

# Launton C of E School Newsletter

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The newsletter has been put together by Year 6, who completed the final day of their SATs today, having worked with quiet diligence all week, making us all extremely proud of them.



“These are the tests that you take near the end of Year 6. We have been working hard in class, so we didn't find them too difficult. PIRA and PUMA tests that we do every term are harder! Some of us are sad they are over. Top tips for Year 5 for next year are: check your answers; use all of your time; just focus on one question at a time and don't over think it; practise beforehand until you are confident. There is nothing to be anxious about.”



## Year 6- Little Gardens Project

Report written by: Sofia, Clarence, Poppy, Jack W and Isaac



“As our DT unit of work we have been designing and making our own 'little gardens'. We worked in groups of four people. Each group were given their own large empty planter pot.



We first had to design our garden on paper. We had to think about the capacity of the planter and the amount of space each plant would need. We also had to think about compatibility. It wouldn't work if you tried to grow strawberries and onions together! However, lettuce and mint are good partners.



When our design was finished, we filled our planters with soil and compost. Some plants could be put directly into the planters. Some of the plants we had chosen had to be first grown in the poly-tunnel until they were big and strong enough to go into our planter. When planting in a planter it is important to put the taller plants in the middle of the planter and the smaller plants around the edge. This gives the smaller plants the space to grow. Strawberry plants like to be around the edge so that the strawberries can dangle over the sides.



Now our gardens have been planted, we do regular check-ups on them. We look to see if they look dehydrated and need water. We check to see if they have enough light.

Our little gardens were very fun to make. It is good to see how they grow. It was a very good link between our DT and Science work!”

## Key dates

[Term Dates 2023/2024](#)

[Term Dates 2024/2025](#)

## Message from the PTA

WE NEED YOU...

3 trustees will end their term this July and we are looking for new members to join the Friends of Launton committee. If you'd like to know more about what's involved we'd be happy to set up a chat at a time that suits you.

We also need a team of volunteers to run the BBQ on Friday 12th July. Please get in touch if you can help on the day or with planning.

Thanks in advance! None of these things happen without all our wonderful parents and families.

You can email us anytime at [friends@launton-pta.co.uk](mailto:friends@launton-pta.co.uk)

The trustees this year are;

Chair: Victoria Brandham

Vice Chair: Lucy Crawford

Secretary: Sarah Harrison

Treasurer: Laura Pickering & Laura Smith



## In other news

### Year 6 football match against Chesterton

Report written by: Austin, Alfie, Chloe and Dylan

“Our football team played against Chesterton Primary school in the quarter final, we won 11-4! Everyone played well and no-one was selfish. We had a positive mindset and worked as a team. Other people from our class came to support us. We could hear them cheering from the sidelines. It made us feel more motivated.

The Chesterton team showed good sportsmanship and they didn't give up. We shook hands with them at the end of the match.

Dylan- “It was my birthday on the day we played! I was made captain. I even got two assists. It was a great birthday!”. “

### Term 6 Activity Clubs

Bookings for Term 6 clubs will open Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May, confirmation emails will be sent by the end of term. Bookings will close at midday Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

Term 6 After School Activity Clubs			
Tuesday	Football 6 weeks from 04.06.2024	Key Stage 2	Booked through Scopay
Wednesday	Gymnastics and Dance 6 weeks from 05.06.2024	Years 2 – 6	Booked through Scopay
Friday	Netball/Basketball 6 weeks from 07.06.2024	Key Stage 2	Booked through Scopay



## Updates & Reminders

### Dates for your diary

**5<sup>th</sup> June** - Class photographs

**11<sup>th</sup> June** - Willow Class and Oak Class visiting Science Oxford Centre

**21<sup>st</sup> June** - Beech Class and Chestnut Class visiting Oxfordshire Museum, Woodstock

**28<sup>th</sup> June** - Sports day for Ash Class, Rowan Class and Willow Class in the morning from 10am, and for Oak Class, Beech Class and Chestnut Class in the afternoon from 1.20pm. Information will follow.

Y6 cycling 1-2pm on Thursdays from Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June for 6 weeks.

**12<sup>th</sup> July**- PTA bbq

**17<sup>th</sup> July 6pm** -Y6 performing in their summer play. Information will follow.

**18<sup>th</sup> July 2.45-3.15pm** - Open classrooms. Information will follow.

**23<sup>rd</sup> July** - Leavers' Service for Y6 pupils and their parents, plus KS2 pupils

Last day of Term 5 is **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** and school resumes after half term on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

Please make sure you have ordered School Lunches for the first week back the cut off for ordering for the Monday is Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

If you are visiting Bicester Library from 16<sup>th</sup> May onwards, you may see the wonderful Batik hangings painted by Year 6.

### Useful Links –

[Parent's Guide to Cyberbullying](#)

[Oral Health Newsletter](#)

[Term 5 School Nurse Newsletter](#)

### Events –

[Oxfordshire Young Farmers Rally 18.05.24](#)

Half Term Clubs – For more information about local half term clubs please follow this [link](#).

**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](#)