



**NEWSLETTER Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all of you for your kind messages of support regarding our SIAMS inspection this week – and huge thanks to those who spoke to the Inspector! We were able to share all that is precious to us and makes Landscope a special little school. We now have about 4 weeks to wait for the report.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

13.2.25	Break up for half term
24&26.2.26	Parents Evening
4.3.26	Class 4 educational visit to Plymouth Synagogue
9.3.26	Science week – 11.3.26 Science workshops
10.3.26	Class 3 assembly 3pm School Hall – Class 3 parents invited to join
13.3.26	Mothering Friday Service 9:15 @ St Matthew's
18.3.26	Class 4 assembly 3pm School Hall – Class 4 parents invited to join
19.3.26	C4 Forest School Day
23.3.26	Bikeability week for year 6
25.3.26	Class 2 assembly 3pm School Hall – Class 2 parents invited to join
25.3.26	Class 3 educational visit Exeter Mosque
27.3.26	Y3/4 Hockey Festival @ Paignton academy with Mr Tanner
2.4.26	Break up for Easter

**LANDSCOPE LEARNERS**

**Class 1** have been learning about the parable of The Precious Pearl in FaB. As part of their learning, they reflected on what is precious to them and they then created very special boxes for their own precious pearls.

They also did a fabulous class assembly, sharing their learning of the creation story and the solar system. Well done!

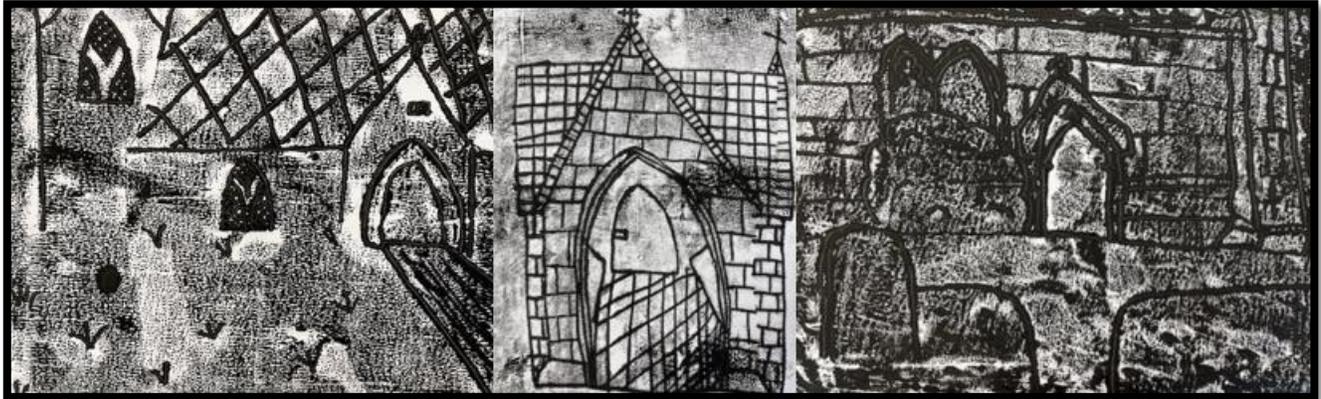
**Class 2** drew their own self-portraits using mirrors. The children experimented with different mediums and even tried one in the style of Picasso. We chose our favourite piece and discussed what made it special.



**Class 3** have been working hard on creating their own Egyptian masks during art lessons. They have already applied the first layer of papier mache and the masks are beginning to take shape!



**Class 4** have created some fabulous monoprints of St Matthew's church.



## **ETHOS, VISION & VALUES**

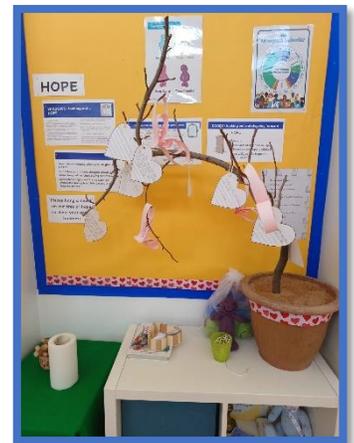
Our tree of hope is taking shape – the children have made some delightful promises to take hope out into our community and families by doing some acts of kindness.

## **PE TEAM**

We are super excited to launch our PE curriculum newsletter!

Please could you include the link in your schools newsletter (whether that is a Sway or PDF) and ask readers to click on the link to explore our termly newsletter. The newsletter includes details of learning, past PE events and events to look forward to.

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/zLOiQH5pmGNq9uGO?ref=Link>



## **SAFEGUARDING & ATTENDANCE**

**I would like to remind everyone of the importance of being in school as much as possible and being on time. We currently have high numbers of children who have fallen well below the expectations for attendance. The impact of low attendance is well researched and evidence based – it really does make a difference! Getting into good attendance habits now will make all the difference to your child's future.**

**Anything below 90% is considered persistent absenteeism and as such flags up on national, county and Trust attendance monitoring. We will then be asked to ensure we make a difference and that attendance rates improve – sometimes by getting outside agencies to work alongside families. Please work with us to get this right for your children.**

## **ATTENDANCE - Every School Day Counts**

**There are 190 school days each year, this means that there are 175 non-school days a year.**

Every school day a child is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning. Attendance percentages can be misleading. If we took a maths test 90% would be great; but do you know what it really means when looking at attendance over a year?

Attendance %	Rating	Days absent	Description
100%	Perfect Attendance	0	This is the best chance of success for your child
97%	Good Attendance	5	
95%	Improvement Required <b>9 days of absence</b> <b>1 week and 4 days of learning missed</b> <b>Up to 45 lessons</b>	9	Less chance of your child succeeding as it is harder for them to make progress
92%	Concern (moving towards Persistent Absence*)	19	
90%	Serious Concern 19 days of absence <b>3 weeks and 4 days of learning missed</b> <b>Up to 95 lessons</b>	30	Serious Concern Missing this much education reduces a chance of success for your child and could result in legal action

- **Persistent Absence** is defined as: 10% or more of sessions missed (based on each pupil's possible sessions). Absences may be authorised or unauthorised.
- **Severe Absence** is defined as: 50% or more of sessions missed (based on each pupil's possible sessions). Absences may be authorised or unauthorised.

Attendance: (Our school target is 96.8%)	
Whole school	95.0%
Class 1	95.2%
Class 2	96.1%
Class 3	96.1%
Class 4	92.9%
Well done to Classes 2 and 3!	

**Artificial intelligence** is becoming a familiar part of young people's online experiences, with a myriad of school tools and entertainment platforms in use. This guide breaks down what AI really is, helping adults explain it clearly and realistically so children don't overestimate its abilities or trust it unquestioningly. It explores how AI systems work, where they appear online, and why understanding them matters.

The guide also highlights key online safety considerations, including misinformation, data privacy, bias and over-reliance on AI tools. With practical advice on setting boundaries, choosing age-appropriate platforms and encouraging ethical, creative use, it empowers parents to build digital literacy while keeping children safe, curious and critically engaged.

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.

[Online Safety Information for Parents](#)

Have a fabulous break over the half term.

*Jill Ryder.*

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the  rlando  
quartet

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