

LAMBS LANE NEWS



WEEK 12 - 01.12.23

Important!



Christmas

We are two weeks away from the Christmas holidays. School breaks up on Friday 15th December at 2pm. Please remember Tuesday 2nd January is an inset day. We return for the Spring Term on Wednesday 3rd January.

Your schedule for next week:

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| | 2:30pm KS1 Nativity | Open morning for New Starters | Owls Pantomime | 3pm Owls sharing and carol concert |
| | 3:30 — 4:30 Y1/2 Racket Sports | 3:30 — 4:30 Y3/4 Hockey | 3:30 — 4:30 Y1/2 Multi Skills | |
| | | 6pm KS1 Nativity | | 3:30 — 4:30 Y5/6 Hockey |

Please...



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 459 minutes (7hrs 39mins) of lost learning due to lateness. 23 pupils were late this week.

| Class | Attendance percentage |
|--------------|-----------------------|
| Owls | 95% |
| Wrens | 92.5% |
| Woodpeckers | 95.8% |
| Kingfishers | 93.5% |
| Merlins | 97.1% |
| Robins | 94.9% |
| Hérons | 95% |
| Whole School | 94.8% |

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

A huge thank you to the PTA for organising a fantastic Christmas Fair. It was a great success with lots of stalls getting us all into the Christmas spirit as well as raising much needed funds for our school. They raised a super £1773.70 (before costs) Thank you also to all parents for your attendance to this event. Your support is appreciated.

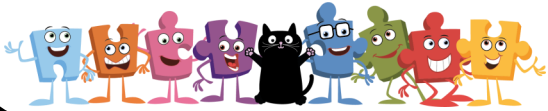
Congratulations to Year 1 Wrens for the best designed Hamper—our independent judge thought all the hampers were great but year 1 just edged it to the win. Well done Wrens! Thank you to all those parents that contributed some beautiful items for their class hampers.

Sharon Finn

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

Celebrating difference

We have been talking about why our homes are special to us. Talk about your favourite house/ room and why it is special to you.



Computing

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



Arts Focus



Evan Holloway



[Click here to find out about the artist and see the artwork bigger!](#)

Evan Holloway is an American artist who mostly create sculptures. He loves pattern and order. Have you noticed that this sculpture has light-up bulbs? Do you like the way it has been arranged?

Noticeboard

E Scooter information from Thames Valley Police

We know many people will be buying or receiving e-scooters as gifts this Christmas, but many will not be aware of the legalities on their use. Before you buy, please bear in mind the following:-

Personal e-scooters –

- These are for use on private land only.
- These are illegal on any public highway.
- You cannot get insurance to ride these on the road.

This is because e-scooters are Classed as motor vehicles in law. In theory, this means that you need an MOT, road tax and insurance to use one, however it isn't currently possible to register e-scooters in this way.

Privately owned e-scooters can only be used on private land, with the permission of the landowner.

You cannot use a privately owned e-scooter on the road, pavement or in a public space. If you do then you risk receiving a large fine, points on your driving licence and your e-scooter could be seized.

Rental e-scooters –

Some parts of the UK are running government trials of rental e-scooters. If you're over 16 and have a full or provisional driving licence, then you can use these on public roads and cycle paths. Please check that your driving licence covers you

Nativity

Parents can initially have 2 tickets for the KS1 Nativity performances. Either 2 for either or 1 for each. The nativity tickets should now have come home with your child if you have paid for these on your school money account. Payments received over the weekend—tickets will be allocated Monday.

If you have requested additional tickets, numbers are currently being finalised and we will let you know availability on Monday also.

Performance times:

Tuesday 5th December @ 2.30pm

Wednesday 6th December @ 6pm—children should return to school at 5.30pm in order to change into their costumes.

Christmas Dinner

Our Christmas dinner is now all sorted and arranged for Thursday 14th December.

If you have not ordered a Christmas dinner please make sure your child comes to school with a packed lunch as there will be no Jacket Potatoes available this day. Children are invited to wear one Christmas item alongside their school uniform. This maybe a hairband, jumper, t shirt etc.





Decomposition

Breaking down into parts

Break it Down



Activity

Ask your child to choose an item they can see. Ask them to sketch it and break it down by labelling as many different parts as possible. This can be run as a competition - who can break it down the most?

Learning

In computing decomposition allows us to break complex tasks into more manageable tasks. Here your child practises decomposing objects around them.

Design your ideal back garden



Activity

Ask your child to look at their own garden or think of a local green space and break it down into different parts.

Grass, patio, decking, pond, vegetable patch. Get them to design their own perfect garden by sketching ideas for each part.

Learning

Here your child has made the task of designing a garden easier by breaking it down and looking at each section separately.

Comic Flick Book



Activity

With your child, cut, fold and staple paper into a little flick book. Ask them what they want to happen in their animation and together break this down into steps for the drawings on each page.

Learning

Here your child has decomposed the animation into a sequence of individual images. What other animations can your child create?

Design an App



Activity

Ask your child to think up a new app. This could be a game, fitness or travel app for example. Ask them to create a design for the app by breaking it down and sketching out the different screens the user will see.

Learning

Decomposing the app down into the different screens allows your child to create a design to illustrate how their app would work.

Dodgy Dance Moves



Activity

With your child select a favourite party song which you can learn the dance to, such as the YMCA or Macarena. To learn the moves, break the song down into different sections, then look at the actions for each section.

Learning

Decomposing the dance sequence down into verse, chorus and then smaller chunks makes the task of learning the moves easier.

Year 5 Learning Showcase



Do you know the difference
between a solute and a solvent?

This week, The Robins have been practising measuring, cutting and joining skills in DT using hacksaws, bench-hooks and glue guns. We worked in teams and create little star decorations! In science, we completed some work on solubility of substances; we used evaporation to recover salt from a solution and then made observations using a magnifying glass. Did you know that the slower the evaporation process, the larger the crystals that will form? In preparation for Christmas, we are studying the Dance of the Sweeties from Mathew Bourne's version of The Nutcracker. Currently, we have learnt the dance of the Gobstoppers and then developed the dance adding some of our own ideas. I wonder which sweets the Robins will choose next as a stimulus for their dance?



Look at the salt crystals!

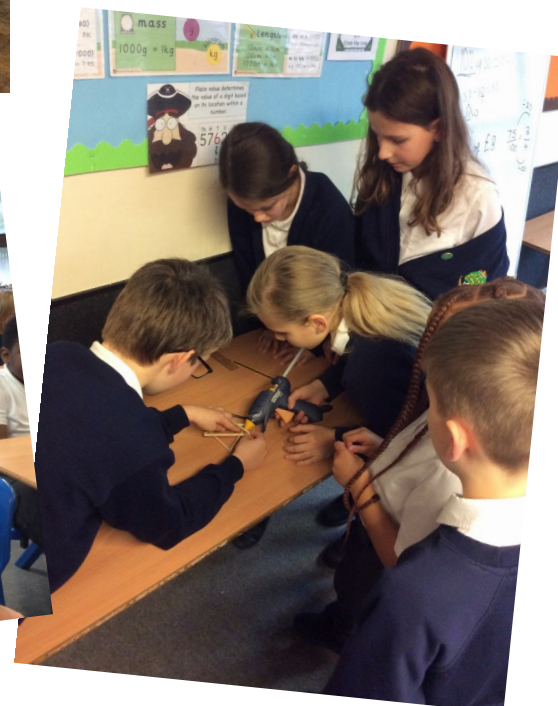
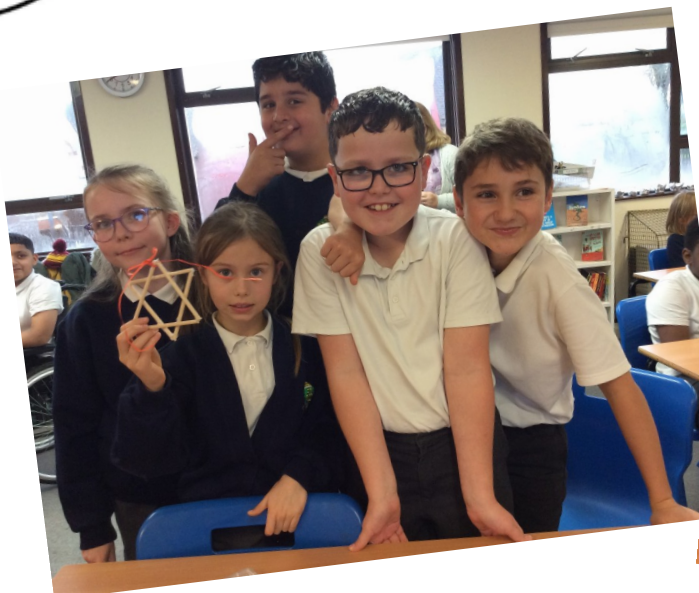


[Click here to check
out our Gobstopper
dance!](#)

What qualities would you expect
to see in the gobstopper dance?

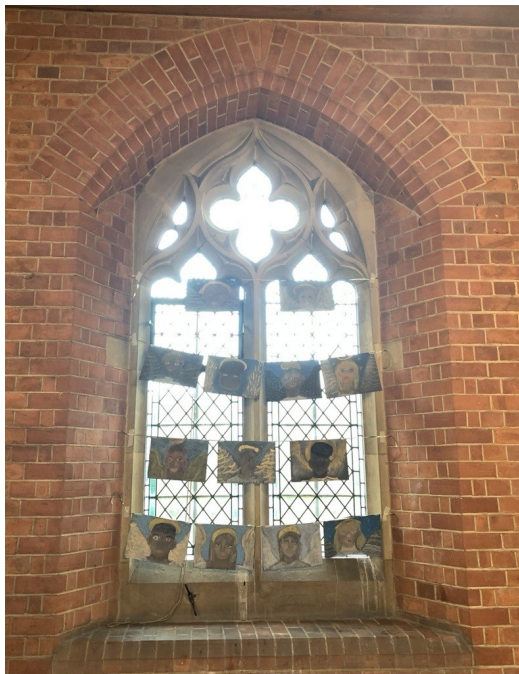


Ask me how to use
the tools safely!



Art for the Church

Some of our brilliant artists from KS2 have been learning about portraiture and soft pastel techniques with Mrs French in a lunchtime club. They have created these stunning angels that will be displayed in the local church in time for the Christmas Fayre on Saturday. Go and check them out!



TAKEHOME

27 Nov -
3 Dec



Picture
News

Who is responsible for Antarctica?



In the news this week

Scientists have found more flowering plants, moss, and algae in Antarctica in the last 10 years than usually grow in 50 years, and the extent of floating sea ice there has hit record lows. Polar explorer and environmentalist, Robert Swan, has been so concerned about the radical changes to Antarctica that he founded the 2041 Foundation, with the aim of ensuring the preservation of Antarctica through the promotion of recycling, renewable energy, and sustainability to combat the effects of climate change. The charity, 2041 School, encourages young people to learn more about the initiative.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Share any prior knowledge you have about Antarctica. Is it a place you would like to visit? Why?
- Do you believe individuals have a part to play in protecting places such as Antarctica or should world leaders do more?

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



Thank You

A big thank you to the following:

The Shinfield Arms [The Shinfield Arms, Shinfield - The Shinfield Arms \(baronspubs.com\)](http://baronspubs.com)

The Berkshire Beerbox

The Flower Stalk [The Flowerstalk Homepage \(the-flowerstalk.co.uk\)](http://the-flowerstalk.co.uk)

Taste of Genoa

Knus Coffee

One Stop Spencers Wood [Store - One Stop](#)

Budgens Three Mile Cross [Fraser's Budgens \(frasersbudgens.co.uk\)](http://frasersbudgens.co.uk)

Hedgerow Cheese [Cheese Subscription Service | Hedgerow Cheese](#)

Parkers Spencers Wood [Spencers Wood Estate & Letting Agents | Parkers \(parkersproperties.co.uk\)](#)

Sugar Spice Handmade Chocolates [Home - Sugar Spice](#)

Riseley Village Tea Room [Riseley Village Tea Room](#)

Electric Hair Reading [Electric Hairdressing | Reading Hairdressers | Hair Salon | Electric Hair \(electric-hair.com\)](#)

Handmade with love by Lorna

Eco Party Swallowfield

Lego

Pure Serenity Therapy [coming soon... | Pure Serenity Therap \(pureserenitytherapy.uk\)](#)

Warings Bakery Spencers Wood [Warings Bakery](#)

Without it sounding like an Oscars acceptance speech, we'd also like to thank... All the kind PTA volunteers, teachers and school staff who helped organise, set up and run the fair Everyone that generously donated bottles, hamper items, toys and books The children, for making decorations and especially the year 5 and 6 children for creating and running an amazing games room!

Kindly donated by Dobbies



A huge thank you to Harry Lloyd from Dobbies Garden centre. As an ex pupil of Lambs Lane he nominated us for Not your average community campaign! Lambs Lane were one of four schools selected to win a 6-7ft real Christmas tree (Harry and the tree below)

The tree was then auctioned off at the Christmas fair.

[Dobbies Garden Centres | Dobbies Garden Centres](#)



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

GIRLS & BOYS 5-14 YRS

READING | WOKINGHAM

10-3PM

 **READING FC COMMUNITY TRUST**
CARE • DEVELOP • EDUCATE

FOOTBALL CAMPS

 **JOIN FA QUALIFIED COACHES
- LEARN NEW SKILLS & HAVE FUN**

Cantley Park Wokingham

18, 19, 20, 21 & 22 Dec
Girls and boys

Select Car Leasing Stadium Dome & 3G Pitch

21 & 22 Dec
27, 28 & 29 Dec
Girls and boys

Select Car Leasing Stadium Dome

2 & 3 Jan
Girls only

Select Car Leasing Stadium 3G Pitch

2 & 3 Jan
Boys only

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Family Nativity Service

4pm Sunday
10 Dec

Alder Grove School Hall

Christmas events from Shinfield Community Church

Christingle Breakfast Service

A DELIGHTFUL SEASONAL BREAKFAST
FOLLOWED BY A HEARTWARMING
CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

SUNDAY 3 DEC 10AM
ALDER GROVE SCHOOL



**For tickets and info Scan QR code
or go to shinfieldbaptist.org.uk**

Carols by Candlelight

17 December
6.30pm

Alder Grove School Hall

admin@shinfieldbaptist.org.uk

SHINFIELD COMMUNITY CHURCH

CHRISTMAS MORNING SERVICE
SUN 25 DEC
10AM
SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN
(SERVICE LENGTH ABOUT 45 MINS)

Alder Grove School Hall
Alder Grove, Shinfield RG2 9RA