

# LAMBS LANE NEWS



WEEK 11 - 24.11.23

**Important!**



## Lost Property

Amongst the lost property there is a pair of Marvel Glasses (currently in the office) please come and collect them if they belong to your child.

Your schedule for next week:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	3:30 — 4:30 Y1/2 Racket Sports	3:30 — 4:30 Y3/4 Hockey	3:30 — 4:30 Y1/2 Multi Skills	9:15 — 9:45 Y4 trumpet concert
			3:30 — 6:00 Christmas Fayre	3:30 — 4:30 Y5/6 Hockey



## Attendance

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



### Minutes missed of school due to lateness

This week we have had **379 minutes (6hrs 19 mins)** of lost learning due to lateness. **24 pupils** were late this week.

Class	Attendance percentage
Owls	91.3%
Wrens	93.2%
Woodpeckers	95.3%
Kingfishers	95.2%
Merlins	97.3%
Robins	93.2%
Hérons	89.3%
Whole School	93.5%

### MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

As we begin the journey towards Christmas, school is starting get very busy with nativity rehearsals, Y3/4 trumpet concert and preparation for the Christmas Fair next Thursday. Thank you all for your generous donations of bottles, it will definitely be worth buying a ticket for the bottle tombola and bottle hamper. Last week you all received information about the vacancy for a parent governor. The governors at Lambs Lane play a really important role in both challenging and supporting the school, and the parent voice is crucial - particularly as we continue towards academisation and joining the Orchard Learning Alliance. Please consider whether this is something that you could give some time and I am more than happy to speak to anybody who would like some more information.

Sharon Finn



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

### Celebrating difference

This week, spend some time talking about your family. What makes them unique and special?

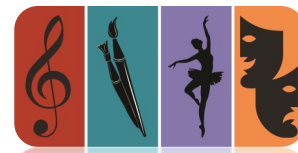


### Computing

Check out the Barefoot suggestions later in the newsletter to find ways to practice your computational thinking!



## Arts Focus



### Gobstopper dance — from The Nutcracker

[Click here to watch the dance!](#)



I'm sure most of us love sweets! This is the dance of the Gobstoppers – those jaw-breaking sweets with a tough exterior.

Can you see how the choreographer had used these qualities in the dance with the gobstoppers as bikers. How do you think the costumes reflect this too? What sweet would you create a dance for?

## Noticeboard

### Parents Coffee Morning

A big thank you to all those parents that were able to come to the coffee morning today. It was a great success and we have had some really positive feedback from this. Going forwards we will be discussing if this needs to be more frequent. The morning is a very laid back affair and we think that this is working well at present. If you have any suggestions of things you would like to discuss or if you would like it to be structured in a different way, please do not hesitate to contact the school office with your thoughts.

### Attendance Facts

- If your child attends school 100% of the time they will be able to make the best of the opportunities available to them.
- Children who attend school more than 95% of the time are more likely to gain 5+ good GCSE's or equivalent.
- A child who misses school just twice per month will lose out on 18 days' education across the school year - that's nearly four weeks.
- A child who has 90% attendance across their entire schooling will have missed one year's education!

### Christmas Hampers

Tuesday will be the final day to make donations to your child's class hamper. Please deliver any contributions to the class staff members. It is a very worthwhile cause as the money raised helps to fund things for school!

Check out the picture below of the Bottle Hamper! Encourage friends, family and neighbours to buy a ticket too!

### The Christmas Fair

Thank you for all the contributions for the bottle tombola, they are greatly appreciated.

The Christmas hampers are looking fantastic—these will be judged on Wednesday by an independent judge and the winning class will receive a prize.

One of our stalls this year will be "Adopt a Teddy" - if you have any good quality soft toys that are looking for a new home we would love them. Please bring them to the school office.





## Abstraction

### Removing unnecessary detail

#### I Tell



##### Activity

Play the game, 'I Tell' with your child which is like 'I spy', but you use 3 adjectives to describe the item you're thinking of and see if the other person can guess it.

##### Learning

Abstraction is about simplifying things and focusing on important information. This game helps your child focus on the important adjectives which describe what they're thinking of.

#### Abstract Art



##### Activity

Create a piece of abstract art with your child. Choose an inspiration for your art (person, object, view) but rather than recreating this exactly, use simplified shapes to represent what you can see. E.g. triangles for trees, or an oval for a face.

##### Learning

Here your child is creating an abstraction within their artwork. They're not trying to reproduce what they see exactly, but are representing key features with simplified shapes.

#### Timetable



##### Activity

Ask your child to create a timetable for tomorrow set out as a table. What are the key activities they will do? How will the day be structured?

##### Learning

A timetable is an example of an abstraction as it contains key events but doesn't include unnecessary detail - like 'nipping to the toilet between English and Maths'!

#### 5 Word Film Game



##### Activity

Ask your child to think of a film. Ask them to describe it using 5 key words or less. Can you guess the film they were thinking of?

For example: Princess, Prince, Snowman?

##### Learning

This game encourages your child to abstract as they think of the key features of the film to help someone guess.

#### My Magnificent Movie



##### Activity

Ask your child to create a storyboard for a movie they'd like to make which provides a summary of the main events in the plot.

##### Learning

The storyboard your child creates is an abstraction as it summarises their ideas for a movie, providing the key features and not all the detail.



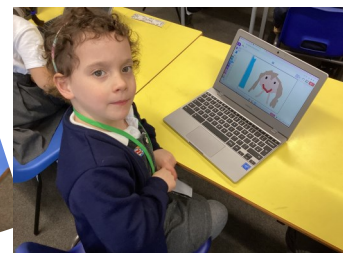
# Wrens' Learning Showcase

In science we have been looking at different materials and we investigated which materials are waterproof.



What a busy half term! Despite practising lines and songs for the nativity everyday, we have somehow found time to do plenty of other work too!

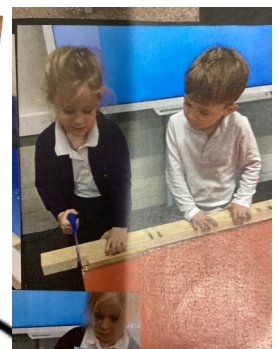
The children have read lots of new books in phonics and started learning to subtract in maths. In Geography we have been travelling the globe looking at Edinburgh and Warsaw and looking at people who fought for a cause in history.



We love our weekly computing lesson! We are learning how to paint a picture on a



In PE the children have enjoyed netball with Mrs Kershaw and dance with Mrs Morrison



In DT we have been designing and making London buses. We had to use a saw very carefully.







How can we show  
compassion to others?

## In the news this week

Community centres, libraries, businesses, and churches across the UK have been set up as free warm spaces to help provide warmth and companionship during the winter months. With cold weather continuing, charities and campaign groups are concerned that households face higher energy bills than last year. More than 12,000 warm banks were used by millions of Britons last winter in response to rising energy prices that worsened the UK's cost of living crisis. The scheme was set up by local councils, charities, and partner organisations.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- As well as warmth, what other benefits do you think warm spaces will provide for communities?
- Can you think of any other ways that we can support each other during difficult times?

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







### Christmas Bottle Hamper

**£2 a ticket or 3 for £5**

Raffle to be drawn at the Christmas Fair — if you would like to purchase tickets ahead of the fair on Thursday, please come to the school office (Please do NOT come at the start or end of the school day as these times are extremely busy)

Please feel free to share with your family and friends.

### Girl Football Superstars Wanted!



Shinfield Rangers U7 girls team



- We are currently looking for girls in **Year 2** to join our exciting team.
- Shinfield currently has successful girls teams from U7 all the way through to U16
- Experienced and non-experienced players welcome
- Please contact Chris, head of small sided girls football, at Shinfield Rangers

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