

NEWSLETTER Thursday 6th November 2025

Dear Parents,

Autumn term 2 has begun at a pace! As I have walked around this week, as usual, we had children engaged, keen to show me what they were doing and how much they had achieved. So much completed, and still much to do over the coming weeks as we prepare for Christmas and all the joy it brings!

LANDSCOPE LEARNERS

CLASS 1

Class One have been enjoying the autumnal story 'Ouch!' this week. Working with Miss Raymont, the children have been acting out the events of the story. In their Mathematics learning, Class One children have been learning about the properties of circles and triangles - pressing 3D shapes into playdough to identify circular and triangular faces has been lots of fun!

CLASS 2 & 3

Class 2 worked incredibly hard this week as we started our Health and Fitness unit. They showed amazing determination and enthusiasm while taking part in a range of circuit activities — from burpees and planks to star jumps, jump squats, and more! Everyone pushed themselves to do their best, cheering each other on and learning about the importance of keeping our bodies active and healthy. It's been wonderful to see so much teamwork, energy, and smiles along the way. Well done, Class 2 — you're all fitness superstars!

Class Three took their learning a step further - They learned about heart rate, circuit training and the correlation between the two. The whole class worked extremely hard throughout, what a great effort! worked extremely hard throughout, what a great effort!





CLASS 4

Today, Class 4 have been immersed in a rich forest school experience filled with creativity, exploration and hands-on learning. The children have crafted their own wooden forest friends, enjoyed a woodland walk where they observed the changing autumn landscape and collected leaves, twigs, and treasures for their leaf mobiles. The class gathered around the fire to enjoy damper bread making, mixing dough and cooking it over open flames—a warm, delicious day of outdoor adventure and connection with nature.



CHILDREN IN NEED – School Council

We are always proud of the way our school community comes together to support important causes, and this year we will once again be raising money for Children in Need. To raise money for this incredible cause, we will be hosting 'The Great Landscope Bake Off' on Monday 10th November. Children are invited to enter their best baking creations for a chance to win an award in one of the following categories:

- Best Taste
- Best Looking
- Craziest Looking



Bakes can be delivered to Class 4 (although there's no guarantee they'll make it to the judging!) in the morning.

After the judging and prizes have been awarded, there will be a cake sale in the playground at break time to raise money for Children in Need for a suggested donation of £1.

Mrs Grant has set up a JustGiving page as we are a cashless school, so please donate here:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/landscove-cof-e-primary-school-16?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

In addition, on Friday 14th November, children are invited to dress in yellow or spotty clothing, and we kindly encourage you to donate another £1 to support this important cause. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to get in contact with Miss Hart. Thank you for your support in helping us raise money for Children in need. **Thank you, School Council.**

ETHOS, VISION & VALUES

On Tuesday morning, the Ethos Group delivered our harvest donations to the Food Bank. They learnt about how the charity is run and packed some food parcels according to certain criteria. It's really got the children thinking about how they could support this charity at Christmas. They have some ideas and with a little help will take these forward.



ARTS EXHIBITION & OPEN EVENING

The children will be keen to show off their art work next Monday and Wednesday after school – please pop in and take a look at the wonderful work they have been doing. At this time we will also have our open evenings for parents considering us for the coming year – do encourage anyone you know looking for a space to take a look at our special little school!

FOLS updates

Since we last wrote to you, we now have a CONFIRMED new FOLS committee:

- Co-chairs-Laurie Fitzjohn Sikes and Neil Drew
- Secretary-Becky Drew
- Treasurer-Hannah Freeman

We want to acknowledge the amazing number of volunteers stepping forward to run and support events planned for this year-we are a big team!



COMING UP:

Date / time	Event
Sunday 16th November	Silent Auction closes
Friday 21st November 3.30-6.00pm	Silent Disco and Movie Night
Tuesday 25th November (by 9am)	Bags to School
Monday 1st December 6-8.30pm	Wreath Making at Landscope School (children also invited)
Friday 5th December 3.30pm onwards	Christmas Fair
Monday 15th December 2pm	Santa Run with Mr Tanner
Friday 19th December (after pick up)	Festive send off with mulled wine and mince pies at Landscope Village Hall

Silent Disco and Movie Night 21st November 3.30-6.00pm (Jade Parfitt and Matt-Chief Party Planners). We can now accommodate reception children at a ratio of 3:1 adult-please arrange between yourselves. If you haven't already, please book spaces by 12th November to fols@outlook.com

Bag2School 25th November (Danielle Merchant Coordinating).

 Save the Date – Bag2School, Tuesday 25th November (donations by 9am please to school)

 What to donate: Good quality adult & children's clothes, paired shoes and hats, belts, handbags

 Not accepted: Soft toys, towels, bedding, curtains and school or work uniforms

 All bags must be dry and only contain dry items

The more we collect (by weight), the more money we raise for FOLS!

Wreath Making at Landscope School, Monday 1st December 6-8.30pm (Kerry Cole)

Spaces still available! Come and make a lovely wreath whilst raising money for FOLS. Kerry will guide you through the process and guarantees a festive item of beauty... £20, book at fols@outlook.com

Christmas Fair 5th December (Bex Sear-Head Elf).

MEETING FOR VOLUNTEERS Tuesday 11th November 3.30pm for 30 mins – in Class 2. Children can go into after school club.

Santa's Grotto: please can we have at least 2 volunteers to set up and run the 2025 Grotto of dreams....! We can guide you through the tasks involved. We love making magic for the children but need family and friends to make it happen. Speak to Bex Sear if you can help 07754 393 512

Reminder to Mini Makers to start creating! (£5 charge per stall, book your spot at fols@outlook.com). Raffle prizes are always needed for this event, big or small. Popular contributions in the past have included gift hampers, bottles of wine or festive treats, gift vouchers, handmade items or crafts, tickets to events or local attractions, services or goods from local businesses. If you, or someone you know, can donate something, we would be incredibly grateful. Please bring any donations to the school office ideally by mid-November so that we can let everyone know about our wonderful prizes. Any questions, please get in touch with Kerry Cole (Jasper's Mum) or fols@outlook.com

Santa Run: Monday 15th December 2pm onwards (Cat Love holding the stopwatch on this one). We're excited to announce the return of our annual sponsored Santa Run on Monday 15th December during the school day. We'd love as many volunteers as we can to line the route or cheer on the mini Santas at the finish line-please email fols@outlook.com if you're able to help from 2pm until pick up. More details and ways to sponsor to follow.

Second Hand School Uniform Co-ordinator needed. Please get in touch if you can support with storing and supplying our Landscope second hand uniform sales. A massive thank you to Susy Parker who has managed this over the past few years-please speak to Susy on 07813 738194 if you have any questions.

Thank you!

SAFEGUARDING & ATTENDANCE

Pokémon TCG Pocket has brought the world-famous trading card game onto smartphones – and with over 100 million downloads, it's already captured the attention of countless fans. The app combines quick-fire card battles, collectible decks, and the thrill of opening booster packs. For many children, it's a blend of strategy, fun, and Pokémon nostalgia that's hard to resist.

Beneath the colourful exterior, there are risks that parents and educators should know about. In-game purchases, monthly passes, and limited-time expansions encourage ongoing spending, while competitive online play may lead to frustration, over-investment, and extended screen time. This guide helps adults understand these hidden challenges.

If you are concerned about a child's wellbeing, please contact the school or in non-school hours contact MASH on 0345 155 1071. Our designated safeguarding officer is Mrs. Ryder, and the deputy safeguarding officer is Mr. Ansermoz.

At The National College, our safeguarding and wellbeing guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about POKÉMON TCG POCKET

Pokémon TCG Pocket is a mobile version of the hugely popular Pokémon Trading Card Game, downloaded over 100 million times on Android and iOS. Players collect cards, battle others online, and open packs of cards – known as booster packs – to expand their decks. While the core game can be fun and helps develop tactical and numeracy skills, its design encourages spending and can lead to addictive behaviours – making it important for adults to understand the risks.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- ADDICTIVE PACK OPENING**
Booster packs rely on probability to provide rare or powerful cards. The excitement of opening them – and the desperate need when finding a sought-after card – can become addictive. Unlike purely chance-based lotteries, the cards have an integral competitive purpose, adding extra pressure for players to collect more.
- QUICK BUT ABSORBING**
Card battles last around five to six minutes, making it easy to fit in "just one more game". This quick format, combined with the drive to win, can lead to prolonged play sessions and increased screen time without noticing. With limited time-based match seasons constantly being refreshed – an opportunity to accumulate points and earn profile emblems – players may find themselves drawn into the game repeatedly.
- PREMIUM PASS PRESSURE**
A monthly subscription gives players access to exclusive missions, rewards, and an extra daily booster pack. Missions and rewards are released each month, providing an incentive to stay subscribed. While some premium rewards are exclusive, others are available through free play – making the pass more about faster progression than obtaining content that is truly necessary.
- ENDLESS PACK LOOPS**
New themed sets of cards are released weekly/monthly, ranging from around \$5 to over \$100 cards per expansion. This constant release encourages players to keep opening packs in an effort to complete collections or improve their battle decks, potentially promoting unhealthy spending habits. With the introduction of limited-time booster packs, some players may feel increased pressure to collect these cards while they're still available.
- COST OF BOOSTER PACKS**
Although free to play, with no rewards and free booster packs given daily, players can exchange Poké Gold if they wish to open more, and a small amount of Poké Gold is rewarded for free on the player levels up. Poké Gold is also used to buy items that are often just what players need to open extra packs, encouraging them to buy additional bundles.
- COMPETITIVE ONLINE PLAY**
Transactions in Pokémon TCG Pocket are relatively safe – there's no messaging between players, friend requests require player approval, no real names are used, and card trading is restricted to four trades between friends. On the other hand, the competitive nature of online play can still cause frustration, over-investment, and isolation if children spend too much time focused on the game.

Advice for Parents & Educators

- MONITOR SPENDING HABITS**
Set clear boundaries around in-game purchases. Treat Poké Gold as an opportunity cost: when decisions appear or new cards don't surface, understanding probability can help minimise disappointment – use the game's built-in offering news guides to find out more about it.
- PLAY TOGETHER**
Card battles can help children learn tactics, problem-solving, and rule-following, as well as numeracy skills. Playing alongside them is a great way to share in their enjoyment, while also modelling balanced play and keeping an eye on how much they're investing in the game.
- SET REALISTIC EXPECTATIONS**
Talk about the unpredictable nature of booster packs and prepare children for disappointment when duplicates appear or new cards don't surface. Understanding probability can help minimise disappointment – use the game's built-in offering news guides to find out more about it.
- TEACH FAIRNESS**
Losing a battle can be discouraging, especially when money has been spent on collecting the cards to build a deck. Support children in recognising the importance of fairness, learning from both wins and losses, and making considered choices when trading cards.

Meet Our Expert
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Attendance: (Our school target is 96.8%)	
Whole school	96.9%
Class 1	98.0%
Class 2	98.3%
Class 3	97.1%
Class 4	95.1%
Well done to Class 2!	

REMINDER:

COATS ~ as the winter weather sets in, can we please remind parents that all children need to have a waterproof coat in school. We aim to get the children in the fresh air if at all possible.

COMING UP- DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

KS2 CHRISTMAS

I would like to clarify with all KS2 parents that **we are not** doing a KS2 nativity this year. We will be holding a Christmas concert with readings. In the summer term KS2 are going to do an end of year production – where in the usual time-honoured tradition of Christmas past, our year 6s will take the leading roles.

10th & 12th Nov	Open days for prospective parents. We will also have an exhibition of the children's artwork in the hall after school- do pop in to take a look at the wonderful creativity in our school.
21st Nov	FOLS Silent disco and Movie Night 3.30-6.00pm
28th Nov	Y5&6 Link Fit Games with Mr Tanner at Paignton academy 10-2pm
1-12th Dec	Renovation of the school playground – details will follow.
5th Dec	FOLS Christmas Fair
6th Dec	10am Song Machine performing at the Great Hall, Dartington – please come and support!
9th Dec	EYFS/KS1(classes 1&2) Nativity @ St Matthew's 2pm
10th Dec	KS2 Christmas Concert for Class 3 families@ St Matthew's 2pm
11th Dec	KS2 Christmas Concert for Class 4 families@ St Matthew's 2pm
15th Dec	Santa run with Mr Tanner
17th Dec	Christmas dinner day
19th Dec	End of term carols in church – bring your singing voices and join us at 2:45pm for a good old sing song!

That's all for now. Have a great weekend.

Jill Ryder.