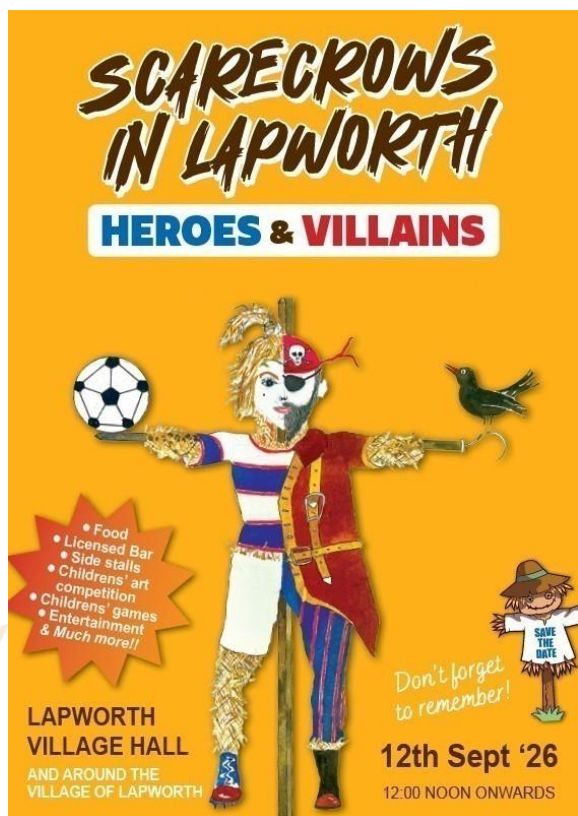




Lapworth School Newsletter

Summer 2 – July 2026



Important Dates

September 1: Inset Day

September 2: Inset Day

September 3: Start of Autumn term

September 12: Scarecrow Festival

October 1: Year 3 visit Compton Verney

October 9: Flu Vaccinations

October 26 - 30: Half Term

November 2: Inset Day

November 10: Photographer

December 4: Panto – Beauty & The Beast

December 18: End of term

Message from the Headteacher

This year has been a year filled with lots of achievements and moments of celebration. Our children have worked incredibly hard across the curriculum, demonstrating resilience, and a love of learning. From impressive progress in reading, writing and mathematics to outstanding creative work in art, music and design technology, every child has contributed to making our school a vibrant place to learn. This has could be seen at our end of year performance where the children all performed brilliantly and we are really proud of them all.

Our curriculum has been enhanced by the many educational visits, visitors to school, residential trips and performances that have taken place this year. These memorable experiences help bring learning to life and reflect our vision. We have had some fantastic feedback from the places we have visited and are proud to nurture children who are able to make a positive contribution to the world around them. As one chapter closes, another begins. We look forward to welcoming our new Preschool and Reception children and their families in September. We know they will quickly become valued members of our school and we look forward to their learning journey with us.

Finally, we say farewell to our Year 6 pupils. We know they are more than ready for the exciting opportunities that secondary school will bring and wish each and every one of them every success as they take this next important step.

J. McCluskey

Orchard



Orchard Afterschool Club

Although the weather has been very hot this term, the children have still had lots of fun indoors. They have enjoyed making animal crafts, playing chess and a variety of table games, using the iPads, coloring, and building imaginative creations with Lego. Snack time has been a real highlight, with the children especially enjoying the wide selection of fresh fruit available each day. It has been wonderful to see everyone having fun, making friends, and enjoying their time together at the club.



Orchard Breakfast Club

The children have had a lovely term at Orchard Breakfast Club, enjoying a calm and happy start to their mornings. They have loved playing Connect 4, coloring, and creating with Lego before heading outside to enjoy some fresh air in the cooler part of the morning before school begins. Breakfast has been a great way to start the day, with the children enjoying a choice of cereals, toast with various toppings and a variety of fruit and yogurts.

Preschool Caterpillars



This half term the children in our Caterpillar class have been thoroughly enjoying our topic on traditional fairy tales. We have explored some well-loved stories, with *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* being a particular favourite. The children had great fun making their own porridge, talking about the ingredients and describing the different textures and tastes. They also enjoyed comparing and ordering different-sized chairs, using mathematical language such as *small*, *medium*, and *large* as they retold the story through play.

Alongside our classroom learning, the children have been busy practising for Sports Day, developing their running, jumping, balancing, and teamwork skills while building confidence and having lots of fun.

During the warmer weather, we also made the most of our outdoor environment with plenty of water play, which provided a refreshing way to explore, experiment, and work together. It has been wonderful to see the children so engaged, enthusiastic, and eager to learn through a range of exciting, hands-on experiences.

We ended the term with our 'Teddy bears picnic'. It was lovely to see the children having fun and we look forward to welcoming the children back in September.

Preschool Butterflies



This half term has been especially exciting and busy in the Butterfly Room. As part of our 'People Who Help Us' topic we were very lucky to have visits from firefighters, police officers and paramedics. The children loved meeting our special visitors, learning about their important jobs and asking lots of fantastic questions.

They especially enjoyed climbing in and out of the fire engine and pretending to put out fires with real firefighter hoses.

The hot weather gave us the opportunity to have 2 water play days. The children had so much fun cooling down with water games, splashing, pouring and exploring together in the sunshine. We also all enjoyed a fantastic Sports Day! The children showed great enthusiasm and determination as they took part in races, games and the long jump. It was wonderful to see them cheering each other on, trying their best and having so much fun together.



One of our important milestones this half term was our transition morning. The children all did brilliantly spending time with their new teachers and exploring their new classrooms. It was wonderful to see how confident and excited they were for the next step in their learning journey.

Finally to celebrate the end of a fantastic year, we had a fun-filled party! The children enjoyed face painting, games and lots of laughter with their friends, making it a very special way to end the term.

The Butterfly staff would like to say a huge thank you to all our Butterfly families for your continued support throughout the year. It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know your wonderful children and being part of their early learning journey. We are going to miss each and every one of them so much, but we know they are more than ready for their next adventure. We look forward to watching them continue to grow, learn and flourish as they move next door to Saplings.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer break, and thank you again for such a fantastic year!



Saplings



This half term in Saplings has been all about animals and under the sea! We have been finding out about sea creatures and what happens to them when our seas are polluted by plastic. This also led on to recycling and what we can do with the rubbish that we throw away. We really enjoyed reading 'One Tiny Turtle' by Nicola Davies and writing facts about turtles. The children have tried incredibly hard with their writing. It is lovely to see how much of an improvement they have made over the past year!



In our maths lessons we have been exploring numbers 5-10 in detail. The children can confidently talk about different ways to make a number. For example: "6 is made of 3 and 3", "5 and 1". We have been using a resource called a Rekenrek to help us see how numbers are made. We have also been looking at one more and one less using resources in the classroom practically as well as writing our own number sentences.



During our circle times we have been talking about healthy eating and teeth brushing. The children also really enjoyed watching a video called 'Once They Were Giants' by Martin Waddell, where we talked about growing up and had some lovely discussions. The children also took part in their first school sports day, which was a lot of fun. We were so proud to see the children try their best and see how confident they were in front of the whole school! We had our transition day where all the children got to try out being year 1's for the morning, they all did a great job and know where to go in September to find their new classroom.

Saplings you have had a fantastic first year at school. Good luck in Year 1, we wish the children every success as they continue their journey at Lapworth school!



The shark is eating
the fish. The fish
are in a group.

Ash



As we come to the end of another fantastic half term, we would like to share some of the wonderful learning that has taken place in Year 1.

In English, we have been focusing on descriptive writing inspired by a range of exciting pictures. The children have worked incredibly hard on improving their handwriting, using accurate punctuation, including question marks and exclamation marks, and choosing interesting adjectives to describe nouns. They have produced some fantastic pieces of writing and should be very proud of their achievements.

This half term, we have been exploring equality and inequality using numbers to 20. The children have been introduced to the greater than (>) and less than (<) symbols and have worked hard to consolidate their understanding of number. It has been wonderful to see their confidence and reasoning skills continue to develop.

In Science, we have been learning all about plants. The children can now identify the different parts of a plant, including the roots, stem, leaves and flower, and have explored different types of leaves. One of the highlights of the topic was planting our own bean seeds and watching them grow into beanstalks. The children loved observing the changes over time and seeing first-hand what plants need to grow.



Our Design and Technology project was a real favourite! The children designed and made their own smoothies by choosing two fruits and a fruit juice. They carefully prepared their ingredients by chopping the fruit into small pieces and squeezing fresh juice using hand juicers before blending everything together. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed making and tasting their smoothies, although there were certainly some mixed opinions about the final flavours!

Sports Day was undoubtedly one of the highlights of the half term. It was wonderful to watch the children enthusiastically take part in a range of events, including hurdles, long jump and tug of war. They showed fantastic determination, resilience and teamwork throughout the morning, and we were incredibly proud of the encouragement and support they gave one another.

As we reach the end of the school year, we would like to say what an absolute pleasure it has been to teach your children. It has been a privilege to watch them grow in confidence, develop new skills and make so much progress throughout the year. Thank you for your continued support – it has made such a difference. We hope you all have a wonderful, relaxing and well-deserved summer break, and we wish the children every success as they move into Year 2.

Beech



As we come to the end of another year, here are some of the highlights from our final term in year 2.

This half term, we took part in a Wild Rails workshop, where the children learnt all about the dangers of the railway and how to stay safe near tracks and stations. The workshop was interactive and informative, and the children listened brilliantly. Afterwards, we returned to class and created some fantastic safety posters to help inform others about how to keep safe around railways. I was so impressed with their creativity and the important messages they included.



In English, the children have thoroughly enjoyed writing their own superhero stories. They have shown incredible imagination when creating and describing their superheroes and their evil nemeses! The children worked hard to include exciting vocabulary and interesting story ideas, and they should all be very proud of their finished stories. To complete the project, they also designed eye-catching front covers for their books, which looked fantastic.



In DT, we have been learning about structures and investigating which shapes provide the greatest stability. The children worked collaboratively to make and test different shapes and materials before using their knowledge to design and build a chair for Baby Bear. They demonstrated excellent teamwork, resilience and problem-solving skills throughout the project, and their final creations were very impressive. They are very much looking forward to taking them home!

We also enjoyed a wonderful Sports Day. It was a fantastic morning, and it was lovely to see every child participating with such enthusiasm and trying their very best. The encouragement and support the children showed one another was great to see. There was some fantastic teamwork and sportsmanship on display. We were all incredibly proud of them.

As we reach the end of the school year, I would like to say thank you for your support throughout the year. It has been a pleasure to teach Beech Class. They have been wonderful to work with and have made me smile every day. I wish them all the very best as they move into Year 3. I hope you all have a happy, relaxing and well-deserved summer holiday.

Mulberry



Our summer term has passed very quickly in Mulberry Class, and the children are excited about moving on to Year 4. Over the last half term, we have been busy preparing for our production of **Matilda**, where the children not only performed the Year 3 dance to an impeccable standard but also showed excellent behaviour throughout the many rehearsals.



In Geography, we explored the topic '**Are All Settlements the Same?**', learning about the different types of settlements and how they vary. In Science, our topic on plants helped us investigate how flowers and plants grow and reproduce. We discovered how water travels through a plant by adding coloured dye to white roses and observing the changes. After our investigations, we are hoping some of our plants will continue to flourish.



We also celebrated the changing season by preparing and baking delicious seasonal tarts, and the tasting certainly proved they were a success! Sports Day was another enjoyable event, with the children showing great enthusiasm and determination. Watching them take part in dodgeball and tug-of-war, it was clear there are plenty of budding athletes in Mulberry Class.



Chestnut



As we come to the end of another fantastic year, we would like to take this opportunity to reflect on all the wonderful learning and memorable experiences that Year 4 has enjoyed during their final term. We are incredibly proud of everything the children have achieved and the enthusiasm they have shown throughout the year.

This term, our Science topic has been Humans and Animals, and the children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring how our bodies work through a range of practical investigations and exciting experiments.

We investigated the human digestive system, helping the children understand the journey food takes through the body. We also learnt about the different types of human teeth, their functions, and the importance of keeping them healthy. The children enjoyed identifying and comparing the teeth of carnivores, herbivores and omnivores, discussing how animals' diets relate to the shape of their teeth. We finished the topic by exploring food chains, discovering how living things depend on one another within different habitats.



In History, we travelled back in time to learn about the fascinating Ancient Maya civilisation. The children were captivated by this topic and loved discovering how the Maya lived, their impressive achievements, and the mysteries that still surround this incredible civilisation. It has certainly been one of our favourite topics of the year!

Another highlight this term was our wonderful trip to Coombe Abbey. The children had an amazing day taking part in a range of outdoor learning activities. They enjoyed pond dipping and discovering the fascinating creatures living beneath the water's surface. They also became young geographers by measuring the width, depth and flow of the river, identifying its different features and learning more about river environments. Of course, there was also plenty of time for fun in the adventure playground—which Miss Love and Mrs Ginder thoroughly enjoyed too!

We were also delighted to celebrate the children's fantastic achievements with a special picnic treat. This recognised their hard work in the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC), their excellent efforts on Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS), and their positive attitude and dedication throughout the year.

Sycamore



As we reach the end of a fantastic school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on what has been a wonderful final half term and to say what a pleasure it has been teaching such a fantastic class, for a second time!

Despite the soaring temperatures during the recent heatwave(s), the children have shown incredible resilience. They adapted brilliantly and continued to work hard.

One of the highlights of the half term has been Sports Day. The children demonstrated excellent teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout the day, cheering each other on and giving every event their very best effort. It was lovely to see so many smiling faces and such fantastic encouragement between classmates.

The children have also taken part in an engaging Wild Rails workshop, where they learnt about staying safe around railways. They listened carefully, asked thoughtful questions and developed a greater understanding of how to keep themselves and others safe near railway lines and stations.

We were incredibly proud to be involved in the school's end-of-year production. I think you'll all agree that they performed an absolutely incredible dance with confidence, enthusiasm and energy! They worked so hard during rehearsals and should be extremely proud of the performance they gave!



Finally, I wanted to say a personal thank you to this amazing class. It has been such a privilege to teach many of the children twice. Watching them grow in confidence, maturity and independence over that time has been incredibly rewarding, and I will always look back on our memories together with such happiness!

As many of you know, I am leaving at the end of this school year. While I am looking forward to the opportunities ahead, saying goodbye is never easy. This class has made the past year so memorable, and I feel incredibly lucky to have been part of their journey. I know they have bright futures ahead of them, and I have every confidence they will continue to work hard, support one another and make Year 6 a huge success.

Thank you to all of the children and families for your kindness, encouragement and support throughout the year. It has truly been a pleasure.

I wish you all a safe, relaxing and happy summer holiday, and the very best of luck for Year 6 and beyond!

Oak



Goodbye



And Good Luck!

This term, our main focus was on a persuasive argument for our class blog, combining both our English and Computing skills. The topic had to be to do with the World Cup, but the question within this topic was up to us to decide - sharing these entries with each other (and giving each other time to reply and comment on our friends' blogs,) the children completed a lovely topic.

In Science, our topic of Light saw us learn all about how we see things in the world around us. Our lesson on optical illusions was particularly enjoyable, including the reopened debate about whether an image of a particular dress was blue and black or white and gold and why some people see different colours to others based on the same image.

Our visit to the Pioneer Centre created lifelong memories, where the children's strength of character, good humour and kindness were all evident. This, alongside Sports Day, musical concerts, Leaver's Services at Birmingham, as well as visits to our new schools, have ensured the final chapter of our Lapworth journey has ended on a real high.



The children's journey at Lapworth concluded with a wonderful performance of Matilda, and what a performance it was! A suitably emotional and dramatic end to our time at Lapworth and everyone was absolutely incredible. The children have shown that they are more than ready for the challenges and expectations that their new schools will offer. I am grateful in having been given the opportunity to teach such a wonderful group of children and I wish you all health, happiness and joy in senior school and beyond.



Staff changes

Goodbye & Good Luck!

As the term draws to a close, we are bidding farewell to Mrs Turner, who will be leaving Lapworth to take on an exciting new promotion as Deputy Head at another primary school. Over the past six years, Mrs Turner has been an invaluable member of our school community. We would like to thank her for all her hard work, and although she will be very much missed, we are pleased to see her progressing in her career. We wish her all the best in her new leadership role!



Welcome back!

We are pleased to welcome back Mrs Byrne and Mrs Rayner from maternity leave. From September Mrs Byrne will be teaching in Year 1 and Mrs Rayner will be working as a Year 1 teaching assistant.

LAMDA

What a fantastic year it has been for our LAMDA pupils! It has been an absolute pleasure to watch every child grow in confidence over the past year. Whilst many people think LAMDA is simply about acting, it offers so much more. Every week, our pupils develop the confidence to speak in public, communicate clearly, express their ideas, persuade an audience, work as part of a team and perform with conviction. These are invaluable life skills that will benefit them far beyond the classroom.



Message from the PTA

We just wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone who has either supported, donated or volunteered at events arranged by the PTA this year. As a result we have been able to fund a renovation to one of the large outside sheds and pay for the swimming lessons for years 4 and 5. All of the money raised by the PTA is available for school to enhance the experience for all students, so a massive thank you for your support this year. Huge thank you to all the parents who volunteer at events as none of this would be possible without all your hard work. Special thanks to those whose children are now moving on to high school next year, you'll be missed. We are always looking for volunteers, whether on the PTA committee or supporting, planning or helping at an event, so please get in contact if you're interested on lapworthschoolpta@gmail.com, any help would be gratefully received. Have a fabulous summer and see you all in September.

I am incredibly proud of all of our pupils, who worked so hard towards their LAMDA examinations, achieving an outstanding set of results with high Merits and Distinctions across the board.

It's also been lovely to see so many of our LAMDA pupils putting their skills into practice in other areas of school life. A special congratulations to Lucy and Rosie, who have both secured lead roles in this year's school production of *Matilda*. What a wonderful achievement!

If you think your child would enjoy LAMDA, I would love to welcome them. Places are limited, so if you would like more information or would like to reserve a space for September, please get in touch by emailing alexis@alexiswalker.co.uk.

Scarecrow Art Competition

Well done to all the children who entered the scarecrow art competition. There were lots of entries across the school and some children were very creative! Every child will receive a certificate for taking part and the winners will receive their prizes at the festival which is being held on Saturday 12th September. All entries will be displayed in a book at the village hall for you to come along and take a look.

Our winners are:

Preschool - Joe & Emmie

Saplings - Charlie & Saskia

Ash - Rose & Darcy

Beech - Natalia & Ellis

Mulberry - Ivy & Phoebe

Chestnut - Oliver & Harry

Sycamore - Oliver & Leo T

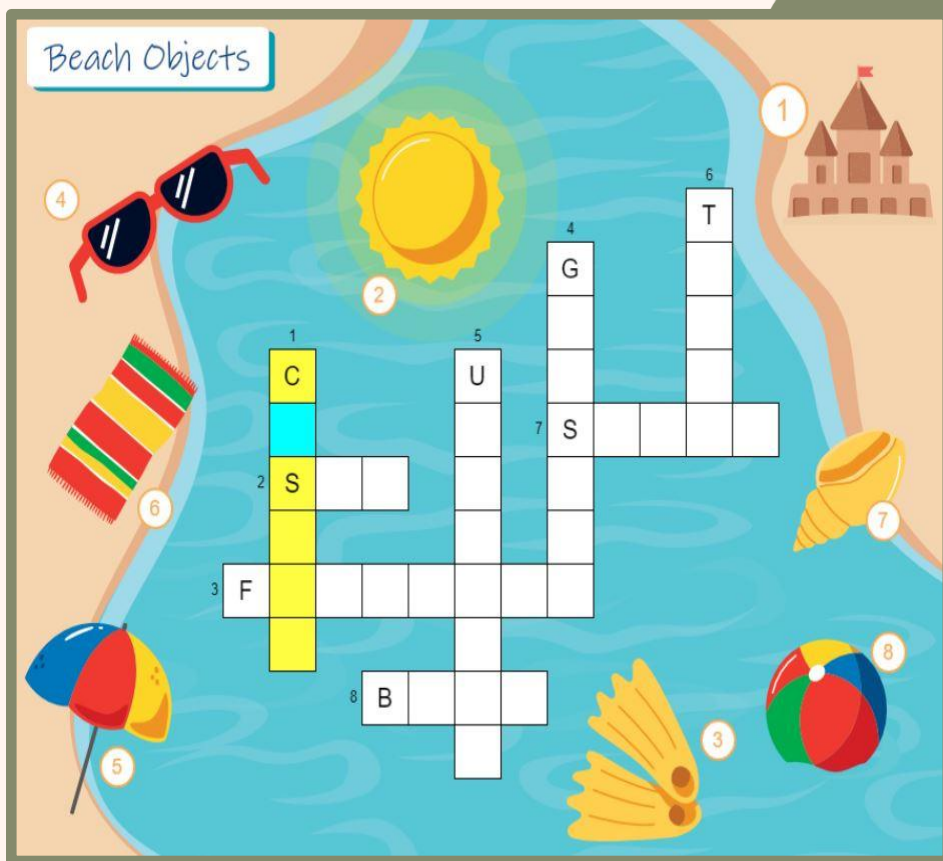


Starstruck Dance Show

The children who attend Starstruck Dance Club recently had the incredible opportunity to perform on stage at **The Core Theatre in Solihull**, and what a fantastic experience it was! Children from Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 worked incredibly hard in the weeks leading up to the performance, showing real dedication, enthusiasm and teamwork. They wowed the audience with a variety of routines, including a magical Disney Princess Remix, lively numbers from *Oliver!*, the fast-paced *The Heist*, and a fun-filled performance to *Girls Just Want to Have Fun*. It was wonderful to see every child performing with such confidence and pride.

Taking to the stage in a real theatre is a memorable experience, and every single dancer should be extremely proud of what they achieved. Their smiles, enthusiasm and commitment shone throughout making it a special event for everyone who came to watch. To celebrate their hard work and fantastic performances, each child was presented with a medal at the end of the show. A huge thank you goes to all of the parents and families for their support, encouragement and applause.





SPOT THE SIX DIFFERENCES



SUMMER WORD SEARCH

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