

# Launton C of E School Newsletter

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## Key dates

Term Dates 2022/2023

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Report by Fleur, Barney and Freddie from Willow Class

We were planting apple trees. One is a cooking apple tree, so we might make an apple and blackberry pie or apple stew. We could also make candy apples.



Report from Elliot, Elsie, Amelia and Benjamin from Chestnut Class about the new houses for our school. Our houses are Sherwood Forest, the Forest of Dean, Thetford Forest and the New Forest. We researched these forests and made presentations to share with the school. Our presentations were the ones that were chosen by Mrs Terry for us to show to all of the other classes. We think that having forests for our houses matches our school best because our classes are named after trees and we understand the importance of trees for the environment.

The Key stage 2 festival of lights yesterday afternoon.



We would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and Wonderful New Year. Thank you so much for all your support this term. We look forward to working together again next term.

### Save the Date

**30th January 2023:** Rags2Riches4Schools clothing collection.

Please remember to use Amazon Smile and #easyfundraising when you do your Christmas shopping. Both are very easy to set up, with over 7,000 brands willing to donate to our charity, at no extra cost to you. You can generate hassle free donations when you buy gifts, decorations, your festive food shopping or anything else!

Please sign up and help us raise more at:

[Amazon Smile PAC](#)  
[Easyfundraising](#)

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us in person or by email ([friendsoflaunton-gta@googlegroups.com](mailto:friendsoflaunton-gta@googlegroups.com)) should you have any questions, ideas, suggestions, to be added to our fundraising WA group or just for a chat.

Chair: Victoria Brandham  
Vice Chair: Liz Moore  
Secretary: Ruth West  
Treasurers: Laura Pickering and Sarah Harrison

### **MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FROM ST MARY'S CHURCH**

24/12/22 *Crib Service* – 3pm

Do come along and play your part in the story of Jesus' birth– dressed as a Star, an Angel, a Shepherd or a Sheep

01/01/23 January *Family Service* - 11am  
when we will hear about the Three Kings travelling to meet the Baby Jesus  
All welcome

Any queries, please contact Celia on 01869 571735 [www.andersonford.com](http://www.andersonford.com)



## In other news

Please follow links to read updated school policies

[Behaviour](#), [Anti-bullying and School Uniform](#). Children will be bringing PE bags home at the end of this week. Please remind your child to bring it back to school on the first day of term as PE kits are required for every PE lesson.

**Additional Tickets have been sent home for those who had requested additional tickets.**

- **Rowan and Willow Class Nativity** in school 9.30am **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**
- **Ash Class Nativity** in school 10.45am **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

Parents and carers are welcome to join us for the **Carol Service** in St Mary's Church 9.30am **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

### Winter Mini Reading Challenge 2022

Join in with The Reading Agency's Gadgeteers, Winter Mini Challenge 2022

Oxfordshire Libraries are excited to announce the return of the Winter Mini Challenge! The Reading Agency has teamed up again with the Science Museum Group to bring back the Gadgeteers from this year's Winter Reading Challenge.

It has started and finishes on Sunday 20th February 2023.

Parents and carers can register their children for free at [wintermini.org.uk](http://wintermini.org.uk)

The children set their own reading challenge. A target of 3 books is recommended.

They can read any books for their Challenge, including eBooks or eAudio which can be borrowed for free from Oxfordshire Libraries. For some brilliant book ideas, a collection will be available on

our Overdrive platform: [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/ebooks](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/ebooks) . Parents and carers can join their children to the library by visiting [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/libraries)

Children rate and review the books they have read on the Winter Mini Challenge website to unlock virtual rewards and a special Winter Mini Challenge certificate.

**Term 3 Activity Clubs** – Bookings have closed and confirmation emails will be sent on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December. If you have missed the booking and would like to see if a place is available please email the school office.

After School Clubs			
Monday	Drama 5 weeks from 09.01.23	Year 2-6	Booked through Scopay
Tuesday	Football 5 weeks from 10.01.23	KS2	Booked through Scopay
Wednesday	Gym and dance 5 weeks from 11.01.23	Year 2-6	Booked through Scopay
Thursday			
Friday	Netball/Basketball 5 weeks from 13.01.23	KS2	Booked through Scopay



## Updates & Reminders

**After School Care** – There is no After School Care on the last day of term (Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December).

**Lunches for January** - Lunches for the first week back need to be booked by **4pm on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> December**.

**Themed Lunch Day** - On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January it will be themed lunch day, booking for the themed lunch will open Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December, if you had already ordered a lunch for Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January this will have been cancelled and you will need to rebook the meal selecting from the themed menu.

[Launton Village Players Pantomime](#)

[Scarlet Fever Information for Parents](#)

[Discover - 50 things to do before you're five](#)

### **Parents / Carers of children who reach the age of 4 on or before 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023**

Applications for School places must be made to the Local Authority no later than **15<sup>th</sup> January 2023** for places in school. If your child has a place in a nursery class (including the children in our own Cherry Class), you must still apply for a school place in a reception class. Applications for school places can be made [here](#).

#### **National Guidance**

- Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.
- Please follow [this link to the latest information from the UK Health Security Agency regarding when to keep a child off school - UKHSA Update](#)
- adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days.

**Remember:** Please be aware that we have children in school with **serious food allergies**. To ensure the safety of all of our children please avoid sending your child to school with anything that contains nuts this includes sandwiches containing peanut butter or chocolate spread.