

LAMBS LANE NEWS



WEEK 14 - 15.12.23

Important!



Have a fabulous Christmas. We look forward to seeing you all in the new year... 2024!!



First week of Spring Term

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
NEW YEAR'S DAY	INSET DAY	Back to school!	3:30 — 4:15 Year 1&2 Multi Sports	3:30 — 4:15 Year 5&6 Basketball
		3:30 — 4:15 Year 3 & 4 Tag Rugby		

Clubs next term (Sign up is now open on Arbor):

Tuesday — Year 1 & 2 Ball Games

Wednesday — Year 3 & 4 Tag Rugby

Thursday — Year 1 & 2 Multi Sports

Friday — Year 5 & 6 Basketball



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 **222 minutes (3hrs 42 mins)** of lost learning due to lateness. **17 pupils** were late this week.

Class	Attendance percentage
Owls	89.9%
Wrens	90.7%
Woodpeckers	91.3%
Kingfishers	91%
Merlins	97.3%
Robins	92.2%
Hérons	96.3%
Whole School	91.3%

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

We have reached the end of a very busy and eventful term and are very grateful for all of your support. I am sure that your children are ready for their break - as are we - and hope that they have a few quiet days before the pre- Christmas excitement kicks in. On behalf of the governors and the staff, I would like you wish you all a very Happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all again on Wednesday 3rd January 2024.

Sharon Finn



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

Celebrating difference

This week,



Computing

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



Arts Focus



Auld Lang Syne — Frank C Stanley



[Click here to listen!](#)

This Scottish song means 'Long, long ago'. It is often played at the stroke of midnight on the last day of the year.

We will be saying goodbye to 2023 and looking forward to all the fantastic things that will happen in 2024. As you listen to it, think about what you might like to achieve in the new year!

Noticeboard

Parking

We appreciate that the car park and roadway is extremely busy at drop off and pick up but please can we remind parents to be courteous to our neighbours and other parents when parking their cars. Your co-operation is much appreciated.

Help with the Cost of Living

Useful tools and help options

Help with budgeting - use the [Citizens Advice Wokingham budgeting tool](#)

See if you're eligible for financial support? Use the [Citizens Advice Wokingham financial support calculator](#)

Struggling with bills - [see if your utility supplier can help with a grant](#)

Want to talk to someone about your situation? Contact the [Citizens Advice Wokingham One Front Door](#) or call on [0808 278 2958](#)

Check if you're eligible for [Council Tax discounts, reductions or exemptions](#)

Need help with [opening a bank account, savings or loans](#)? Berkshire's Community Bank BOOM is a local credit union which could help

[Apply for Healthy Start vouchers](#) to help buy food and milk - you may be eligible if you are more than 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under four

[Winter Fuel Payments](#) - if you were born before 25 September 1957 you could get between £250 and £600 to help you pay your heating bills

[Warm home discount scheme](#) - you could get £150 off your electricity bill

Tips and advice

[Register for priority services](#) with your utility providers if you're likely to be vulnerable if you lose services this winter through things like powercuts or low water pressure

Not sure where to start? Check our [cost of living help hub](#)

[Energy Saving Trust's top tips for quick energy saving at home](#)

[Winter health advice from the NHS](#)

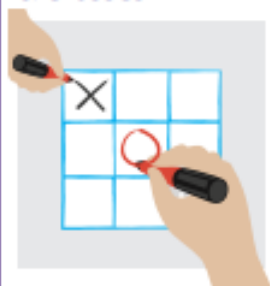
The [Government's Help for Households](#) campaign sets out support available for the cost of living for different areas like energy, travel, childcare and more





Logic
Predicting and analysing

Noughts & Crosses



Activity

Play this classic game with your child. This game is full of logical thinking. Ask your child to explain where they plan to go with each move and why.

Learning

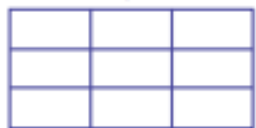
This game encourages your child to think logically about the implications of each move. Encourage them to share their thought process.

Magic Square



Activity

Provide your child with a 3x3 square. Can they add the digits 1-9 using each digit once so that all the rows, columns and diagonals add up to 15? Encourage your child to explain their thinking as they tackle the challenge.



Learning

This maths puzzle helps your child develop both trial and improvement, and logical reasoning skills.

Boxes



Activity

With your child, take turns to join dots with a line on dotted paper. Whoever completes a square puts their initial in it and gets an extra turn. The winner is the player with the most completed squares.

Learning

This game encourages your child to think logically about the implications of each move so as not to give their opponent the advantage.

Triangles



Activity

Ask your child to lay 10 objects to create a flat pyramid pattern:



Challenge them to move only three items so the triangle points downwards instead of upwards?

Learning

To complete this puzzle your child must think logically about which items to move. Encourage them to share their thought process.

Bedroom BattleShips



Activity

Play this classic game with your child by creating a giant grid and using a variety of teddys to represent ships. Encourage your child to think logically about where to strike next and why.

Learning

Once you've got a 'hit', this game encourages your child to think logically in order to try and sink the ships (teddys) with as few shots as possible.

Merlins' Learning Showcase

Ask me about the
Science
experiments
investigating how
sound travels.

What a busy term the Merlins have had. One of our highlights has been DT where we used real tools to measure and saw wood, which we used to make our Shaduf.

We wrote our own Adventure stories in English using fronted adverbials and short sentences to create suspense.

Promises have been the focus for our RE lessons. After studying stories from the Bible, we explored promises made at Christian weddings, in the classroom and in our homes.

What is Shaduf
and how is it used?

We have been
playing the notes
C, D and E on
the Glockenspiel.

We have been practicing our
times tables and are getting
better at recalling facts at
speed.



KS1 at the Panto!

The Wrens and Woodpeckers had a lovely trip to the Hexagon to watch Sleeping Beauty. Mr Tumble was on top form. We enjoyed lots of traditional panto jokes—what a great end to the term!



TAKEHOME

11 - 17
Dec



Picture
News



In the news this week

British litter-pickers have become world champions in the litter-picking World Cup (also known as the SpoGomi World Cup) after sifting through nearly 60 kilograms of rubbish in the Japanese capital to win the first-ever contest of its kind. The British team, made up of Sarah Parry and brothers Alexander and Jonathan Winship, beat teams from 20 other nations from around the world. SpoGomi is named after a combination of 'sport' and 'gomi', the Japanese word for rubbish. Each team is equipped with protective gloves, metal tongs and waste bags, and allocated an area of five square kilometres (nearly two square miles) in the busy Shibuya district of Tokyo, to collect as much litter as possible.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your experience of litter in your local area. Is it a problem? Have you ever been litter-picking?
- > What do you believe rubbish is? Ask others at home. Do you all think the same?

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



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**WEDNESDAY
TO THURSDAY**

20TH - 21ST DEC

9AM - 3PM

DROP OFF FROM 8.30

u-sports.co.uk/berkshire-holiday-camps

