

# LAMBS LANE NEWS



WEEK 13 - 08.12.23

**Important!**



Originally, there was an INSET day scheduled for the 15th April. This has now been cancelled and school will be open as normal. Here is a link to the term dates page on our website: [Term Dates 2023 2024](#)

Your schedule for next week:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	3:30 — 4:15 Y1/2 Racket Sports	KS1 Panto at the Hexagon	Christmas Dinner	School closes for Christmas holiday 2pm
		3:30 — 4:15 Y3/4 Hockey	3:30 — 4:15 Y1/2 Multi Skills	

Please note the change in finish times for the sports clubs — this is due to it becoming dark a lot earlier. In January, any outdoor clubs will continue to finish at this earlier time. Thank you.



## 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 **403 minutes (6hrs 43mins)** of lost learning due to lateness. **21 pupils** were late this week.

Class	Attendance percentage
Owls	90.2%
Wrens	94.7%
Woodpeckers	96.7%
Kingfishers	92.8%
Merlins	92.7%
Robins	95.9%
<b>Hérons</b>	<b>98%</b>
Whole School	94.4%

### MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

As we finish the penultimate week of the term we are reflecting on what a busy week it has been.

We hope the KS1 parents enjoyed their Nativity—what a great show it was. EYFS performed their first sharing assembly and their carol concert to their parents today—another great show, well done Owls!

Sunday Lambs Lane are taking part in the Majors Christmas Carol Concert at Loddon Valley Leisure Centre, what a great end to a very theatrical week.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

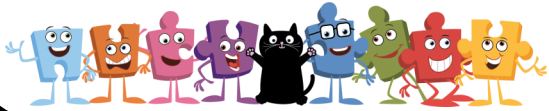
*Sharon Finn*



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

### Celebrating difference

This week, celebrate each other by giving friends and family compliments about what makes them unique.



### Computing

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



## Arts Focus



### Merry Xmas Everybody — Slade



[Click here to watch the music video!](#)

Slade were a British rock band who wrote this classic Christmas song in 1973. It shot to number one in the charts in December 1973.

What do you think of it? Does it make you want to dance? What Christmas songs do you like?

## Noticeboard

### Arbor from a parent perspective

We are a year into using the Arbor system now and like most new systems it has not gone without hiccup.

In the Spring term we plan to hold a parent question and answers session relating to Arbor. We will also send you a survey to complete so that we can feedback to Arbor from a parents view.

Aside from this please note the following:

If we send you an email you will find this in your main email. If we send you an In-App Message you will find this in your Arbor app. If you don't see your In-App message within 2 hours the app will automatically send you an SMS. The number generated is unique to each parent—you can reply to this number but you can not generate a new text message to school. Please don't hesitate to contact the school office if we can be of further assistance.

When an In-app message is sent, a Push Notification will immediately be sent to guardians who have installed the App and enabled Push Notifications. For those who do not have the App installed, or have not enabled Push Notifications, an email will be sent instead.

### Free Festive Film Screenings

Free festive film screenings are taking place at Wokingham Leisure Centre at Carnival Hub in the run up to Christmas.

The event is being hosted by Places Leisure on Friday 22 December and features a trio of Christmas films on show:

Miracle on 34th Street (1947) - 10am to 12noon  
Elf - 2pm to 4pm  
Deck the Halls - 6pm to 8pm

The event is free and open to everyone, whether you are attending with friends and family, alone or just wanting to escape the cold for a few hours.

Free refreshments will also be available, including mince pies, shortbread, tea, coffee and hot chocolate.

[Reserve your space online](#) or you can call (0118) 9770007 to speak to a member of the team. Please note when booking online, scroll to the timetable section of the page. Select 'kids' from the menu options and Friday 22 December as the date. Booking options for the 3 films will then appear.

### Festive Jumper/Item

Thursday is our Christmas dinner day. Children are invited to wear a festive item alongside their school uniform. This maybe a jumper/T shirt, headband etc.





## Pattern

### Spotting and using similarities

#### Garden grab



##### Activity

Ask your child to pick a range of leaves or petals (carefully) and sort them based on similarities and differences. How many different ways can they sort them? What features are they using to sort them?

##### Learning

Your child is making careful observations and identifying similarities and differences between objects, which helps identify patterns.

#### What's next?



##### Activity

Using a variety of fruits or other suitable food (e.g. pasta pieces) arrange a repeating pattern and ask your child to predict what comes next and explain how they know.

##### Learning

By spotting similarities and differences, your child can identify patterns and create rules to predict what comes next.

#### Tidy up!



##### Activity

Ask your child to tidy their wardrobe! Can they sort their clothes based on similarities? They could sort by colour, purpose or even how much they like wearing them.

##### Learning

Identifying similarities and differences between objects helps us to identify patterns. Here your child might spot a pattern that all their favourite clothes are yellow for example.

#### Kitchen cupboards



##### Activity

Ask your child to help sort the kitchen cupboards. What food goes where and why? Can your child spot patterns in where different foods are stored? Can they use these patterns to predict where new food from the shops might be stored?

##### Learning

Your child is identifying similarities and differences and spotting patterns, which can help them to make predictions about where new foods might be stored.

#### And the next number is...



##### Activity

Provide your child with a range of number sequences which follow a rule, for example: 2,4,6,? or 3,8,18,? Can they work out the rule and give the next number in the sequence?

##### Learning

By spotting similarities between each consecutive number, we can work out rules which govern patterns and predict what will come next.



# Owls at the Panto!

The Owls all enjoyed a fantastic pantomime at the Corn Exchange in Newbury on Thursday. They were treated to a performance of Beauty and the Beast. There was even a magical snowfall during the show. Thank you to the parents that came to help!





# Year 6 Learning Showcase

We really enjoyed making games for our Christmas Fair last week! It was really successful—lots of fun and many customers! This week, we continued the Christmas mood by studying the well-known poem, *The Night Before Christmas*, in guided reading. In science, we have spent a couple of lessons looking at light. Light travels in straight lines so we investigated how this would affect the size of shadows. We have worked on DT skills this week ahead of our moving-toys making next week. We revised how to safely use a hack-saw and a glue gun.



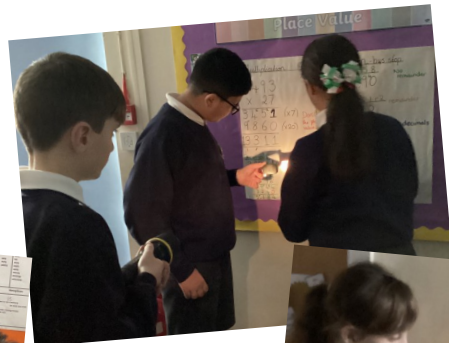
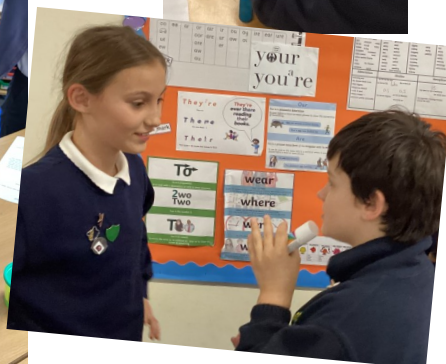
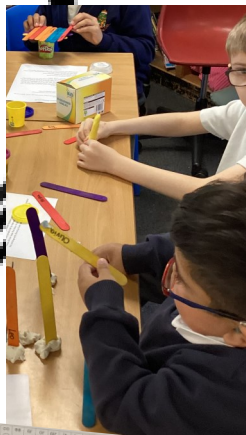
The Christmas Fair



Some of us tried to build structures with and without foundations after reading about 'The wise and foolish builders' in RE.

Others did some dramatic acting in response to one of Jesus' miracles.

Science  
Investigation:  
Light.



# TAKEHOME

4-10  
Dec



Picture  
News

What is it like to live through  
an uncertain time?



## In the news this week

Scientists monitoring a volcano in Iceland have said an eruption could happen. The Fagradalsfjall volcano previously erupted two years ago, in 2021 - the first time in over 800 years. It is now thought that the volcano is the cause of a series of earthquakes, which started this October. An underground river of magma led to the evacuation of 4,000 people from the town of Grindavík and Iceland has declared a state of emergency. People who live there have since been allowed to return just to collect belongings, with the likelihood of eruptions remaining high.

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

- Share any prior knowledge you have about volcanoes.
- How do you imagine the people of Grindavík feel about having to leave their homes, not knowing when they will be able to go back?

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





# The Office Team

## Who we are and what are our roles



**Mrs Helen Sharp**

**Finance Officer**

**All aspects of finance , including budget, planning and payments, Purchase ledger, Insurance.**



**Mrs Lisa Lainsbury**

**School Business Manager**

**Recruitment , HR, Payroll , Policies, Trips, GDPR, Health & Safety, Buildings, Facilities and Maintenance, PTA Liaison.**



**Mrs Kay Pridmore**

**Office Manager and Parent Support Advisor**

**Admissions, Attendance, Parent Support, Pastoral, EWO co-ordinator, Arbor Liaison, PTA Liaison.**



**Miss Bobby Hill**

**Administration Assistant**

**School Dinners, Breakfast and Afterschool Club, Sports Clubs, NHS Co-Ordinator, Extra Curricular Co-ordinator and main point of telephone contact.**

## Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs

As the office administrator, Bobby Hill is responsible for the breakfast and afterschool club administration. All new and change requests should be directed to her in the first instance:

[bhill@lambslane.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:bhill@lambslane.wokingham.sch.uk)

Tel: 01189883820

### **Current Prices:**

#### **Breakfast Club**

Regular long session	£5.35
Regular short session	£2.50
Ad Hoc short session	£2.65
Ad Hoc long session	£5.85

#### **Afterschool Club**

Regular long session	£11.00
Sibling long session	£10.50
Regular short session	£5.60
Ad hoc long session	£11.50
Ad Hoc short session	£6.10

Please follow the below link for the current Breakfast and Afterschool Club Handbook:

[Handbook](#)





## Festive bling your bike, scooter or yourself!

We are getting into a festive mood in the My Journey team.

We would love you to join in by adding some Christmas decorations to your bikes, scooters or yourselves, when you travel to, or from school.

Please send a picture of your festive creations into [MyJourney@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:MyJourney@wokingham.gov.uk) by the 13th December and be in with a chance of winning a £25 Decathlon voucher.

There will also be prizes for the runners-up!



Department  
for Environment  
Food & Rural Affairs

my  
Journey



WOKINGHAM  
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Intelligent  
Health

The Wokingham Air Quality  
Project is delivered by  
Intelligent Health in  
partnership with My Journey,  
Wokingham Borough Council  
and funded by Defra.

# Multi-Sports Holiday Camps



## Christmas Holidays

Lambs Lane Primary School

Spencer's Wood, RG7 1PW



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£25 PER DAY  
£44 FULL WEEK

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NEARLY 200 5 STAR GOOGLE  
REVIEWS

**4 TO 12 YEARS\***  
CHILDREN IN FOUNDATION TO YEAR 7

RANGE OF SPORTS  
AVAILABLE EACH DAY

WEDNESDAY  
TO THURSDAY  
20TH - 21ST DEC

9AM - 3PM  
DROP OFF FROM 8:30

[u-sports.co.uk/berkshire-holiday-camps](http://u-sports.co.uk/berkshire-holiday-camps)

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

GIRLS & BOYS 5-14 YRS

READING | WOKINGHAM

10-3PM

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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# FOOTBALL CAMPS



JOIN FA QUALIFIED COACHES  
- LEARN NEW SKILLS & HAVE FUN



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