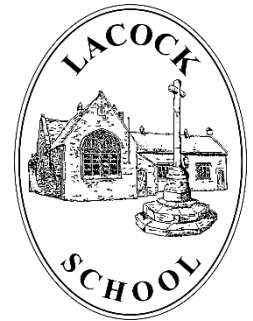


*"Love each other as I have loved you"*  
**John 15:12**



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**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

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**FROM THE HEADTEACHER**

Dear Parent/Carers,

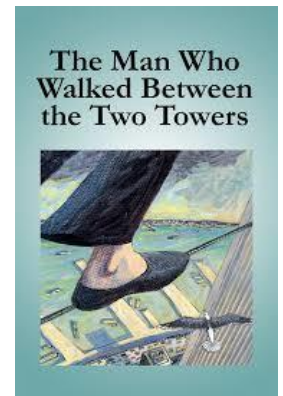
The learning that has been happening in classes this term so far has been very impressive. At this time of year, the children are really settled and lots of prior learning 'slots into place for them.'



The children in Willow Class have made some huge improvements with their reading in particular recently. Their learning in their phonics sessions is helping them experience success both in reading and their writing.

Thank you for all your reading practice at home - please remember little & often is the best approach for early stages of reading!

In Beech they have been enjoying their science learning; all about life cycles of different animals. Some had been telling me about frogspawn in their ponds at home.



Oak Class too have been focussing well on their learning. Mrs White and Mrs Tedds have noticed what a great attitude they have. Mrs White was particularly impressed with their writing related to a story all about Philippe Petit by Mordicai Gerstein. (He walked on a tightrope in between the Twin Towers in New York in 1974.)



We also bid a sad farewell to Mrs Thirkettle who has worked for the past 4 years at Lacock School but has moved on to be a teaching assistant at one of the local secondary schools. She will be greatly missed by staff and children alike. In Celebration worship on Friday we all said a big thank you to her for all her hard work and wished her lots of luck in her new role.

Caroline Jackson

**New Toilets**

Over the Easter holiday the toilets in school were completely transformed!

We are delighted with the results and the toilets were officially opened by our oldest child in the school on the first day back after Easter, Dennis.

We will be completing the area around the toilets over the half term break.





## Book Week 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> May

The week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> May will be 'Book Week' in school.

Monday – after school visit to Corsham Library

Tuesday – Author, John Dougherty visiting Oak and Beech class

Wednesday – Big Read

Thursday – Author Eileen Browne visiting Willow class

Friday – Book swap

Keep your eyes open for more information.



## Author Visits 21<sup>st</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> May

As part of the Bi-centennial celebrations 2024 and Book week, John Dougherty will be visiting Oak and Beech class on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May. In 2005 His Zeus on the Loose, was shortlisted for the Branford Boase Award for 'an outstanding first novel for children'. He gave up teaching to concentrate on writing when he moved to Stroud, but he really enjoys visiting schools as an author and poet and his novels and poetry books are a staple in our classrooms.

Eileen Browne will be visiting Willow class on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. The children will listen to her talk about her books, the process of writing and illustration as well as sources of inspiration. Handa's Surprise is very familiar to us all and she will explain how a book is made.

The experience of listening to an inspirational author and illustrator is invaluable and can encourage the most reluctant of readers and writers! In addition to this, Eileen is happy to sign copies of her books for your child as a memento of the day. She has also agreed to talk to parents after school about reading picture books aloud and the bias in publishing.

We will be sending out information about how to buy the books via +ParentPay soon but please put the dates in your diary.

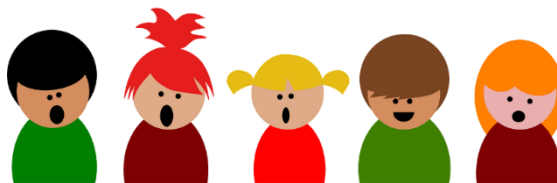
## Beech Class Swimming

Beech class swimming begins on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June. Permission and payment is now available via ParentMail. The children will swim every Friday for 6 weeks.

## Chippenham Music Cluster joint Schools Concert, 'Power in Me' Beech class pupils.

The concert will take place on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at the Olympiad Leisure Centre Sports Hall, Monkton Park, Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN15 3PA from 1.00 – 2.30pm. Each school will celebrate music by performing a piece of their own choice relating to a 'Power in Me' theme linking with the 2024 Olympic Games motto 'Faster, Higher, Stronger – Together'. There will also be performances by Wiltshire Music Connect's Associate music tutor DJ Harman and band, with a joint schools song as a finale. Our school is bringing a group of pupils to Beech class at the concert and your child will be taking part in this exciting opportunity. Due to strict hall capacity we have to limit tickets to 2 per family.

Each ticket costs £2 and will be available from school in advance of the concert. Payment will be cash only and tickets will be available for collection week beginning 20th May. The audience entrance to the sport's hall will be at the park / river level of the venue – please don't use main entrance at top of the Olympiad building. Doors will open for the audience at 12.45pm, the concert will start at 1.00pm. Entrance will be by numbered ticket only. The concert is supported and funded by Wiltshire Music Connect, the Music Education Hub for Wiltshire.



The cost of venue, band and sound engineer are paid for from Chippenham music cluster funds. Money raised from ticket sales will go back into the music cluster to support future music education projects for Chippenham schools. Thank you for your support



### Reminder - Teacher Development Days 2024

TD days coming up. **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** and **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July** (no pupils in school).

We can confirm that **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** will be teacher development days (no pupils in school). We will confirm the other

3 TD days for 2024 /2025 as soon as possible.

Please be aware that from time to time we are asked to publicise events from other groups / organisations. While we are happy to advertise events and distribute letters from third parties, we do not endorse them and it is for parents / carers to check the reliability and safety of these events / companies.

#### Letters sent home via ParentMail in the last fortnight

Subject	Class / year group	Date
Music Connect Concert	Beech	25 <sup>th</sup> April
Beech Swimming	Beech	25 <sup>th</sup> April
Scarecrow Business Letter	All	30 <sup>th</sup> April

#### Dates for 2024

Some events (*in italics*) are run by Friends of Lacock School (FLS) and some may not confirmed.

All dates are subject to change. We will give as much notice of any changes as possible.

<b>May 2024</b>	
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Willow Class Olympic Games (Chippenham Sports Partnership)
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Bank holiday (school closed)
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Oak Football Euros event (Chippenham Sports Partnership)
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	SATs for year 6 only. Y6 children welcomed to our SATs Breakfast Club from 8am.
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 and 5 cricket event (details to follow)
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Book Week – more details to follow about some exciting events including our author visits.
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	After school visit to Corsham Library
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Beech and Oak Author visit
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Big Read
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Willow Author visit
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Book Swap

Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Term 5 ends
<b>June 2024</b>	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	TD Day (no pupils in school)
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Term 6 begins for all pupils
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	80 Anniversary of D Day Commemorations
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming starts for Beech (once a week until 12 <sup>th</sup> July)
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day (afternoon races)
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Celebration Service at St Cyriac's (details to follow)
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Braeside Residential (Oak Class)
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day (reserve)
<b>July 2024</b>	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	TD Day (no pupils in school)
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> and Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Friends of Lacock School Scarecrow Trail</i>
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Term 6 ends
<b>September 2024</b>	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	TD Day (no pupils in school)
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	TD Day (no pupils in school)