

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are well into the half term now and the children have been showing how well they have fallen back into the routines of Lanscore life. It has been brilliant to see some autumn sun this week but the clouds overhead are a reminder to keep an eye on the weather and help your children with the right clothing for these changeable days.

### Lanscore Harvest Festival

It was amazing to see the children celebrating harvest today through songs and poems. We welcomed EYFS to the hall for the first time this year and they performed 'Big Red Combine Harvester' with gusto! Our Team 1 children prepared some brilliant poetry and shared them with the school; while Teams 2 and 3 put together a selection of songs that were incredible – and with familiar tunes too!



We talked about how harvest is a time for giving back and remembering to be grateful. As you can see, we have received a huge number of donations and it is a reflection of your kindness and generosity. The Crediton Food Bank will take this in next week and I know they will be extremely thankful for everyone's contributions to helping across the community and playing their part.

Thank you all.

### Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be in school on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October. through to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October.

All children will be given the chance to browse the Book Fair during the week, but to support parents, they will not be making 'wish lists' – these will be available for children on request only. Children can collect wish lists from the office.

The Book Fair will be open after school in the library from 3:30pm each day. Please feel free to come in and browse the books. You will then be able to place an order online.



### Get Caught Reading Competition: Poetry-Style!

This week was National Poetry Day! In celebration of the wealth of fabulous poetry out there, we have put aside some prizes for children who can show us how MAD they are about poetry.

This week, we would like to encourage your child to 'get caught reading poetry' and us a photograph of themselves reading poetry in the most unusual places. All entries will be shared and celebrated, and the most amazing, weird or outrageously-placed poetry-lovers could win! Entries will be open until Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October, so get out there and get reading!



Good luck everyone!

## Parents' Evenings

### Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October

You will receive a letter this afternoon detailing Parents' evening. If you would like to book an appointment with your child's class teacher, please make sure that you have sent the completed form back into school.

This year, English and Maths books will come home as usual on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October for children in years 1-6, in preparation for Parents' Evenings. I hope you enjoy looking through your child's work with them over the weekend but please remember to return ALL books to school on the following Monday morning. Many thanks.

As you look through the books, you may notice that we don't write many comments on children's work now as we focus much more on 'live' marking and immediate feedback with the children in the class. Teachers are constantly checking in with children and giving feedback during the sessions which helps them to make improvements before the end of a lesson (if you see 'VF' written on a piece of work, you know verbal feedback was given).

You may also see highlighters being used as we use 'pink to think' and 'awesome orange'. The children then have to identify themselves what needs to improve or what the teacher was impressed with.

This year, to support our teachers work-life balance, they will be preparing brief written reports to be shared with you as part of the Parents' Evening conversations; these will then be yours to take home that evening.

## Black History Month

During October, we will be celebrating Black History Month in school.

Black History Month gives everyone the opportunity to share, celebrate and understand the impact of black heritage and culture and to remember important people and events from African communities.



## Awesome @Landscape

Well done to this week's amazing swimmers:

Daria in year 2 has successfully completed her STANley 3 and STANley 4 awards, Sophia in year 3 for her brilliant work achieving her Goldfish 2 award, and Gabriella in EYFS for completing her STANley 3 too!

Well done to all of you.



Have a wonderful weekend everybody.

Yours sincerely

Tim

Tim Williams  
Headteacher

## Diary Dates 2024 – 2025

These are the dates we have at the moment for the year ahead. Please look out for more events and activities being added over the coming weeks and months.

Autumn Term	
w/c Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Book Fair
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Y5/6 Trip to RAMM (Mr Wills – Tues; Miss Hughes – Wed)
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	EYFS Phonics Session 2.30pm
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	EYFS Phonics Session 3.45pm
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evening 3:30pm – 7.00pm
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Reception 2025 Open Meeting 2:00pm
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	End of Autumn 1
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	INSET DAY
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Start of Autumn 2
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception 2025 Open Meeting 11:00am
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception 2025 Open Meeting 2:00pm
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual photographs Siblings from 8.30am
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need Day
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas in Crediton – Lights Switch On
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Assembly for children End of Term 2:30pm
Spring Term	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	INSET DAY
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Start of Spring 1
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents' Evening 3:30pm – 7pm
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	End of Spring 1
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Start of Spring 2
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	End of Spring 2
Summer Term	
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Start of Summer 1
w/c Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATS week Y5 Bikeability
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	End of Summer 1
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Start of Summer 2
w/c Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 Grenville Residential
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June tbc	Sports Day
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June tbc	Reserve Sports Day
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Move-up Morning
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Presentations
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	End of Summer 2