

# Lympsham C of E Academy

## A First School within the Wessex Learning Trust

‘A Christian Community with Children at its Heart’



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**Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility**



Reminder—The school gates close at 8.55 in the morning. If your child arrives after registration has taken place then it is recorded as ‘late’ on the register.

### PSHE JIGSAW

Celebrating Difference

**British**

**Value**

Mutual Respect and tolerance

### Christian Value

Compassion



**Our Learning Behaviour this term is...**

Respectful Elephant—Notices, listens, talks and works with others

### Rights Respecting

**Schools: Your right to say**

**what you think should happen and be listened**



## DIARY DATES– AUTUMN TERM

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| <b>November</b><br>Thursday 23rd      | Tulip Photography, individual and sibling photos. Siblings not in school can come to the school hall 8.30 –9am (this includes siblings at pre-school) | <b>Monday 4th + Tuesday 5th</b>   | Elves, Unicorns and Pre-School Nativity performances 2-3pm<br><br>Tuesday—year 3+4 ukulele concert 9.20am                       |
| <b>Thursday 23rd + Friday 1st Dec</b> | Every Child Needs Christmas—gift donations to school and pre-school on these dates—please see poster at the end of newsletter                         | <b>Monday 11th</b>                | School Panto trip to the Playhouse  |
| <b>Friday 24th</b>                    | Elves parents for collective worship  | <b>Monday 12th + Tuesday 13th</b> | KS2 Nativity performances 2-3pm   |
| <b>December</b><br>Friday 1st         | Unicorns parents for collective worship   | <b>Friday 15th</b>                | School Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day—raising money for Children’s Cancer and Leukaemia Group<br><br>Last day of term |

**Thank you!**

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations for Diabetes UK and Children in Need, we are always blown away by how supportive our families are when we have fundraising events at school.

For Diabetes UK we raised £110.20.

For the Royal British Legion we raised £117.05.

For Children in Need we raised an amazing £406.80 to date, the Parentpay link that was emailed out will stay live for donations for another week if you have further donations or sponsorship money to pay in.



Our grass in front of the Elves and unicorns is very wet and muddy, please try not to walk on this area at pick up times, thank you.

## Headteacher Hello! Ho! Ho! Ho!

We are officially entering, what we hope to be the most magical time of the year and the busiest time in our school calendar.

Our whole school community have embraced our new JIGSAW theme 'Celebrating Difference' and are exploring those themes alongside our British Value 'Mutual Respect'. We continue to drive our cultural capital with Charity work and trips outside of school and hope to share with you soon our plans for the Spring Term.

For the remaining part of this half term we are trialling a new timetable for our longer playtimes. We have unfortunately been unsuccessfully in our bid to recruit lunchtime staff and so we are finding new ways to adapt and promote positive play and social eating times. All children are invited to the hall to eat together at the start of our lunch hour. Children are then encouraged to play on our main playtime until the hall is closed for service and we are sure that everyone has had an adequate amount of time to eat. After this point we split our school into House groups (Hawks, Eagles, Kestrels and Falcons) and divide our play across the main playground and Small/Tennis court Playground. This allows a broad age range of children to socialise and mix together and offers more space and variety across the school site. Children then come back together in class groups at the end of play and for all other break times, offering a good variety of social opportunities across the day. So far, we are really enjoying the new timetable and are seeing positive impacts on behaviour and citizenship during these times. We will review our new approach after Christmas and then make any adaptations needed.

I am really looking forward to celebrating with you all across our many festivities this term and thank you in advance for supporting our school community.

Many thanks

Mrs Whiting

If you are in need of additional school uniform items these are the opening dates for our school uniform supplier over Christmas

**Concept | WEAR**

Last date for orders: Wednesday 6th December

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We will be closed from  
Thursday 21st December and  
reopen on Tuesday 2nd January.

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Click & Collect is available on all orders

Last Post: Monday 18th December



## Autumn term at Pre-School



Autumn is a very busy time of year for us here at pre-school, there are lots of festivals and special dates for us to learn about and celebrate, as well as autumn itself to explore. We are also continuing to learn about our numbers and phonics.

After half term we learnt about bonfire night and fireworks and we made some fantastic fireworks pictures and decorated fireworks biscuits.



We have also been thinking about remembrance, we have used poppies to help us with our counting, we have made some great poppy artwork, we walked to the village memorial to look at the poppy display and we took part in the school remembrance service.



As part of our phonics work we have been trying some body percussion to see what noises we can make with our hands, feet and mouths. For maths we have been looking for pairs and learning about what makes a pair. We have been pairing up items we can find in our classroom that make pairs. It would be lovely to see pictures of pairs the children have found at home too.

We have also been practicing cleaning our teeth using our pre-school sets of teeth!



# Unicorns



## Bristol Zoo Project

Year 1 had a great time learning all about the animals at Bristol Zoo Project as part of our Carnival of animals topic.

They couldn't believe how tall the giraffes were and were amazed at how many animals that lived there.



## North Somerset Bird of Prey Centre



Reception were lucky enough to get a visit from North Somerset Bird of Prey Centre. They brought with them millipedes for the children to hold and stroke. The children loved that their legs were tickling them. They also bought two naughty ferrets who kept escaping in the classroom and two owls. They really enjoyed learning about all of the animals and found it very funny when the owl had a poo on the carpet.

## Harvest

As part of our Harvest festivities we made pumpkin soup. We enjoyed cutting up the Vegetables and pretending we were real chefs a fancy restaurant. We also got to try some and most of us enjoyed it.



## Autumn

We have been making pictures with autumn foliage. Each child chose to make a different picture. Year 1's had a go at drawing the other half of a leaf and painting it in watercolours.

# Elves Class



We had an amazing time at the Bristol Zoo Project learning all about different animal groups.



At Harvest time we followed Colbie's recipe for 'Spooky Apple Spiders'.



The Elves class have really enjoyed sharing their special talking box. We cannot wait to hear from more Elves each week!





# Griffins Class



In Griffins class, we have been busy learning how to write instructions and what they are used for. We decided to focus on recipes and wrote a recipe for winter vegetable soup and the winning recipe from our Harvest competition—apple cinnamon pinwheels.



## Harvest Festival

We celebrated harvest as a whole school and then we took the opportunity to practice our measuring skills, using the food bank donations. We carefully measured all the cans tins and packets and then recorded our results in cm and mm.

## Phoenix Class



### VR experience- Wednesday 18.10.23

Our studious Year 3 and 4s were treated to a newly launched virtual reality experience on Wednesday. We were delighted to invite Space Detectives, Jo Richardson, into our school for the morning. She took us on a virtual trip to see a Nebula, the Milky way and the around our solar system. Everyone got to recognise Saturn and examine our solar system. We looked at the planets made from rock, gas and ice and saw how the planets were formed billions of years ago. We even saw a virtual black hole!



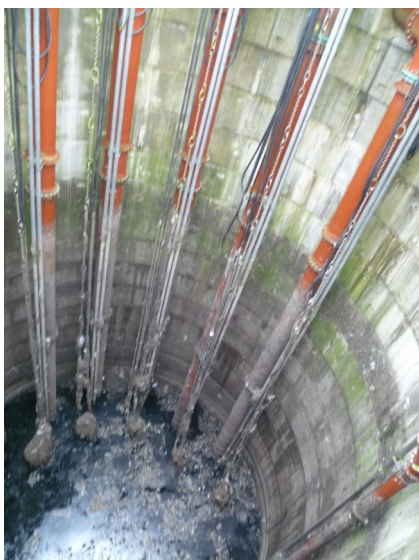
### Wessex Water Recycling Centre KS2 Trip

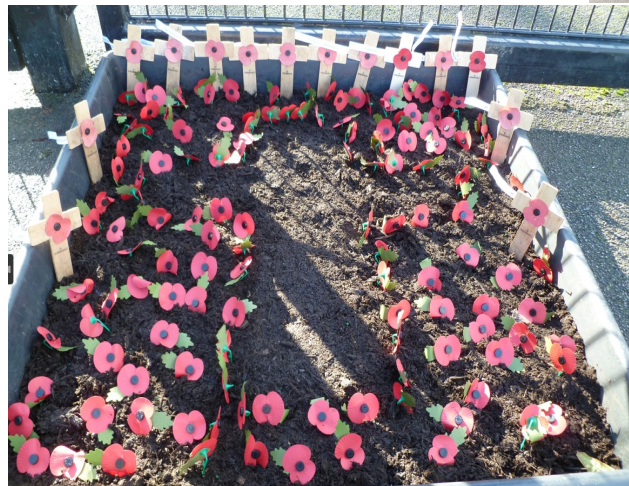
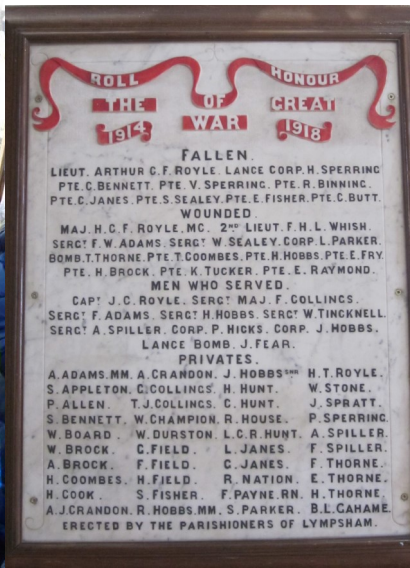
**Who would have thought the recycling of waste water would be so fascinating?**

26 million litres of waste water and products go through the treatment plant every day.

There are 4 storm tanks that can hold up to 21 million litres of waste water.

Any waste product is transported to Avonmouth to be converted into Bio Fuel and other renewable energy.





Thank you to Mr Bishop for helping to organise our Y4 and 3s to honour the fallen of Lympsham.

Well done everyone peacefully showing their respect.

Our Oliver was thrilled to be interviewed by a local journalist.





# Lest we forget



# EVERY CHILD NEEDS CHRISTMAS!



**Help make a difference to a child in your local community this Christmas.**

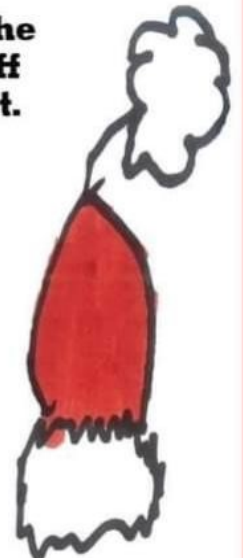


**Donate a new, sealed, non-edible gift around the £5-£7 mark for ages 0-16 to one of our drop off points using the Map Link to find your nearest.**



or

**Shop using our Amazon Gift List Link below and your gift comes to us!**



**For more information on the 'Every Child Needs Christmas' Campaign follow us on Facebook @childsxmas**



Map Link



Gift List



**Closing Date 7th December 2023**

Donations of gifts can be brought into school and pre-school on the following dates - Thursday 23rd November and Friday 1st December.