

# Launton C of E School Newsletter



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## Key dates

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### 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

CHRISTMAS CAFE - THIS SUNDAY

We look forward to welcoming you to the Christmas Cafe on

Sunday 17th December 2-4pm.

In the hall there will hot drinks and festive cakes and bakes for sale. The Launton Village Players will kindly be performing for us. There will be simple crafts, games and tombola. This event is free to enter and activities will be 50p or a £1. Tokens will be available to purchase on the day if you wish to pay by card or larger cash notes.

Thanks to all those that have donated prizes, cakes or volunteered. We could still use a few more helpers so please let us know if you can offer 30 mins of your time!

Contact us by email at [friends@launton-pta@parishgroups.com](mailto:friends@launton-pta@parishgroups.com)

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



Year three and four boys enjoyed trying a range of sporting activities at TCS this week and a football team are playing at Fritwell this afternoon in the league.

Children looked splendid yesterday in costume for Nativity dress rehearsals. All the school, including Cherry Class were very impressed. We look forward to welcoming parents and carers at tomorrow's performances.

9.15am Willow Class  
10.30am Ash and Rowan Classes  
Tickets have been sent home with children and entrance is via the gate in the front garden.



Willow Class and Oak Class had a marvelous time in Oxford today at the Story Museum. Beech Class are busy baking this afternoon. Ash Class baked gingerbread with their Forest Buddies from Chestnut Class on Monday. Next Monday is Christmas Making Day, when children will be doing craft activities in their Forest Groups around school, based on the wonderful decorations that were brought in as part of this term's homework grids. Children may need to put the things they make, somewhere out of sight so you have a surprise on 25th...

Well done to the Chestnut Brass Band, soloists and the group from Beech Class for yesterday's fabulous concert.

Last date for Christmas postbox is Monday. Please put year group or class name as address so that cards can be delivered by the post team.



Term ends at 3.15pm on Tuesday. There is no After School Care on Tuesday.

## 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 this 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 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 have now closed, confirmation emails will be sent by the end of term. There are spaces remaining on Multiskills club which is now open for Year 1 children to book. Bookings for this will close at midday Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

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 –

- [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](#)