

# Launton C of E School Newsletter

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## Happy New Year!

A warm welcome to our new families.

During the autumn term all the Y3, 4, and 5 pupils visited the library, everyone went to church for the Harvest Festival and Christmas Services, Y5 and 6 hosted visitors for a lovely choir and cake event, with Y4 providing the baking, and a fantastic team of Y5 and 6 pupils were serving refreshments and Sam and Sebastian playing their brass instruments. Y1 and 2 and EYFS each put on a super Nativity play. There were Rugby and Football festivals for Y3 and 4, the school cross country and Bicester and Oxfordshire Cross County finals. There were clubs for rugby, football, basketball, netball and multiskills, and lunchtime sports clubs with our Cherwell Activators Team and with Mr Mawn, plus art club.

In between times, there were two events that the children noticed they had not had chance to write about in the newsletter...

### Skipping Challenge

Last term, children at Launton took part in a skipping challenge on a Monday morning with Mr Mawn. Children learnt how to skip well and counted how many skips they could do in one minute each week. Everyone joined in and challenged themselves to get a bit better each week.

"Skipping is lots of fun. I ran a skipping club at lunchtime with Tilly and Sophia. We help and encourage younger children to skip." (Adriana, Chestnut class)

"I have really enjoyed skipping on a Monday morning, I've improved and can even do backward skipping now." (Clara, Oak Class)

"It's fun, it helps me wake up on a Monday morning." (Elizabeth, Oak class)

"Skipping helps you to become fit and healthy." (Teddy, Beech class)

"Skipping is a real challenge, you use lots of muscles and get out of breath." (Robyn, Beech class)

"Skipping is hard but the more you skip, the easier it gets, and you make progress." (Rebecca, Beech class)

### Our local MP visitor Article by Ella G., Ella W. and Sam

Calum Miller (MP) is the Member of Parliament for the Bicester and Woodstock constituency. Pupils from years 4, 5 and 6 worked together to create questions which they put to Calum in a meeting in the hall. He told us about his work schedule and how he travels to London to work in the Houses of Parliament and he also uses an office in Bicester. We had learnt a lot about Parliamentary democracy and we prepared the day before so that we could ask searching questions. "My question was 'Can you provide more activities for young people in the area?'" "My question was 'How can you help there to be more doctors and nurses to treat people?'" "My question was 'Why are schools so woefully underfunded?'"

## Message from the PTA

Happy New Year from the PTA.

It's January Sale time for Preloved Uniform. We will be selling preloved uniform in the school hall on Thursday 16 Jan from 2:45pm. All items will be half their usual price, so please come and buy those extras you need now or stock up for the future.

We are planning the events for the rest of the year - so watch this space for more dates for your diary!

To contact the PTA, email

[friendsoflaunton-pta@googlegroups.com](mailto:friendsoflaunton-pta@googlegroups.com)

Your current trustees are:

Lucy Crawford - Chair (Yr 2)

Emma Austin - Vice-Chair (Yr 1 and 3)

Charlotte Noakes - Secretary (Reception and Yr 3)

Laura Smith - Treasurer (Yr1 and 5)

Catherine Hall - Treasurer (Yr 3)



## In other news

Katie Swinburn our Home School Link worker alongside Karen Ariss from adult education at Abingdon and Witney College will be running a free 10-week nurturing programme for parents. It is a fantastic course that supports parents in building emotional health for the whole family. It can help provide strategies to understand, recognise and regulate children's behaviour at home. You are more than welcome to come along to the first session before deciding if you want to attend the whole course.

The course will run from the 25th of February to the 13th of May every Tuesday (excluding the Easter Holidays) at 12.30pm to 2.30pm at Brookside School. Tea, coffee, and biscuits will be available. Please email [familylinks@brookside.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:familylinks@brookside.oxon.sch.uk) to book your place or ask any further questions

[Family Links Leaflet](#)

## Updates & Reminders

### Useful Links –

[Brass Lessons in School](#)

[Clubs and Events](#)

[Launton Village Players Pantomime 2025](#)

[Oral Health Newsletter December 2024](#)

[Support for Parents](#)

[Internet Safety Webinar](#)

**Remember:** Please be aware that we have children in school with **serious food allergies**. To ensure the safety of all of our children please avoid sending your child to school with anything that contains nuts this includes sandwiches containing peanut butter or chocolate spread.

### Useful Links

Here is the NHS [Is my child too ill for school](#) information.

As parents and carers, there are ways we can support our children to give them the best chance to stay mentally healthy. Encouraging and guiding a child to think about their own mental health and wellbeing are vital skills you can teach them from a young age. [Children's mental health - Every mind matters](#)