



Lulworth & Winfrith CE Primary School

Belief, Fellowship, Harmony
Matthew 31:32 - 33



Autumn 2, Week 5 Newsletter



Dear Families,

It has been another busy week and lots of our children have been talking excitedly about decorating their homes, putting up the tree and updating the class on the antics of their naughty elf! Please do keep an eye on the diary dates section of this bulletin as there are several invitations to join us at events before the end of term.

With Christmas fast approaching, different families will be anticipating the impact of this time of year in varying ways. At its heart, all activities we undertake in school and all the festive adventures you engage with at home as a family, are aimed to enhance enjoyment at this time of year. That said, the busy nature of events, increased noise levels and potentially overwhelming sensory experiences can also lead to additional challenges for families to manage. I therefore thought it might be useful to share some suggestions that might help to navigate the Christmas period.

To manage the Christmas build-up with young children, **maintaining routines, planning ahead, and preparing your child for changes** can really help.

A selection of Top Tips you might find useful to consider:

- **Keep routines:** Stick to regular mealtimes and bedtimes as much as possible to provide a sense of security amidst the festive chaos.
- **Plan for the day:** Some children find a visual timetable for Christmas Day which outlines the schedule really helps so they know what to expect.
- **Incorporate calming time:** Schedule in quiet, down time each day to help children recharge and manage their excitement, especially when it's becoming overwhelming.
- **Introduce changes gradually:** Decorate the house over a few days instead of all at once to avoid sensory overload. Let them gradually adjust to new surroundings.
- **Use visual aids:** Create a "Now and Next" board or similar visual schedule to show your child what's happening and when. This helps them process the busy period and can prevent anxiety.
- **Give warning:** Give your child plenty of notice for changes, such as a trip to see Santa or a family visit, so they can prepare in advance.
- **Moderate excitement:** Try to avoid building children up to a fever pitch of excitement.
- **Set expectations:** Talk about behaviour expectations for events like parties in advance. You can also role-play gift-opening to practice saying, "thank you".
- **Focus on meaning:** Talk about what matters most, like spending time with family, and avoid the pressure to buy every new item. You can manage expectations by explaining that Father Christmas has limited space or by setting a gift budget.
- **Get them involved:** Let them participate in manageable tasks, like hanging a single decoration or choosing ornaments. Making decorations or Christmas cards can also help them feel more in control of the changes.

Assign tasks: Help children manage a busy Christmas Eve by letting them help with festive tasks, such as setting the table or preparing snacks.

In amongst all of the above, please do try to remember your own well-being:

- **Don't aim for perfection:** A "perfect" Christmas is often unattainable. Focus on creating meaningful moments rather than striving for a flawless experience.
- **Plan ahead:** Spread out tasks like gift shopping and meal planning to ease financial and time pressures.
- **Set boundaries:** Learn to say no to commitments that add unnecessary stress and don't be afraid to create a "quiet space" for your child if a large gathering becomes overwhelming.

Finally, Mrs Wall is taking some time off to undergo a planned surgery and we are looking forward to her returning towards the end of January. In the meantime, Mrs Hutchings is taking up the reins at Lulworth site to cover Mrs Wall's midday supervisor role.

Mrs Griffiths. Headteacher

Larks Club Staff Vacancy

An opportunity has arisen, and we are advertising for a **Breakfast Club Assistant** for Lulworth and Winfrith CE Primary School, Winfrith site. Times of work will be 7.30am to 8.30am, Monday to Friday (5 hours). Term Time only (39 working weeks) Salary: Grade 4, SCP 4 3-5 £12.85 - £13.26 per hour. The details for this vacancy have been sent via Arbour today. Please do contact the office at the following email address for details:

lwps.office@coastalpartnership.co.uk Link to Vacancy: [20251106-lwp-breakfast-club-assistant-advert.pdf](#)

***If you are successful in getting the role and you have a child/children attending this school, they can receive free breakfast club supervision.**

Snapshot: Worbarrow Class

After a busy Mock SAT's week (in which they all worked amazingly hard), the children are back to normal lessons. In English, they have been writing some amazing descriptive narrative with the sole purpose of building tension and creating a scary scene. Next week they will be finishing their final drafts and writing them up on some tea-stained paper for added impact.

In Maths, we are busily whittling our way through the Year 6 curriculum. We have just completed fractions, percentages and ratio and just now complete geometry and statistics before Christmas. As a class we have been struggling with multi-step problems, in which a calculation has more than one step to get to the answer. If you have time at home, get AI to create some year 6 multi-step calculations involving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. It could really help us in class.

Overall, I can't praise enough how hard the Year 6's are working and their conscientious approach to learning. All the children want to do well this year and it's evident in their work ethic.

Certificates and Achievements

Ava Sonner for demonstrating our school value of **ASPIRATION** at school and at home by always trying your best when reading.

Harris Rae for demonstrating our school value of **FELLOWSHIP** by always being a kind friend to everyone.

Ethan Johns for demonstrating our school value of **RESILIENCE** in his work and not giving up

Lucas Howard-Paynter for demonstrating our school value of **ASPIRATION** and **RESILIENCE** in all his learning.

George Squibb for demonstrating our school value of **ASPIRATION** for excellent focus in every lesson.

Lacey Watkins earned herself the Star Reader Award. She has chosen a new book to read at her leisure.

Well done to all students who have achieved certificates and awards this week.

Upcoming Dates

DECEMBER

Tuesday 9 th	Understanding the Sensory System. Lulworth	13.00 - 14.30
Tuesday 9 th	KS1 Nativity Performance. Winfrith Main Hall	14.00 - 15.00
Wednesday 10 th	KS1 Nativity Performance. Winfrith Main Hall	14.00 - 15.00
Thursday 11 th	KS1 Nativity Performance. Winfrith Main Hall	14.00 - 15.00
Monday 15 th	Both Sites: Flu Vaccination	Morning
Wednesday 17 th	KS2: Christmas Celebration for Parents/Carers. Lulworth School Christmas Lunch	09.30 - 10.30
Monday 22 nd to Friday 2 nd January '26	Christmas Holiday	

JANUARY 2026

Monday 5 th	Inset Day (school closed to pupils)
Tuesday 4 th	Pupils return to school

FEBRUARY

Monday 16 th to Friday 20 th	Spring Half Term
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MARCH

Monday 30 th March to Friday 10 th April	Easter Holiday
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APRIL

Monday 13 th	Inset Day
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