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## Term 2 2025- Week 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have an INSET day tomorrow so I hope you can enjoy a peaceful long weekend before everything starts to get a bit Christmas crazy! There are lots of events in the last 3 weeks of term and you will no doubt find yourselves singing along to the songs that the children are learning for these.

In the next few weeks teachers will be assessing your child's progress since September and identifying next steps to work on in term 3. We are very proud of the efforts they have been putting into their handwriting and writing this term, this was noted in this week's School Adviser visit too.

The children in Jungle class had a fabulous time at Hindleap Warren and you can enjoy some of their photos later in this newsletter.

### ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to **Bugs** who achieved the highest attendance last week and to **Underwater** for having the highest attendance of this week. Well done.

Our target for this year is **96.5%** and our current whole school attendance is **96%**.

24 children achieved **100%** attendance in term 1. Well done to you all. The winner of our attendance draw for term 2 is Samuel from Jungle who received a WHSmith voucher.

### REWARDS

Congratulations to the following children who have received their next Pupil Point certificates.

1500 Points **Jungle: Rafe**  
1800 Points **Jungle: Woody**



### WINTER WEATHER

As the weather gets colder, please ensure that your child comes into school suitably clothed, with a jumper, cardigan, or fleece and a coat and on particularly cold days a hat and gloves.

### November 2025

Fri 28<sup>th</sup> INSET day

### December 2025

Weds 10<sup>th</sup> Infant Nativity 9.15am & 2.15pm

Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Jungle class one Voice at

Glyndebourne

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> 1:30p.m Christmas Concert followed

by Bonanza

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Panto in school

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Christmas Shop

Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Christmas Shop

Weds 17<sup>th</sup> Christmas Dinner

Christmas Jumper Day

Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Working with others at Christmas

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> 2p.m carol service in church



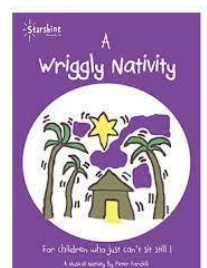
### INSET days 2025/26

**Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Nov / Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Jan/  
Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> June / Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

### EYFS AND KSI NATIVITY

EYFS and KSI will be performing their nativity play, 'Nativity', on **Wednesday 10th December**. There will be one performance **at 9:15am and one at 2.15pm**.

Families can have 2 tickets for each performance. Please contact the school office to sign up for your preferred choice. If you require more seats then let us know and we will put you on a waiting list and contact you once everyone has signed up. Their dress rehearsal will take place on Monday 8th December.



## CHRISTMAS DINNER

Our school Christmas dinner is on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**. If your child would like a school Christmas dinner, please email the school office with their food choices by Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Please make your payment (KS2 only) on ParentPay, Children in KS1 are free. Please could you also let us know if your child is having a packed lunch from home so that we don't have to chase replies. Thank you.



## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

We will celebrate Christmas Jumper Day on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December as it will fit in with our Christmas dinner day. We will be raising money for St Wilfred's Hospice and Children are asked to bring in £1 donation towards the charity if they can.

## GRAPEVINE MAGAZINE

The **Eastbourne, Wealden & Lewes Family Grapevine WINTER 2025/26** issue is available to view and download on their website: <https://thefamilygrapevine.co.uk/eastbourne-wealden-lewes/magazine/winter-25-26/>

The latest magazine is filled with ideas of things to do, days out and events this winter/Christmas; they are also offering 4 fantastic competitions for a chance of winning some fabulous prizes, from days out to family weekend!

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

On **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December** we will be hosting a Christmas concert where the children will share with you songs and music that they have been learning in class and whole school assemblies.

There will also be an opportunity for some of our children who learn instruments, to play for you.

After the concert, you will be invited into class to see what your child has been learning this term whilst the Friends of Laughton will set up the hall for their Christmas Bonanza which you are all welcome to attend. Please see further details from Friends of Laughton.

## THE ONE VOICE FESTIVAL

At 7.30pm on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December, Jungle Class will be performing at Glyndebourne Opera House. All children are expected to attend and if you require tickets please visit this link to purchase

<https://www.glyndebourne.com/events/one-voice-festival-of-singing/>

## WORKING WITH OTHERS AT CHRISTMAS – THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

As part of our festive celebrations we will be enjoying a Working with Others afternoon across the school, where children have the opportunity to be creative and work with children from different classes. If you have any spare newspapers, wrapping paper or tinsel that the children could use, please send them to the school office. Thank you for your support.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

It was lovely to see so many children apply to be our next School Councillors, well done to you all. The votes took place last week and congratulations to the children below for being elected.

Yr 6 Bea and Mason

Yr 4 Florrie

Yr 2 Freddie M

EYFS Eron

Yr 5 Florence

Yr 3 Emily

Yr 1 Henry

Their first role will be to meet with the MP James MacCleary next week to ask him some questions that their class have thought about.

## PROPOSAL FOR A VILLAGE SPORTS FACILITY

Laughton Parish Council would like to hear from you regarding the proposal for a Village sports facility on Pelham Field. This facility could also be used by the school for some curriculum lessons as well as being hired out at other times for sports and clubs. The school are being consulted on it and we hope it will be a great asset for sport as well as also improving security by having a second gate entrance at the opening to the field, putting a boundary between access to the multi-sport court and Pelham field.

Please offer your support to this project by emailing [clerk@laughton-parish-council.co.uk](mailto:clerk@laughton-parish-council.co.uk)

Please quote planning reference WD/2025/1980 on any letters of support.



## HINDLEAP WARREN

The children had a fantastic time at Hindleap Warren as you can see from some of the photos below



## STUDENT TEACHERS

We are very grateful for the additional support we are having from our student teachers, Mr Hone in High Peaks class and Miss Foster in Underwater class. Their placements will finish on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

We welcome Miss Fraser who joined us this week in Jungle class and will be with us until the end of February. It's great to have trainee teachers bring new ideas and provide additional support for our staff and children.

## ROBLOX SAFETY

We are sharing some information to support families in keeping children safe while playing on Roblox, as many of our pupils use this platform at home. Our aim is to help children enjoy online games while understanding the risks and making informed choices.

### Roblox Age Verification

Roblox has introduced age-verification features designed to give older users access to additional chat and communication tools. While this is intended as a safety measure, it requires children to upload ID or facial images. For many families, especially with younger children, it is safer **not** to upload any form of identification. Children can

continue playing Roblox without completing age verification, and this also helps limit access to the more open chat features, reducing the risk of contact from strangers or exposure to inappropriate language.

### **Why Limiting Chat Makes the Platform Safer**

Even with filters in place, Roblox chat is not fully child-proof. By avoiding chat features, or by keeping them restricted, children are far less likely to encounter unwanted messages or invitations to play in private servers. This simple step helps ensure that their experience remains age-appropriate and focused on the gameplay, not communication with unknown players.

### **A Note About the Game “Forsaken”**

We also want to highlight a specific Roblox game called *Forsaken*. At first glance it may seem exciting or harmless, but it is strongly inspired by the horror-survival game *Dead by Daylight*, which is aimed at much older audiences. *Forsaken* includes dark themes, tense chase sequences and fear-based gameplay that may be frightening or unsuitable for primary-age children. We encourage families to check the games children are accessing and to talk with them about choosing age-appropriate content.

### **Useful Online Safety Resources**

These trusted organisations offer clear advice and tools to support families:

- **NSPCC Online Safety:** <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>
- **UK Safer Internet Centre:** <https://saferinternet.org.uk/>
- **ProjectEVOLVE (Education and Digital Literacy Guidance):** <https://projectevolve.co.uk/>

Thank you for continuing to work with us to promote safe and positive online experiences for all our pupils. If you would like further guidance or support with online safety, please feel free to contact the school.

### **OPEN SESSIONS**

Our final Open Session for parents and carers with children due to start school in September 2026 is on **Thursday 8th January 2025 at 9.15am and 1.30pm**. So that we can monitor numbers, please can you book with the school office on 01323 811306 or email [laughtonoffice@oaktreefederation.co.uk](mailto:laughtonoffice@oaktreefederation.co.uk) where you will also need to confirm who will be attending with you. The session will last a maximum of 45 minutes, and you will have the opportunity to meet with the Executive Headteacher, Rachel West.

Please spread the word if you know anyone who has a child due to start school next year. The ESCC closing date for applications is **15th January 2026**.

### **FRIENDS OF LAUGHTON NEWS**

The Christmas Shop will take place on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December and provides an opportunity for the children to independently purchase presents for their friends and family. They choose from a number of items which are gift wrapped for them to take home. We would be grateful for any donations to be brought into the school office. Thank you.

Thank you for all your support.

Kind regards

Mrs Rachel West and Mrs Jeannette Fuller