

LAUNDE NEWSLETTER

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A message from Mrs. Meer:



As we reach the end of our first three weeks of the new academic year, I am delighted to reflect on what has been a very positive and successful start for everyone at Launde Primary School during the first two weeks, we focused on our Belonging curriculum. This dedicated time allowed teachers and children to get to know one another, revisit our school values and behaviour expectations, and explore what it truly means to belong to our school community. These discussions took place across all year groups and encouraged children to think carefully about how they contribute to creating a positive, inclusive and welcoming environment for others.

We finished our Two Weeks of Belonging with a wonderful assembly, where children from each year group shared some of the work, ideas and reflections they had developed. It was a lovely opportunity to celebrate their learning and to hear the many different ways that belonging is understood and valued across our school.

We have been incredibly pleased with the impact of this approach. Children have settled quickly into their new classes, formed positive relationships with staff and peers, and demonstrated excellent behaviour both in lessons and around school. Taking the time to revisit our expectations and values has helped ensure that everyone has made a confident and successful start to the year.

This week has also marked the exciting launch of our new enquiry curriculum. You should have received your child's curriculum letter last week, outlining the enquiry question that their year group will be exploring this term. Across the school, children have begun their learning journeys through a range of exciting 'hook' activities, designed to spark curiosity, engage their imaginations and inspire questions that will drive their learning in the weeks ahead. Please keep an eye on Weduc, where class teachers will be sharing photographs and updates from these exciting experiences. We hope these snapshots of learning will spark conversations at home and encourage children to share their enthusiasm for their new topics.

We are also looking forward to welcoming families into school over the coming weeks to experience our new curriculum first-hand. We have a number of exciting opportunities planned for parents and carers to join lessons and see our enquiry-based approach in action. Further details will be shared soon, so please look out for upcoming dates. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It has been wonderful to see such a positive start to the year, and I look forward to sharing many more successes with you throughout the term.

PE DAYS

- EYFS - Friday
- YEAR 1 - Tuesday & Thursday
- YEAR 2 - Tuesday & Wednesday
- YEAR 3 - Wednesday & Friday
- YEAR 4 - Tuesday & Thursday
- YEAR 5 - Monday & Wednesday
- YEAR 6 - Thursday & Friday



Hot Meals Across the School

We hope you have seen the Weduc message celebrating that we are now able to offer hot school meals across the whole school. We are delighted to be working with Vertas, our new catering provider, who has been serving breakfasts and lunches since the start of term. The menu has initially been designed to offer a choice of one or two hot meal options each day, alongside a cold option, ensuring there is something to suit a range of tastes and preferences. We appreciate that some families may be disappointed to learn that, due to the size and facilities of our kitchen, we are unfortunately unable to provide Halal meals at this time. We will continue to work closely with Vertas to review and develop our catering offer wherever possible. We have been pleased to see so many children enjoying the new meals and look forward to sharing more updates as the service develops throughout the year.

Mark Your Calendars!

- 14th September - Genes for Jeans Day - Donation £1 to wear jeans.
- 15th September - Individual School Photos - EYFS & KS1 Yr 1,2
- 16th September - First Hall of Fame Assembly (Wednesday 1 week only)
- 17th September - Individual School Photos - KS2 Yr 3,4,5,6 & siblings
- 18th September - 2RG Class Assembly - 2.30pm Main Hall
- w/c 21st September & w/c 28th September Pupil Premium & SEND Parent Meetings
- 25th September - Year 1 Toys workshop in school
- 25th September - MacMillan Cancer Research Fund Raising Day
- 1st October - New to EYFS 2027 Parents Meeting @ 2.30pm Main Hall
- 2nd October - 6SP Class Assembly - 2.30pm Main Hall
- 9th October - World Mental Health Day
- 12th & 13th October - Parents Evening
- 14th October - Year 6 World War II Workshop in School
- 15th October - New to EYFS 2027 Parents Meeting @ 9.00am Main Hall
- 19th-23rd October - HALF TERM



Education Workshop Dates

As part of our ongoing commitment to strengthening our partnership with parents and providing greater insight into your child's learning, we are delighted to introduce our Parent Education Workshops, which will begin after half term.

These one-hour workshops will take place in the school hall, where we will recreate a classroom environment. During the session, your child's teacher will deliver a core subject lesson (Reading, Writing or Mathematics) just as they would in the classroom. Parents will then have the opportunity to work alongside their child to complete a learning activity. The aim of these workshops is to help parents better understand the teaching approaches used in school so that learning can be supported effectively at home.

Due to space limitations in the hall, attendance is limited to one parent/carer per child. Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate younger siblings at these events. We look forward to welcoming parents into school and sharing the fantastic teaching and learning that takes place in our classrooms every day.

Year 1

1HS - 27 October, 9:00am
1LC - 27 October, 2:00pm
1SM - 28 October, 9:00am

Year 2

2RG - 29 October, 9:00am
2SN - 29 October, 2:00pm
2IW - 30 October, 9:00am

Year 3

3SG - 13 November, 9:00am
3AM - 13 November, 2:00pm
3JS - 11 November, 2:00pm

Year 4

4JM - 2 November, 2:00pm
4AS - 9 November, 2:00pm
4DB - 10 November, 2:00pm

Year 5

5SF - 9 November, 9:00am
5KM - 11 November, 9:00am
5RP - 12 November, 9:00am

Year 6

6MW - 2 November, 9:00am
6SP - 5 November, 9:00am
6AP - 10 November, 9:00am

EYFS

What a fantastic start our Foundation children have had! We are incredibly proud of how wonderfully they have settled into school life. They have shown such confidence, curiosity and enthusiasm as they have explored their new environment and begun building friendships.

We have already been very busy. We have enjoyed a lovely Teddy Bears' Picnic, took part in our very first PE session, and have even started learning some of our phonics sounds! The children have been busy exploring all of the different areas of our provision, discovering new things, making choices and developing their independence. We have also seen some beautiful learning captured in their brand-new books, which we are so excited to share with you.

It has been wonderful to see the children settling into their new routines, learning together and having so much fun along the way. We are incredibly excited to see what the rest of the term brings! 🌟



Year 1 Curriculum

'It has been another busy and exciting week of learning in Year One! In our Enquiry lessons, we have been exploring the question "Is new always best?" The children brought in their favourite toy from home and enjoyed sharing it with the class, explaining what made it special and why it was their favourite. In Writing, we have been learning how to use adjectives to describe characters, and the children wrote character descriptions of the Gingerbread Man, thinking carefully about adjectives to describe his appearance. In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of numbers to 10, practising counting forwards and backwards and finding one more and one less than a given number. During Handwriting, the children have been practising writing their names, focusing on forming each letter correctly and remembering to use a capital letter at the beginning. In Phonics, we have been reviewing our Phase 2 and Phase 3 sounds and are now ready to begin learning our Phase 5 sounds this week. In PE, we have been developing our ball skills, practising throwing, catching and controlling a ball while working on our coordination and teamwork. It has been a fantastic few weeks of learning, and we are very proud of all the children's hard work!'

Breakfast Meetings

Thank You for Joining Our Parent Breakfast Meetings

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our Breakfast Meetings over the last two weeks. It was wonderful to see so many of you there and to have the opportunity to meet informally at the start of the school year. The sessions provided a valuable chance for families to connect with one another, chat with school staff and ask any questions in a relaxed setting. We have received lots of positive feedback about these events and are delighted that they were so well attended. They also gave everyone the opportunity to enjoy a delicious breakfast, kindly provided by our new catering partner, Vertas. We look forward to holding more opportunities like these throughout the year and continuing to strengthen the partnership between home and school.

Opal Blg Build

OPAL Big Build – We Need You! 🛠️

We're getting ready for our OPAL Big Build on Friday 25th September, 9am–12pm, and we'd love to have as many parents/carers as possible come along and get involved! The morning will be all about creating, building and improving our outdoor play spaces for the children. Whether you're handy with tools, good at coming up with ideas, or simply happy to lend a pair of hands, we'd really appreciate your support. Every bit of help will make a huge difference! ❤️

We're also looking for donations of old or unwanted items that the children can use in their play and building:

- ♦ Empty wire reels
- ♦ Pots and pans
- ♦ Spades and digging equipment suitable for children
- ♦ Old wellies



If you have any of these items that you no longer need, we'd be very grateful for them. If you are able to attend please inform the office so we get an idea of numbers. The more support we get the opportunities we can create for the children. We would really appreciate your support. A huge thank you to the parents who have already signed up. 🌱❤️



Autumn Fayre



REMINDER



Saturday 12th September

10am to 1pm

Free Entry



Year 6 Curriculum

This week, we have launched our exciting new curriculum with an immersive World War II hook day. The children explored a range of activities and resources to discover what life was like during wartime, considering the experiences of different people and communities. Through discussion and drama, they explored the feelings and emotions connected to conflict and began to think deeply about our enquiry question: "What impact does conflict have?" It has been a fantastic start to our new learning journey!

