

# Launton C of E School Newsletter



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**Thank you to Chestnut Class for this week's news report...**  
Our fire and water safety talk by Year 5 & 6



Last Monday, we were visited by Chris Woodcock. He is a retired firefighter who is now the Home and Safety Community Advisor. We learned that many things in and around our homes can cause a fire. We learned about the fire triangle. This explains all the things that are needed to cause a fire: oxygen, heat and fuel. All these things need to be present at the same time to make a fire. To stop a fire, you must take one of these necessities away. There are different types of fire. In an oil fire never use water to put it out- it will explode! In an electric fire you must use a special type of foam.

Chris told us **never** to tackle a fire ourselves. Our job is to: "Get out. Stay out. Call 999!" It is important to have a working smoke alarm on every floor of your house. These should be checked every week.

Chris then talked to us about water safety. He told us that we should never swim in lakes, rivers or ponds. They may have strong currents, drainage systems, pollution that we cannot see; all of which are dangerous. Just by looking at a body of water, we cannot tell how deep the water is, if there are animal carcasses, chemicals or whether there is something sharp beneath the water's surface and out of our line of vision. It is safer to swim where there are lifeguards. On a beach, always swim between the red and yellow flags.

Year 6 will be enhancing this knowledge by attending Junior Citizens after half term.

## Internet safety day

Throughout the school we have been learning about internet safety in age-appropriate ways. Each class has taken part in different activities ranging from watching BBC Newsround (and discussing the information as a class), taking part in a quiz or making posters to promote being safe online. Our class particularly focused on learning about how people are scammed online and how we can take steps to ensure it does not happen to us!



Children in Rowan class have been busy weighing, measuring, mixing and melting chocolate. Please join them in the hall for their Cake Sale to raise money for Children's Mental Health Week. Access for everyone is through the front garden; parents of Rowan Class should go directly to the hall to collect children who are leaving at 3.15pm because they will be organising their sale in the hall.



## Tennis Challenge

This term, children at Launton have been taking part in a tennis challenge on a Monday morning with Mr Mawn. Children count how many tap ups they can do in a row and record their best score each week in their physical activity record.

"The tennis challenge is difficult, but I am improving each week." (Susanna, Willow Class)

"So far my best is 15 and I am proud of this achievement." (Thomas, Willow Class)

"The challenge is hard, you have to really concentrate, and I am getting better" (Max, Willow class)

"I really like the challenge, 20 is my highest score." (Ryan, Oak class)

"It is a fun challenge; I'm getting really good." (Layla, Beech class)

"On the first week my highest was 6 and now my best score is 11." (Luca, Beech Class)

"I like the tennis challenge. It is fun and you get to learn skills." (Olivia, Chestnut Class)

"I'm getting better every week." (Evan, Chestnut Class)



## Key Dates

[2024/2025 Term Dates](#)

[2025/2026 Term Dates](#)

## Message from the PTA

### PTA Disco - Friday 14th February

We hope you are all practising your dance moves ready for the disco this Friday. A reminder that it starts at 5.30 at the Launton Sports and Social club. Parking will be limited so please do walk if you can. Advance tickets sent home earlier this week; there will be a small number of tickets available on the door.

### Rags2Riches clothing collection

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. We shall be collecting any good quality preloved clothes are converted into a cash donation for the PTA.

If you, or any friends/relatives, are having clothes clear out in the next few weeks then please bag them up and bring them along to the front garden on the morning of the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### World Book Day Book Sale

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Children's book sale after school. If you have any children's books you would like to donate then please bring them to school in the week after half term (another good reason to have a sort out at home this half term!). There will be a box in the playground to put them in.

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Your current trustees are:

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## In other news

Half term would be a great chance for you to use the Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service [Footsteps](#) programme to begin to support your children in their journey to becoming safer, independent pedestrians and road users.



The **Footsteps** guide will give you some ideas of how to begin to support your child in developing the decision-making skills that will help them become a pedestrian able to keep themselves safer when they eventually walk to school or a friend's home independently.

If they are ill-prepared, children are more likely to be killed or injured in a road traffic incident, as seen by the fact that the number of child pedestrians injured rises significantly around 10 -12 years of age – the time at which they begin to go out unaccompanied by adults.

The **Footsteps** programme is simple to use as it can be carried out in normal everyday situations such as walking to school or to the local shops. Rather than *telling* children what to do, you are encouraged to *ask* lots of open questions to make the children think about the decisions they are making. Making these decisions safely, while in the company of a supporting adult, will mean they will be better prepared for dealing with roads and traffic once they begin going out on their own.

Learning to cope with traffic is a practical skill, which can't be learnt in the classroom. As parents / carers, you are the best people to help your child develop this knowledge as you spend the most time out and about with them.

It is never too early to start talking to your child about road safety as, having a good understanding of road safety skills, could one day save their life.

Please follow the link to the [Footsteps](#) guide and start giving your children the skills and knowledge they will need to stay safer on our roads.

## Updates & Reminders

### Useful Links –

[Launton Village Players Pantomime 2025](#)

[Holiday Clubs and Events](#)

[Clubs and Events](#)

[Support for Parents](#)

[Internet Safety Webinar](#)

### Reminders -

Booking has now closed for Term 4 Clubs, there are some spaces still available if you would like to book your child into one of these clubs please email the school office.

Deadline for ordering school lunches for the first week back after half term is Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February.

Term 4 After School Activity Clubs

Monday	<b>Multisports</b> 6 weeks from 24.02.2025 (this will include Netball, Tennis, Athletics, Hockey, Orienteering)	Years 4, 3 and 2	With Mr Mawn (Sports Teacher) Booked through Scopay
Tuesday	<b>Football</b> 6 weeks from 25.02.2025	Key Stage 2	With Ignite Booked through Scopay
Wednesday	<b>Gymnastics and Dance</b> 6 weeks from 26.02.2025	Years 2 – 6	With Ignite Booked through Scopay
Thursday	<b>Art Club – Textiles</b> 6 weeks from 27.02.2025	Key Stage 2	With Miss Nightingale Booked through Scopay
	<b>Multiskills</b> 6 weeks from 27.02.2025	Key Stage 1	With the Activators Booked through Scopay
Friday	<b>Netball/Basketball</b> 5 weeks from 28.02.2025	Key Stage 2	With Ignite Booked through Scopay

**Choir-** Tuesdays at lunchtime for children in Year 1 - 6. This club does not need to be booked.

**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](#)