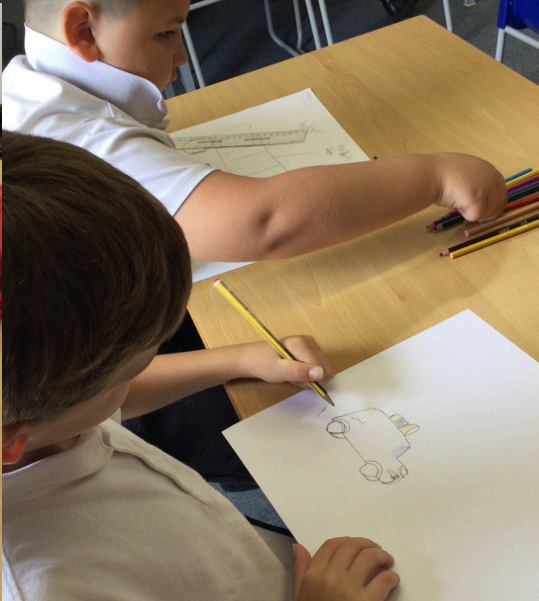
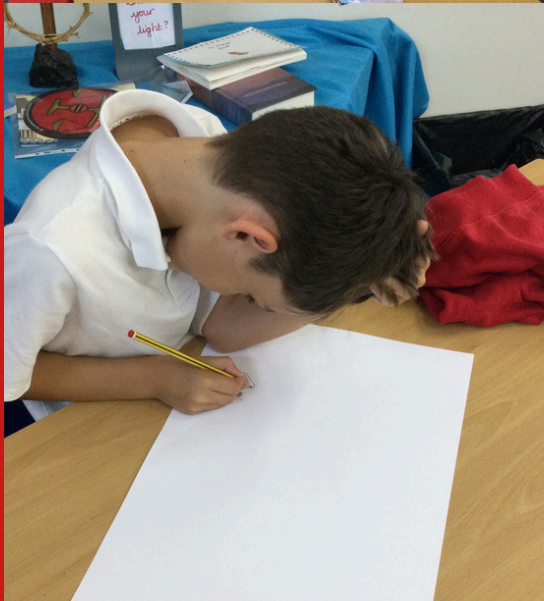
Hello from Year 4!

Another busy couple of weeks in Year 4! This week there was a visit from members of staff from the Watermill Theatre in Newbury and the children enjoyed workshops including design, dance and acting. All the children joined in well and had a thoroughly enjoyable time learning about behind the scenes of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. As part of their art lessons on African patterns, the pupils used milk bottles to make some charming elephant models. They firstly made a paper shell before covering the model in African style patterns. They used a similar technique to make some lamp shades for their battery powered lamps, to finish off their topic on electricity. All the children were successful in creating a circuit with the lamp shades lighting up beautifully.

See photos on next page

Thank you as always for your support!
Mr Wootten and Mrs Smith





Year 5 Update

Hello from Year 5!

As we are approaching the end of term, we have been reflecting on all the fun we have had in Year 5. The children have made an incredible amount of progress over the year, and they should be very proud of themselves.

Last week, the children summarised their learning from our Global Trade unit in Geography to design products, considering how Fairtrade could be used to manufacture them.

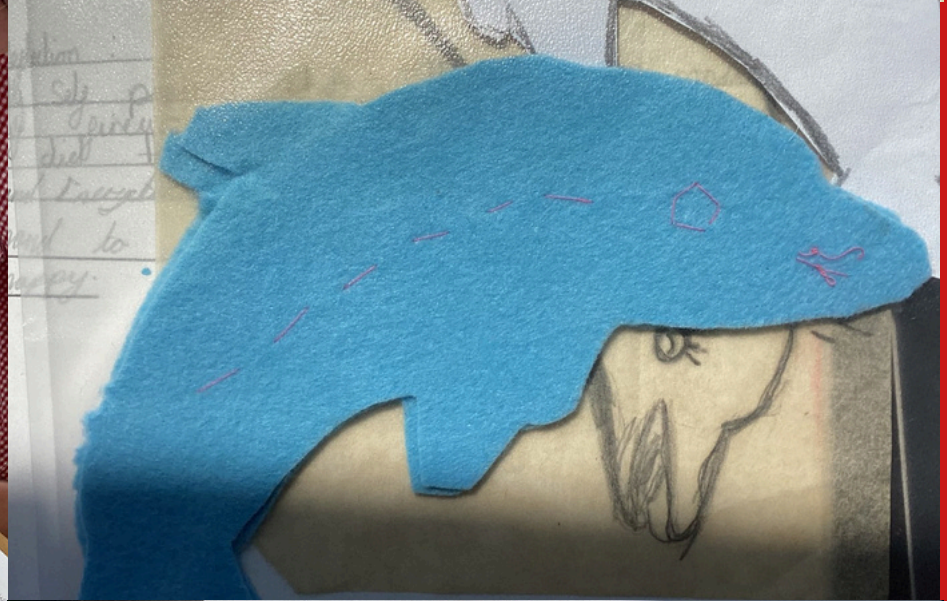
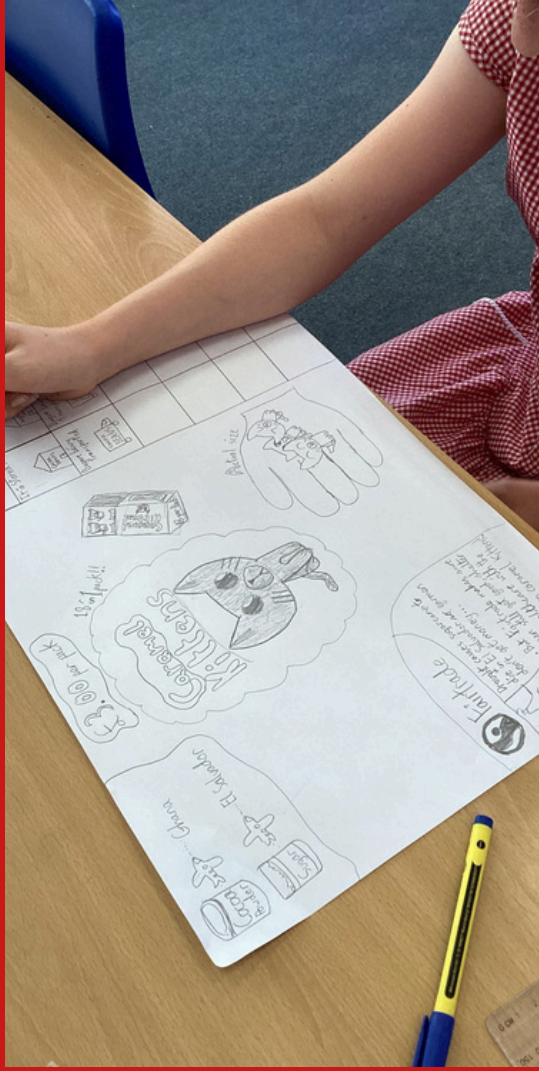
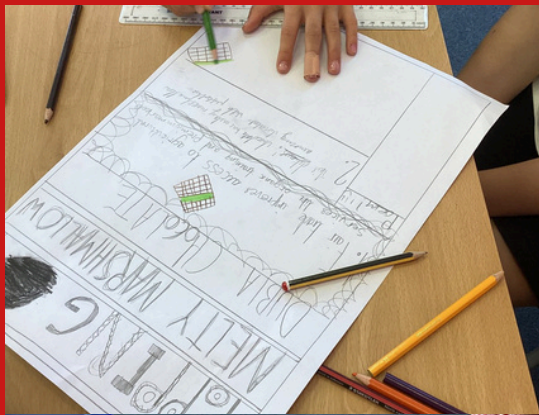
We are finishing of our learning for this term with a DT project where we are sewing and stuffing toys. The children have demonstrated their creativity and resilience skills brilliantly!

Thank you for all your continued support throughout the year.

Good luck in Year 6!

Miss Linsley (photos on next page)





Year 6 Update

Hello from Year 6!

What an incredible way to end primary school! I couldn't be prouder of our amazing Year 6 children and all they have achieved this year.

A huge congratulations to every member of the cast and crew for their fantastic performance in Peter Pan. Their confidence, enthusiasm, teamwork and dedication shone through in every rehearsal and performance, and they truly entertained audiences with a production to remember. We are immensely proud of every child for stepping out of their comfort zone and giving their very best.

This final term has been filled with memorable experiences, from the residential trip and transition activities to celebrating friendships and creating lasting memories together. Throughout it all, Year 6 have demonstrated resilience, kindness, maturity and a real sense of community, making them wonderful role models for the rest of the school.

As they prepare to begin the next exciting chapter of their education, we wish each and every one of them every success and happiness in secondary school and beyond. We know they will continue to embrace opportunities, overcome challenges and make us proud.

Good luck, Year 6-you will always be a special part of our school family. We will miss you all and can't wait to hear about everything you achieve in the years ahead!

Miss O'Farrell



Community News



READ to the BEAT

Summer Activities

Lambourn Library

Compose Yourself – Music as a Storyteller
with Berkshire Music Trust
Tuesday 28 July, 2pm–2.45pm – Book here:
<https://tinyurl.com/wberkslibraries39>

Lego and Loom Bands
Thursdays 6, 13 and 27 August, 3:30–5:15pm

Books and Biscuits
Thursday 20 August, 3:30–5:15pm

Allsorts Club – Summer Activities
Every Friday, 10am–4pm

Colouring Fun – Every Saturday
10am–12pm

All events are suitable for children aged 5 to 11 years old, so just drop-in unless stated. For more information: 01488 71350
lambournlibrary@westberks.gov.uk



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READ to the BEAT

Compose Yourself: Music as a Storyteller

Lambourn Library
Tuesday 28 July, 2pm–2.45pm

Join us for a lovely, hands-on session where children experiment with tempo, rhythm, and musical texture to create their own soundtrack for a story scene.

Participants will learn how musicians shape atmosphere—creating excitement, tension, or calm through sound. This interactive workshop helps children understand the powerful link between reading, imagination, and music, which is at the very heart of Read to the Beat.

This session is suitable for children aged 5 to 11 years old. Please note that children under 8 must be accompanied by a parent. For more information and to book: <https://tinyurl.com/wberkslibraries39>





With thanks to Lambourn Library Friends Group

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Summer Holiday Sports Days



At Lambourn Sports Centre
Close End, Lambourn,
Hungerford RG17 8NJ



Ages 5 – 15

Full Day: from £30*	Half Day: £15
10am to 3pm	10am to 1pm or 12pm to 3pm

Sports Days where children will be taught by qualified adult coaches to play a variety of sports including: Badminton, Fencing, Athletics and Softball Cricket The children will also learn about fitness, ball skills and teamwork.

Contact cmsportscamp@gmail.com
for more information Or visit cmsportscamp.co.uk
to book online

*if booked two days in advance otherwise £35 a day



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HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

All Years
Menstrual Health and
Period Education Advocates

July 2026

FREE PERIOD PANTS AVAILABLE TO ORDER ONLINE

Period pants are now available on our website on a first come, first served basis. We will email everyone to confirm their orders, so no-one is left wondering. Please make sure you give us a valid email address.

You are welcome to request pants for each member of your household but please complete a form for each person so everyone gets the correct size period pants. We expect this service to be very popular so please allow 28 days for us to pick, pack and post your pants. You can order at www.allyourbox.co.uk/request

DADS DO PADS – AUTUMN DATES

Our next Dads Do Pads Sessions will be back in the Autumn. These free online workshops give dads, carers, and other men a relaxed, confidential space to learn about periods so they can better support the young people in their lives.

On Thursday 24th September at 7.30pm, Dads Do Pads offers a comprehensive guide to everything from pads and tampons to menstrual cups and period underwear, including how to use and care for them safely.

Then on **Thursday 1st October at 7.30pm**, the **Menstrual Cycle Edition** walks through the four stages of the cycle and how each can affect energy, mood, and confidence, helping dads offer meaningful, well-informed support.

Both sessions are held online, in a men-only space to encourage open conversation, with plenty of opportunity to ask questions. To sign up, visit www.allyourbox.co.uk/events

SUMMER COLLECTION

Our period boxes will be available throughout the summer holidays from our community collection points. Find your nearest point here www.allyourbox.co.uk/box-collection-points

Prefer reusables? You can still order those online anytime www.allyoursbox.co.uk/request

Can't get to a collection point? No problem, just drop us a line at box@allyourbox.co.uk and we'll send you information on how to access our special delivery service.

