

# Launton C of E School Newsletter

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## Key dates

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## AN INVITATION FROM ST MARY'S

Do come along to our  
Family Christingle Service  
in aid of The Children's Society


Sunday 3 December at 11am

Any queries, please contact Celia on  
[celliamanderson@aol.com](mailto:celliamanderson@aol.com) or 01869  
571735

CALLING ALL FAMILIES TO OUR  
CHRISTINGLE SERVICE HELD ON BEHALF OF  
THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER 2023  
AT 11.00 AM

## CHRISTINGLE



YOU WILL HAVE FUN LEARNING THE STORY  
BEHIND CHRISTINGLE, ASSEMBLING YOUR OWN  
AND ALSO ENJOYING SOME CHRISTMAS SONGS

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES PLEASE CONTACT  
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Reflections on their visit to the Museum of Natural History by children in Beech and Chestnut Classes:

"The best part was when we were able to handle a rock from the centre of a planet that was shattered by another planet and came to Earth. We already knew that rock can be igneous, sedimentary or metamorphic."



"We saw a skeleton of a Tyrannosaurus Rex."



"We were able to handle obsidian."



"We were able to speak into a microphone and the words were translated into birdsong"

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec**

**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](#).**



**Save the Children**



"I have an ammonite at home in a case."

The children in Willow Class had a marvellous time at the Multiskills Festival last Thursday. Year 3 and Year 4 pupils are taking part in Active Sports events this afternoon and next Thursday, our Year 6 football team are playing this afternoon at Bure Park and our cross country finalists are competing at Sibford tomorrow.

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 19<sup>th</sup> December.

## Message from the PTA

CHRISTMAS CAFE || Please join us on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2-4pm for a relaxed afternoon in the school hall with hot drinks and festive cakes & bakes for sale. There will be Christmas crafts and tombolas for the children. Launton Village Players will be singing for us. It's free to enter.

TOMBOLA PRIZES NEEDED || Donations for the tombola would be very much appreciated. Lucy Crawford will be at the school gates both morning and afternoon on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday to collect donations. You can also leave them on the picnic bench for her to collect in case you can't find her.

Thanks to those who have volunteered already. We still need a few more people. Put your name down here <https://volunteernow.org/23874> or get in touch.

The trustees this year are;

Chair: Victoria Brandham

Vice Chair: Lucy Crawford

Secretary: Sarah Harrison

Treasurer: Laura Pickering & Laura Smith



## Updates & Reminders

### School Lunches -

Please can parents of children attending the upcoming educational visits (Years 2&3) ensure that the correct lunch has been ordered for the visit .

### Advance notice of dates

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November** – Year 3 and 4 Girls Active Festival at The Cooper School

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December** – North Oxfordshire Cross Country Final at Sibford School for the Launton Runners who have qualified

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

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

**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 followed by **10.30am** Ash Class and Rowan Class. Tickets will be sent home with children tomorrow. If you wish to request additional tickets, please email [office.3085@launton.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.3085@launton.oxon.sch.uk) and we will allocate any spare ones; if you have any spare tickets, please return them to your child's teacher.

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

### 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](#)

[Term 2 School Nurse Newsletter](#)

## In other news

### Community Events –

- [The Hummingbird - Light the Light Event Saturday 9th December](#)
- [Launton Village Players Pantomime - Rapunzel](#)
- [Cinderella Pantomime 3rd December at the Launton Sports and Social Club](#) follow link for more information and tickets
- [Stagecoach Christmas Workshop](#)
- [Saturday STEM Club](#)