



*"Learning Together, Playing Together, Succeeding Together"*  
*Supported by Christian values*

*Headteacher: Aaron Laws*

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Dear parents, carers, families and children of Lacock Primary School,

It is with much excitement that I welcome you back to school after what has hopefully been a wonderful summer holiday, and hope that you are all as excited to come to school on Wednesday as I know the school team are! The staff team have been working hard over the summer to put together plans which I know will make this school year very special.

I wanted to take this opportunity to formally introduce myself: my name is Aaron Laws and I am in the incredibly privileged position to have been appointed as your new Head Teacher. I know that the last couple of years have been incredibly successful at Lacock, not least with amazing school trips, bicentenary celebrations, residential trips, performances, scarecrow trails, royal visitors, excellent SATs results, and a Good OFSTED grading. I have spent much time since my appointment working alongside Mrs Jackson, the school team and members of the local community to build a picture of the school's successes and strengths and where it needs to go next on its journey. I am looking forward to building on all of the great work from the last few years alongside the amazing team here to help Lacock continue to grow and achieve even more success into the future.

For those of you whom I've not had the chance to meet yet, here are a few things about myself to help you get to know me better...which may come up in a short quiz in collective worship this week for the children! I am a father of two beautiful girls, Maisie who just turned 3 and Ruby who is 6 months old, and have been married for almost 10 years to my wonderful wife Jenny, who is also a teacher in a local special school. I've worked in several local schools, including St Patrick's in Corsham and St Mary's Broughton Gifford near Melksham, where I fell in love with small, village school life! Most of my teaching experience was in Year 6 and Upper Key Stage 2, but in the past few years I have really enjoyed working within Key Stage 1 and Early Years too. I worked at St Mary's for 6 years as the Assistant Principal and helped lead the school through many changes; I credit my ability to stay calm, think proactively and positively, and to support and believe in others to much of the success we enjoyed as a school during my time there. For hobbies, I enjoy playing the guitar and am also a keen runner, so you may see me running around the village from time to time, and have completed several ultramarathons in recent years, including Race to the Stones 100k last year.

My philosophy of education is centred around believing in others and nurturing them to become their most successful self, from children, to their families, to staff and building a strong,

supportive wider school community in the process. As such, for me working in education is one of the most rewarding things a person can do. Seeing children flourish and grow, aspiring to achieve their very best whilst also developing a strong set of core values, behaviours and attitudes that will carry them successfully into any walk of life they pursue fills me with great joy. This is something I know Lacock Primary School already does really well and I cannot wait to continue on this journey together.

As the school year starts, I look forward to getting the chance to say a proper hello soon to you all. You will be able to find me on the school playground each morning at drop off and each afternoon at pick up, and I will always make myself available to meet families to discuss any questions, concerns or queries you may have. Please feel free to come over and say hello when you see me and introduce yourself, children and adults alike! Over the coming weeks, we will also be arranging some coffee mornings as an opportunity to come and get to know me, ask any questions you may have and have a chat! If you have more pertinent enquiries, including safeguarding concerns, please contact me via the school office (01249 730271 or [admin@lacock.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@lacock.wilts.sch.uk)) or directly via Tapestry, Dojo or email ([head@lacock.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:head@lacock.wilts.sch.uk)).

Over the next few weeks I will be working hard to get to know all of your children too, popping into classrooms, joining them at break and lunch, working with children on exciting new projects, as well as teaching in Oak Class on Thursday afternoons and Fridays. From the handful of times I've visited before the summer, I know already that they are delightful, hard-working, polite and well-behaved children, who I know will be raring to start their next year of primary school. To those families whose children are brand new to our school, I wish you a warm welcome and look forward to welcoming you into the Lacock School family later on this week.

I hope you enjoy the last day or so of the summer holidays and I will see you all on Wednesday.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Aaron Laws

Headteacher