



NEWSLETTER Friday 5th December 2025

Dear Parents,

The school has been filled with the sound of singing this week – from the youngest to the oldest – everyone is in fine voice! Next week promises to be fab!

LANDSCORE LEARNERS



Class 1 In PE, Class One have been learning and practising some fundamental gymnastics shapes, including tuck, straddle, pike and jumps. In mathematics, they have been designing obstacles courses, using their positional language to describe where they need to move and go!



Class 2 took part in an exciting “Festive Farming Quest” this week. Guided by the farm elf, the children travelled around the countryside to meet four farming role models and collect festive quest baubles and badges.

They learned how Christmas trees are grown, discovered the fascinating properties of sheep’s wool, and explored how Brussels sprouts and other plants are cared for. They also met a camel and reindeer farmer to find out what animals need to stay healthy and happy.

Class 3 had a thoroughly engaging visitor that spoke passionately about reintroducing pine martens to Devon. They learned all about the pine martens and the intricate process involved in releasing them into the wild.



Class 4 had an incredibly energetic end to last week: they took part in the Link Fit Games alongside other schools from our trust. A high intensity work out, over a prolonged period of time, required both mental and physical strength. We loved watching perseverance in action and hearing lots of encouraging words exchanged. Well done everyone!



CHRISTMAS POST

Just a reminder that we have a post box in the hall so all cards can be posted here and be delivered by our school postal workers!



COMING UP- DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1-12 th Dec	Renovation of the school playground – details will follow.
8 th Dec	Gabi's concert St Lawrences Chaple
19 th Dec	2:45pm Carol Service in church – bring your singing voices with you! FOLS Festive send off with mulled wine and mince pies at Landscope Village Hall (after pick up)

CHRISTMAS FESTVITIES:

FRI 5TH DEC: FOLS CHRISTMAS FAIR 3:30-5:00



MON 8TH DEC: C1&2 DRESS REHEARSAL DAY 10am IN CHURCH. If you have any additional things to add to the costume or prop dept please make sure that it is in school today.

TUES 9TH DEC: EYFS & KS1 NATIVITY – 2:00PM IN CHURCH This is bound to be brilliant. Definitely an “Aaahhhh factor 10” occasion! Please be aware that, the younger the children, the smaller the voices so be prepared to use all your best tricks to keep any pre-school children as quiet as possible during the performances. It can be very distracting for everyone if little ones are allowed to run about and spoil the big moment for others.

WED 10TH DEC: KS2 PERFORMANCE 1 FOR CLASS 3 PARENTS 2:00PM Please be aware that if you have younger children in the audience, we would ask that they are as quiet as possible~ it can be very distracting and disappointing for our performers to have their moment lost to noise from the audience.

THURS 11TH DEC KS2 PERFORMANCE 2, FOR CLASS 4 PARENTS 2:00PM Please follow the guidance as in Performance 1.

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MON 15TH DEC Santa Run with Mr Tanner

WED 17th DEC CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY

THUR 18TH 2pm CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINER MR PHIL (thank you for funding this FOLS!)

FRI 19TH DEC 2:45pm carol service in church – bring your singing voices with you!

FRI 19TH DEC 3.30 BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS

THE NITS ARE BACK IN TOWN!

I have spoken to numerous parent who are pretty fed up with treating their children only to find they are reinfected within days. We really need everyone to help make Landscope a nit-free school.

Please can you check your child's hair every time you wash it, it only takes a couple of minutes using the special comb, and if you find nits, please take immediate steps to eradicate them. If you have ever had nits, you will know that the itching is unbearable, so please don't leave your children untreated even for 24 hours, it is horrible to have an itchy head and dramatically increases the chance of other children catching them. Conditioner and the comb can do the trick provided you repeat the process every day for a few days.

If you want an instant fix (and who could blame you) there are several products which you should be able to get from the chemist or on the internet.

Please be vigilant and don't forget to do your bit to help us eradicate this preventable problem.



Updates From Friends of Landscove School (FOLS)

COMING UP:

Friday 5th December 3.30pm-5pm

Christmas Fair

Monday 15th December 2pm until pick up

Santa Run

Friday 19th December (after pick up) Festive send off with mulled wine and mince pies at Landscove Village Hall

Christmas Fair TODAY! 3.30-5pm. We look forward to seeing you all later. We have games, tombolas, craft, face painting and the elves will be firing up the BBQ for an easy dinner! Please bring cash.

Santa Run: Monday 15th December 2pm onwards (Cat Love holding the stopwatch on this one). Look out for an email early next week.

We need volunteers please. We'd love as many parents/carers as we can muster to line the route or cheer on the mini Santas at the finish line-please email fols@outlook.com or let Cat know if you're able to help from 2pm until pick up. More details to follow.

Sponsor the Santas here: https://www.justgiving.com/page/lands Cove-cof-e-primary-school-17?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

Recent Events ~ Wreath Making

Huge thanks to Kerry Cole for hosting a beautiful wreath making session here in our Christmas Engine Room at Landscove School.



ETHOS, VISION & VALUES

Huge thanks to our very own Christmas angel – she spread Christmas magic this week by decorating the trees and adding some sparkle and shine to school! Thanks Angel Becky, we really appreciated your enthusiasm!



SCHOOL DINNERS

Mrs Grant has asked me to remind you that the Spring term menu is now available on ParentPay for you to select from

SAFEGUARDING & ATTENDANCE

12 Days of Fire Safety

Safe decorations – Inspect fairy lights and decorations and remove any that are damaged or have frayed wires. Ensure exterior lights are plugged into an RCD device. Avoid daisy-chaining and overloading sockets.

Candle safety – Keep candles away from decorations, curtains, and never leave them unattended. It's safer to use LED candles.

Christmas trees – Keep real trees watered and away from heat sources to prevent fires. If you own an artificial tree, make sure it is fire retardant certified.

Cooking caution – Most accidental house fires start in the kitchen. Stay alert while cooking – never leave ovens or hobs unattended, and drink in moderation.

Check on loved ones – Complete an Online Home Fire Safety Check at www.chfsc.co.uk.

Fireplace safety – Use a guard, ensure chimney is thoroughly swept, and fit a carbon monoxide alarm. Make sure there is a suitable distance between decorations and fireplace and only burn suitable fuel sources.

Test your alarms – Ensure smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are working and that you have at least one smoke alarm on each level of your home. Never remove batteries from a smoke alarm.

Escape routes – Keep exits clear of clutter, decorations and gifts. Plan and practise your escape plan with family and friends.

Buy safe gifts – Choose UKCA or CE-marked or registered products from reputable retailers and online marketplaces.

Night-time routine – Turn off decorations and appliances before bed; don't leave devices charging overnight.

When away from home – Switch off appliances and unplug decorations before going out or away.

Smoking safely – Smoke outdoors, use ashtrays, and keep away from emollient creams or products.



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

Attendance:	
(Our school target is 96.8%)	
Whole school	96.5%
Class 1	97.8%
Class 2	97.7%
Class 3	97.2%
Class 4	94.3%

Well done to Class 1!

FLUTE & RECORDER LESSONS

Flute and Recorder lessons are offered in school to give children a range of musical skills that will give them a foundation for lifelong musical enjoyment. These include reading music, understanding note values and rhythm, developing listening skills, and singing to pitch, as well as finger coordination and dexterity.

Recorder is a great



instrument to start on as it's easy to blow and fairly quick to begin recognisable tunes. With careful tuition a sweet sound can be made, and your child will be well on the way to progressing through the grades to high achievement playing if they wish.

The flute is a little more challenging at the beginning, with the blowing technique needing to be learned before tunes can be played, but if your child is keen to learn, the chances are they will take to the instrument, and the blowing technique will come quickly and easily.

I teach to the standard of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM) examining board, which opens up the option to gain the ABRSM grades 1-8 in both recorder and flute. These grades carry UCAS points, which are helpful for securing university places after secondary school.

If you would like your son or daughter to take up recorder or flute lessons (minimum age 6), please contact me to discuss: -

Hester Somerville ALCM, CTABRSM Tel: 01803-762 703 / 0777-950 0905

Email: info@hestersomerville.co.uk

Jules Marshall (Otto's mum) is extending an invite to you all...

This event is for parents' careers and those working with children.

As adults we all know that kids need to play, right? It's what they do. But do we know why? Do we really recognise and understand what's happening in play? Play, initiated and led by the child is expansive, and enables us to move away from limiting ideas.

It has no outcomes, is diverse, self-led and not bound by social norms.

Play is where our kids navigate the world, regulate, problem solve, and can show up as their authentic selves. But play like this, is limited.

Adult led activities dominate, busy schedules are everywhere, and free play is being pushed out.

Join us for an evening exploring this with our guest expert Kelly Higley. Thursday 4th December

Ticket includes soup and a roll.

[Www.theyardmaker.com](http://www.theyardmaker.com)



That's all for now. Hope to see you all next week at the Church events and this afternoon at the Christmas Fair!

Jill Ryder.