

LAMBS LANE NEWS



Important!

WEEK 13 - END OF TERM

Lost Property

All unclaimed lost property will either be recycled to pre-loved uniform or disposed to Bag2School on Tuesday. Please look through before the end of term.

Your upcoming schedule:

Monday 19th Dec	Tuesday 20th Dec	Wednesday 4th Jan	Thursday 5th Jan	Friday 6th Jan
	School finishes at 2pm	INSET DAY	BACK TO SCHOOL	

Christmas holiday



Have a lovely Christmas holiday everyone!

Spring Term sports clubs will start from Monday 9th January 2023

Attendance

As a school, we aim to have above 96% attendance. We hope you can support us in this goal!



Class	Attendance percentage
Owls	85.7%
Wrens	90.7%
Woodpeckers	91.9%
Kingfishers	90.6%
Merlins	83.4%
Year 5	88.8%
Year 6	92%
Whole School	89%

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

What a busy week we have had - 2 concerts, 3 trips and a Christmas Dinner! We have been so proud of all of the children who have performed this week, particularly those who had to stand in for others who were off sick. The Kitchen Team also did us proud with a delicious dinner to finish the last full week of term. Do remember that term ends on Tuesday at 2pm. Have a lovely Christmas break and we look forward to seeing you all in 2023!

Sharon Finn

Minutes missed of school due to lateness

This week we have had **483 minutes** of lost learning due to lateness.

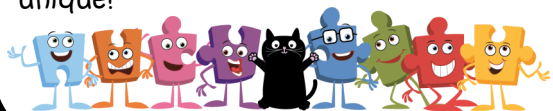
29 children have been late.



In PSHE this term, we are looking at the theme:

Celebrating differences

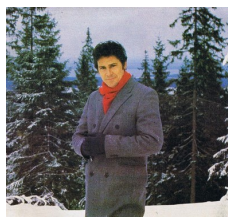
Over the Christmas period, think about what makes your family celebrations unique!



Arts Focus



Shakin Stevens—Merry Christmas Everyone



[Click here to listen to the song!](#)

Shakin Stevens released this song in 1985. It went to number one in the UK. What do you think of it?

What do you notice about the music video?

What do you think makes it feel so Christmassy?

In 2015 he re-released the song... with a difference. Have a listen to [this](#) and think about which you prefer.

Noticeboard

Winter Clothing

Please ensure your child your child has a warm coat to wear out on the playground.

When doing PE outside the children should not be wearing coats, however they do need a warm sweatshirt /hoody and tracksuit bottoms

Financial Support

Advice for the public on financial support and benefits can be found on the [government website](#) and the Wokingham Borough Council website page [Cost of living help](#) This includes:

A [Household Support Fund](#)

An [online resource](#) is now available to help residents worried about paying bills find out about help available locally.

Information on [Help and support with saving energy](#)

Information on places to go to keep warm and get support through the winter at [Warm spaces](#).

The Nutcracker

Two weeks ago, we had The Nutcracker in our Arts Focus section on the newsletter.



Showcase Cinema is showing performances of this ballet over the Christmas period — why not have a day out and experience a fantastic show!

Christmas

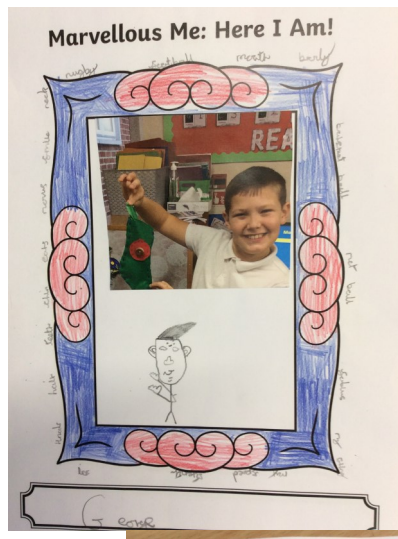
We wish you all a lovely break. See you on Thursday 5th January.

Please remember that Wednesday 4th January is an inset day.

Merlins' Learning Showcase

This week, we have been celebrating our differences and what makes us special in our PSHE lessons.

In English we have started an Oracy topic and are preparing some persuasive language to use when promoting our hand made Christmas stockings. We will be recording our own adverts for these next week and will decide whose is the most convincing!



The children created some fantastic self portraits and chose some features they liked the most.



We used the mirrors to help us understand what we look like and what we like about ourselves.



In oracy we tried to guess each others emotions through our expressions



We are really excited to promote our Christmas stockings!

Trips and performances!



Year 3 and 4 travelled to Oxford's natural history museums. The highlights were the enormous dinosaur skeletons!

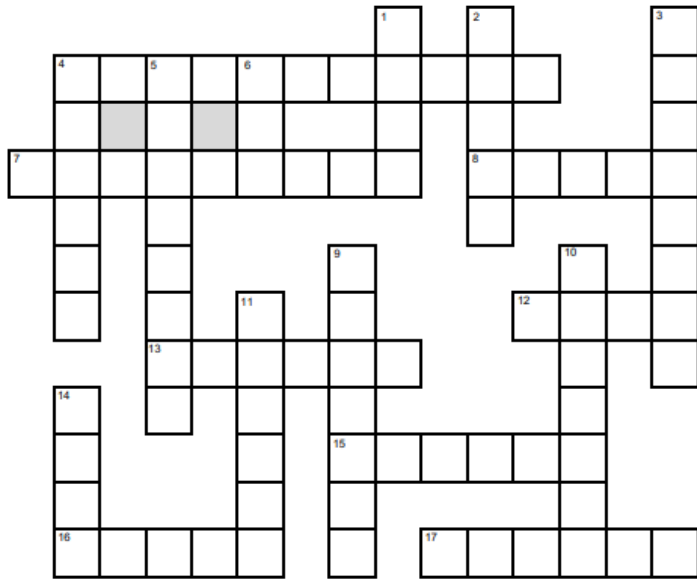
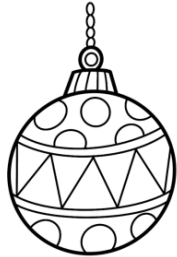
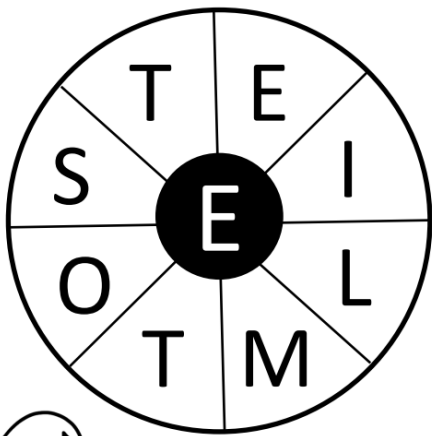


KS1 had a busy week—they performed their nativity to the school and parents and also enjoyed a panto at the Hexagon!



The Owls also had an action packed week. The school and parents were treated to a wonderful Carol concert. They also enjoyed a panto (at the Corn Exchange in Newbury).



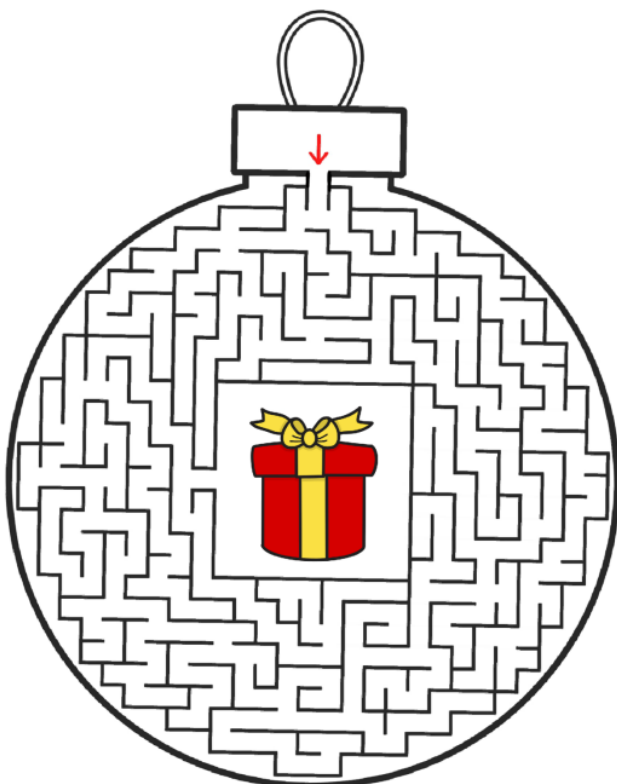


Across

- 4. A type of biscuit you can build a house out of
- 7. You kiss under this plant
- 8. A toy that you might get that runs on a track
- 12. You eat this chocolatey log at Christmas
- 13. A type of meat eaten at Christmas
- 15. You decorate the tree with this sparkly decoration
- 16. A gathering of people having fun
- 17. You get fairy ones of these on a Christmas tree

Down

- 1. You might have an evergreen or artificial one of these covered in decorations
- 2. Another name for Father Christmas
- 3. These are used to pull a sleigh at Christmas
- 4. Fictional character that hates Christmas
- 5. A play that tells the story of the birth of Jesus
- 6. The day before Christmas day
- 9. You wear this ugly knitted item at Christmas
- 10. Reindeer with a red nose
- 11. A famous snowman name
- 14. You do this to presents before you give them to someone



Can you spot the 7 differences between the two bears?



Check out the Picture Newspaper on our website: [Click Here](#)





Scan for more

Ice Safety

Be careful around water in winter. Frozen water is dangerous and can have fatal consequences.

Our Advice:

- Never venture onto frozen water. Even if it appears thick from the bank, it can easily break and you do not know how deep the water is below or how thin the ice is.
- Do not be tempted to test the thickness of the ice. It is easy to slip from the bank and fall through into the freezing water.
- Time your walks to make the most of the daylight; if you need to walk in the evening only use well-lit areas or take a route that avoids water.
- Do not wander near the edge, icy or wet conditions could cause you to slip.

What to do if you fall through the ice:

- Keep calm and shout for help.
- Spread your arms across the surface of the ice in front of you.
- If the ice is strong enough, kick your legs to slide onto the ice.
- Lie flat and pull yourself towards the bank.
- If the ice breaks, work your way to the bank-breaking the ice in front of you.
- If you cannot climb out, wait for help and keep as still as possible. Press your arms by your side and keep your legs together. Keep your head clear of the water.
- Once you are safe, go to the hospital.

If you see someone fall through ice:

- Shout for assistance and phone 999.
- Do not walk or climb onto the ice to attempt a rescue.
- Shout to the casualty to 'keep still' and offer reassurance to keep them calm.
- Try to reach them from the bank using a rope, pole, tree branch, or anything else which can extend your reach, such as clothing tied together.
- When reaching from the bank, lie down to avoid being pulled onto the ice
- If you cannot reach them, slide something which floats across the ice for them to hold onto whilst help is on the way.
- If the casualty is too far away, do not attempt to rescue them. Wait for the emergency services and continue to reassure the casualty.
- Make sure an ambulance has been called.
- Lay the casualty flat, check for normal breathing.
- Prevent them from getting colder by covering them with warm clothing and blankets.
- Create some shelter and get them out of the cold if possible.
- Do not rub their skin and do not apply hot water bottles.