

# LAMBS LANE NEWS



WEEK 17-19.01.24

**Important!**



## Notice

Please see your Arbor communication about PE kit. We have had multiple children forgetting some or all of their kit recently. Please see further information later in the newsletter.

Your schedule for next week:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	3:30 — 4:30 Y1/2 Ball games	3:30 — 4:30 Y3/4 Tag Rugby	3:30 — 4:30 Y1/2 Multi Skills	9am PARENT COFFEE MORNING
				3pm Merlins' sharing assembly
				3:30 — 4:30 KS2 Dodgeball



## 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 **440 minutes (9 Hours!)** of lost learning due to lateness. **21 pupils** were late this week.

Class	Attendance percentage
Owls	88.9%
Wrens	97.9%
Woodpeckers	91.1%
Kingfishers	93.8%
Merlins	99%
Robins	97.1%
Hérons	94.5%
Whole School	94.7%

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

This week I have had the pleasure of showing around some visitors to our school on 2 separate occasions and it has been a really positive experience. On both occasions, positive comments were made about the welcoming atmosphere, the lovely learning environment, the calm working atmosphere and the good behaviour of the children. I was very proud of everyone.

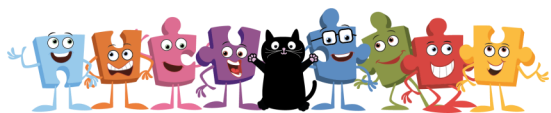
It is the first parents' coffee morning of 2024 next Friday morning. Following the last one, I made the big mistake of offering to bake a cake for the next one - it has come round very quickly! I wouldn't say that cake baking was one of my strengths but I am willing to give it a go! If I turn up with one from Tesco, you will know it has been a disaster - wish me luck!

Sharon Finn

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

## Dreams and Goals

This week, the children have been talking about perseverance and never giving up when things are tricky. Can you talk about a time where you have persevered at something you found difficult?



## Computing

Check out this BBC video about online safety. How much time do you spend online? Do you think you spend too much time using devices? What could you do to have a healthier balance?

[Click here](#)



# Arts Focus



## Liya Wan



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

Liya Wan is a contemporary Chinese artist. He connects traditional ceramic design with everyday objects. What can you see on the sides of these containers? How long do you think it would have taken to paint the designs?

# Noticeboard

## Dates for your diary

- Fri 26th Jan—Parents coffee morning in the hall
- Thurs 1st Feb—PTA Pre-loved Sale from 3pm
- Fri 9th Feb—PTA "someone you care about" gift sale (at lunchtime in the playground or Year 2 classroom)
- Fri 9th Feb—End of Spring Term 1 (school finishes at normal time)
- Tues 12th March—Parents Evening 3.30 to 8pm (Bookings will be via your Arbor account)
- Thurs 28th March—End of Spring Term 2 (School finishes at 2pm, ASC finishes at 5pm)

## Trivia Question

The below question was the 5% question on the programme one percent club. As a bit of fun can you answer it?

What has 4 letters, sometimes has 9 letters and never has 5 letters. Answer = ? Letters.

Replace the ? With a number.

## Arbor Parent Information - Communications

When we communicate with you we use the following methods through Arbor:

- Email—We use email for our general messages
- In App message (you will only receive this if you have the app) - this type of message is usually sent if we want to send you something quickly— if this message is not read the system will follow it up with an SMS. The delivery of the SMS can be anything from 1–24 hours after the In App message depending on message settings.
- SMS—We will send you a text message if we need to tell you something urgently.

All messages can be sent in the following ways:

- 1 message per recipient, regarding all students
- 1 message per recipient, regarding each student
- 1 message per household, regarding all students
- 1 message per household, regarding each student

The type of message and how many messages is normally dependant on the urgency and nature of the information.





# PE Kit



## What should be in my child's PE bag?

**Team coloured T-shirt**

**Shorts**

**Trousers or leggings**

**Trainers**

**Sweatshirt or hoodie for cold weather**

**Socks (for those who wear tights)**



**PE kit should come to school on a Monday and be taken home on Friday.**

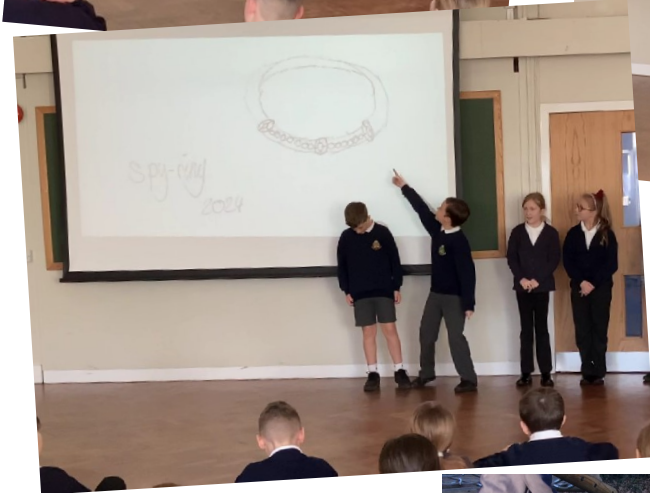


# Year 5 Learning Showcase

This week, Year 5 have been busy preparing and delivering their Dragon's Den pitches. As a group, we designed a spy gadget and then created a presentation to tell everyone about it. Ask us to tell you all about our gadget! See the pictures below.

In science we have been exploring force and how to measure it using a Newton meter—we testing pulling a shoe over different surfaces to measure the change in force.

In art, we have studied proportions of facial features to create some portraits. We will then use this when creating some Mayan inspired artwork later this term. We will include some of our finished products in the next Year 5 newsletter!



We used Newton meters in Science to measure force.



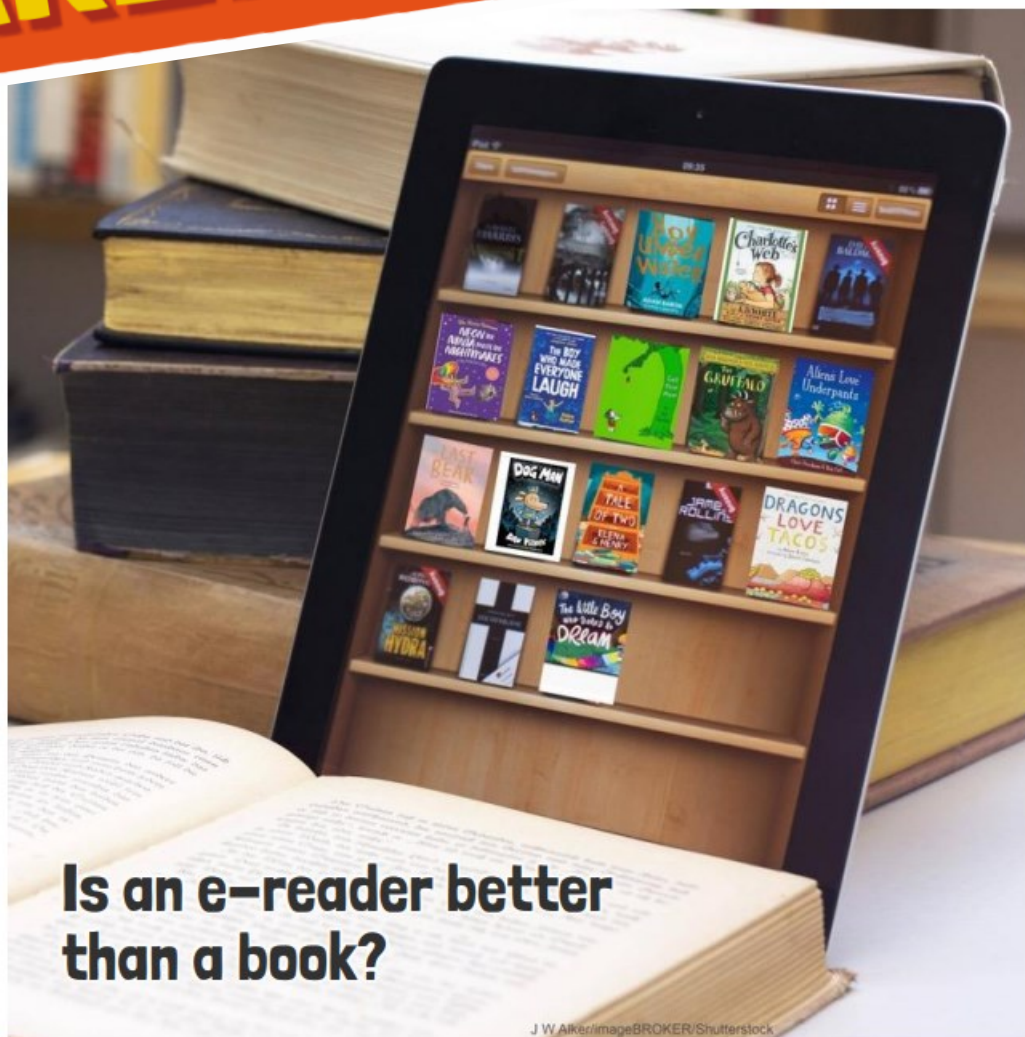


# TAKEHOME

15-21 Jan



Picture  
News



**Is an e-reader better than a book?**

J W Aiker/imageBROKER/Shutterstock

## In the news this week

A study from the University of Valencia, in Spain, found that print reading could boost skills by six to eight times more than digital reading, for example, on an e-reader or tablet. The study, published in the Review of Educational Research, also found that while there is a negative relationship between digital reading and comprehension for primary school pupils, the relationship turns positive for secondary school-aged pupils.

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

- Do you enjoy reading? If so, what type of books?
- Talk to someone at home about the types of books they like to read.
- Do you think you would prefer to read printed books, or books on an e-reader?
- Do you think that one day, e-readers will replace books?

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



# PTA Pre-Loved Clothing Sale

The PTA will be holding their 1st Pre-Loved Clothing sale on Thursday 1st February from 3pm in the School Hall.

The fashion industry is extremely wasteful and an estimated £140 million worth of clothes are sent to landfill each year. One of the best ways to keep clothes out of landfill and reduce their impact is to keep them in circulation for longer. In fact, keeping clothes in use for just an extra 9 months can reduce their carbon, water and waste footprint by 20-30%.

Buying clothes second-hand costs way less than buying new all the time. Over time, this can lead to a considerable amount of savings.

One of the best things about shopping for second-hand clothes is the opportunities it provides to discover unique items that no one else has. Part of the fun is in the hunt, searching through one-of-a-kind items until you find the perfect one for you.

Can you think of anything better than finding your favourite clothes for cheaper while supporting the PTA fundraising at the same time?

Although finding new clothes that fit you well and make you feel good can be a great feeling, knowing you are making a better choice by the environment and creating a positive impact at the same time makes buying second-hand clothes feel even better!

Knowing that you are making a better choice for not only your personal style and your bank balance but the planet as well truly makes second-hand clothes shopping an incomparable experience when searching for new pieces to add to your wardrobe.

We really hope these reasons have inspired you to give second-hand fashion a try. Please come and support us in the school hall on Thursday 1st February.

## Donations for the Pre-Loved Clothing

If you are having a wardrobe clear out and would like to donate any good quality clothing, footwear (in pairs), accessories, un-opened toiletries or good quality toys and games please give them to your local PTA member or bring them to the school office.







FIRST DAYS CHILDREN'S CHARITY

# Heart Trail

10th-18th February

A family event at Lightwater Country Park this  
**February half term**

Purchase a map for £3 from  
Lightwater Adventure Golf or the Country Park Café

Follow the trail around the lakes and take part in the  
Fitness Trail at the same time (approx 1km)

Find the letters that spell out the secret word

Learn fun facts about your heart and spot all  
the hanging crocheted hearts

Once completed, take the map back to **Lightwater Adventure Golf**  
or the **Country Park Café** and receive a sweet treat



Massive thanks to the Barkham  
Hookers for creating beautiful  
hearts for this trail.

**LIGHTWATER  
ADVENTURE GOLF**

Free Parking



Raising money for First Days Charity  
**FIRST DAYS  
CHILDREN'S CHARITY**  
www.firstdays.net

First Days Children's Charity reg number: 115 7855



**NEW FOR 2024!**

# READING ROCKETS

**UNDER 10'S GIRLS COMMUNITY  
SESSION (SCHOOL YEARS 2-5)**

**STARTING WEDNESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2024**

**Days: Wednesdays**

**Time: 4.10-5pm**

**Venue: The Warehouse, 1a Cumberland Road,  
Reading, RG1 3LB**

**Cost: £5 p/week (paid upfront for 6 week term)**

**To Book Your Place Please Scan the QR  
Code below:**



## February Half Term HOLIDAY CAMPS

**Multi-Sports Camp**

**Lambs Lane Primary School**

**Spencers Wood | RG7 1PW**



**200 5 STAR GOOGLE REVIEWS**

**9AM - 3PM\***

**DROP OFF FROM 8:30**

\*4 YEAR OLDS UNTIL 1PM ONLY

**4 TO 12 YEARS**

CHILDREN IN FOUNDATION TO YEAR 7



**Scan Here For The  
Direct Booking Page**

**BOOK ONLINE**

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

**Monday to  
Tuesday**  
12th - 13th February



**£25 Per Day\* £44 Per Week**

**Discounts Available**

10% COMMUNITY SUBSCRIBER DISCOUNT  
MULTI-DAY BOOKING DISCOUNT  
10% SIBLING DISCOUNT

\*£19.50 DAY & £35 WEEK  
FOR 4 YEAR OLDS (1PM FINISH)



## Football & Sports Holiday Camps

**February Half Term**

**Football Plus Camps**

Bracknell · Caversham · Woodley · Slough

**Multi Sports Camps**

Woodley · Spencer's Wood · Caversham  
Slough · Reading · Maidenhead · Wokingham

**£25  
Per Day\***  
\*MULTI DAY  
DISCOUNTS  
AVAILABLE

**Girls Football**

Woodley



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