

# Launton C of E School Newsletter



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Courage, resilience and compassion, with endless good humour and teamwork have been seen in abundance this week. Runners, individually and as a team excelled at the Cross Country finals in very challenging weather conditions and a Year 6 team beat Bure Park 6-0 in the football league. Years 3 and 4 have loved the sports activities at The Cooper School, and around every corner there is an adult or child humming a chorus from one of the reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Nativities.

## Report from the North Oxfordshire Cross Country finals, held on 1st December.

"15 Launton pupils went to Sibford School for a Cross country race." Erin

"There were four races with about 100 people in each race. The Year 3 & 4 race was 1500m, which is about 6 Launton laps." Sebastian

"The race for Year 5 & 6 was 2000m, or 8 Launton laps." Spencer.

"It was so cold. It was like running on an ice-covered Tundra!" Sophia

"Because we run Launton laps nearly everyday, we did really well in the races. It's all about practise." Toby

There were four top ten individual results: a 10<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> place for Elliot and Alfie in the boys UKS2 race, and a 10<sup>th</sup> place for Toby and an amazing 2<sup>nd</sup> place for Sebastian in the LKS2 race.

"By two points we missed out on a third place in the yr 5 and 6 boys' team competition. Fourth place was still a good result, though." Jack.

"We are already looking forward to next year." Teddy



## Key dates

[Term Dates 2023/2024](#)  
[Term Dates 2024/2025](#)

## AN INVITATION FROM ST MARY'S

### ST MARY'S DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

24/12/23

[Crib Service](#) – 7pm

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

## Message from the PTA

It's nearly time for the Christmas Cafe!  
Sunday 17th December 2-4pm

Ways you can help;

- Donate a prize for the tombola – please pass to Lucy Crawford or any other member of the PTA.
- Festive cakes and bakes – these can be homemade or shop bought. Please them bring on the day or speak to us to donate on the Friday beforehand.
- Offer your time – 30 mins on a stall is all it takes

Thanks for all those that have volunteered and donated already. We appreciate your commitment at a busy time of year!

Future dates;

The next Rags2Riches collection will be on 23rd January 2024.

The trustees this year are;

Chair: Victoria Brandham

Vice Chair: Lucy Crawford

Secretary: Sarah Harrison

Treasurer: Laura Pickering & Laura Smith

## Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children to donate for Christmas Jumper day to Save the Children please follow this [link](#).



## Updates & Reminders

**Snowflakes** – If you would like to dedicate a snowflake to a loved one, the children will hang it on the Christmas Tree for you. Make your donation online via [this link](#) and email the school office with the name of the person to be remembered and we will write it on the snowflake. Alternatively, donations and names can also be posted in the school post box during school hours or snowflakes can be collected from the school office for you to write your message on and to hang on the tree between 9am and 3pm Monday-Friday until Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December.



**School Lunches** – The deadline for booking school lunches for the first week back is **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> December**; this is open for booking now.

**After School Sports Clubs** – Just a reminder that there are no after school sports clubs next week until we return after Christmas more details below.

### School Performances –

#### **Code of conduct for visitors attending a performance in school –**

1. Entry is by ticket only.
2. Access to the school hall will be from the front garden and the hall door will be opened shortly before the performance is due to begin.
3. Video and photographs that include images of children other than your own child must not be shared or uploaded to social media.

### Advance notice of dates –

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 3 and 4 Boys Active Festival at The Cooper School.

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December** – Last Swimming lesson for Years 4 and 5 this term

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the children

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – Brass Concert for Year 6 and children in Year 4 & 5 having Brass Lessons

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 2 and 3 Visit to The Oxford Story Museum

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – Nativities

9.15am – Willow Class

10.30am Ash and Rowan Class

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – School Christmas Carol Service in St Mary's Church 9.30am, all are welcome to join us.



## In other news

**Term 3 Activity Clubs** – Bookings for Term 3 clubs are open and will close at midday on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, confirmation emails will be sent by the end of term.

Term 3 After School Activity Clubs			
Monday	Multiskills 5 weeks from 08.01.2024	Year 2	Booked through Scopay, if spaces are still available once booking closes the remaining spaces will be opened for Year 1 pupils
Tuesday	Football 5 weeks from 09.01.2024	Key Stage 2	Booked through Scopay
Wednesday	Gymnastics and Dance 5 weeks from 10.01.2024	Years 2 – 6	Booked through Scopay
Thursday			
Friday	Netball/Basketball 5 weeks from 12.01.2024	Key Stage 2	Booked through Scopay

### Community Events –

- [The Hummingbird - Light the Light Event Saturday 9th December](#)
- [Launton Village Players Pantomime - Rapunzel](#)
- [Stagecoach Christmas Workshop](#)
- [Saturday STEM Club](#)
- [Oxfordshire Libraries Short Story Competition](#)

**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.

### Useful Links

Here is the NHS [is my child too ill for school](#) information.

As parents and carers, there are ways we can support our children to give them the best chance to stay mentally healthy. Encouraging and guiding a child to think about their own mental health and wellbeing are vital skills you can teach them from a young age. [Children's mental health - Every mind matters](#)