



Lethbridge Primary School Newsletter

September 2022



Welcome to our latest newsletter

Welcome back to a brand-new school year to all our children and their families and a special welcome to the new children starting in Reception this year and those who have joined our school in other classes too. We hope you will find Lethbridge to be a happy and welcoming school.

It promises to be a year of exciting curriculum opportunities for the children. Please keep your eye on our website and twitter account to see lots of photos and information about what the classes are up to over the year.

Kind regards

Lisa Mayes

Outdoor Art Gallery

Swindon Museum and Art Gallery have invited Lethbridge to be part of an Outdoor Art Gallery project this Autumn.

We have an Outdoor Art Exhibition made up of ten large Modern Art banners featuring works from the Swindon Collection. This will stay with us in our playground over the next two weeks.

The Outdoor Gallery gives children and parents access to artworks by some of the biggest names in Modern British Art and a chance to enjoy and learn about Swindon's cultural heritage. Please feel free to come into the playgrounds to have a look around.

Swindon Heritage Project

We were also very fortunate in being able to create one of the new murals in the Railway Village as it opens for visitors as part of Heritage Week.



Housekeeping

A few housekeeping reminders for the start of the new school year:

Water bottles – please make sure your child has a water bottle to use in school

School absence – if your child is ill and will not be attending school you should call the school (535033) and leave a message or use the absence@lethbridgeprimary.co.uk email address.

You need to call every day that your child is out unless we already know from you that the child has an illness that will require a certain amount of days off school, such as Chicken Pox

Playground use before school – the playgrounds are not supervised by staff before school so please be mindful about how early your child might be arriving at school

Healthy snacks – we do our best to run a healthy school and are really proud of our Healthy Schools Silver status. In Key Stage 1 and Early Years children have fresh fruit for snack each day. Certain foods are not allowed in school for snack or lunch including sweets, fizzy drinks and chocolate bars. Please try to keep break time snacks as healthy as possible

Contacting staff by email- we always prefer to talk in person or on the phone with parents whenever possible but if you have to use email to contact a member of staff please can I ask that you do this through the school admin email address. Teachers will get back to you as soon as they possibly can

Weather – as we move into autumn please ensure your child has a coat and shoes suitable for rainy weather

Cost of Living

We are very conscious of rising prices and the impact this may have on families. Please remember that we do not insist on any uniform requiring the school badge and that Friends of Lethbridge have pre-loved uniform available. We also hold vouchers for Swindon Food Bank. Please don't be embarrassed to ask for help when needed. We are aware that school trips are valuable opportunities but can be costly. Please contact Tracey Owen via the school office if you find difficulty with payment. To try and help parents plan for costs, below is a list of trips that are likely to take place this year. We will endeavor to give you plenty of notice and to ensure small, regular payments can be made.

EYFS	Term 6: Cotswold Wildlife Park
1	Term 5: Seaside visit (usually Sandbanks but may change)
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3	Term 2: Steam Museum, Term 5: Viking Visitor to school
4	Term 2: Steam Museum, Term 5: Viking Visitor to school, Term 6: Residential (provisional)
5	Term 4: Harry Potter Tour
6	Term 1: Redridge Residential, Term 4: Harry Potter Tour, Term 6: Thorpe Park (or alternative theme park)

You will see that there is a provisional booking for a short residential trip for Year 4. We will hold a meeting about this soon to gauge interest so we can decide if this is suitable to run this year.

Children's Class Assemblies

To help you plan for the year, here are our proposed dates for assemblies for parents:

Thursdays 11am

29 Sept 4KW
6 Oct 5MRKK
13 Oct 2NS
3 Nov 6GB
12 Jan 6BF
19 Jan 2KH
26 Jan 4JM
2 Feb 5CC
9 Feb 3JKCB
2 March 3EP
18 May 1 /2 HF
25 May 1LP
15 June 1TR
22 June Hedgehogs
29 June Squirrels

It is with great sadness that we all received the news yesterday of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. As the longest serving Monarch she has been part of everyone's lives and as well as celebrating her platinum jubilee in June, we will now mourn her passing in the same year. We have talked with the children today about her death and the historical significance of the event. We are expecting guidance soon about the protocols for schools on the day of her funeral and we will let you know about this as soon as we are able to.



Value of the Term



Live, Learn and Achieve at Lethbridge

Lethbridge Primary School

OPEN DAYS

Monday October 3rd 2022 at 9.30 a.m.
Monday October 3rd 2022 at 11.00 a.m.
Tuesday October 11th 2022 at 9.30 a.m.
Tuesday October 11th 2022 at 11.00 a.m.
Thursday November 17th 2022 at 9.30 a.m.
Thursday November 17th 2022 at 1.30 p.m.
Wednesday November 30th 2022 at 9.30 a.m.
Wednesday November 30th 2022 at 11.00 a.m.

Come and meet our Headteacher, staff and pupils and see our fun, friendly and high achieving school, in the heart of the Old Town community.

Please contact the school office to book a place Tel 01793 535033 or email admin@lethbridgeprimary.co.uk

18 THINGS

that could help if you or someone you know
is struggling with **day to day living costs**.

www.swindon.gov.uk/costofliving

Scan this QR code with your smartphone's camera or a
QR code reader app to check what help and support is available:



Or call Citizens Advice Swindon: 0808 278 7813

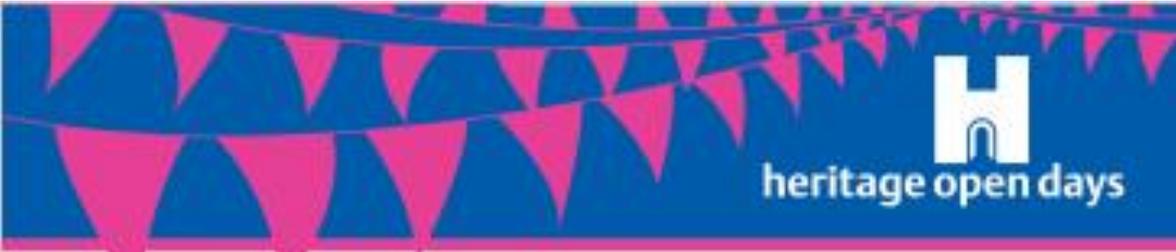
Monday to Friday from 10am - 4pm

Drop in Service

Sanford House Thursday 10am - 1pm
or Cavendish Square Tuesday 10am - 1pm

They provide advice for all types of problems,
including if you're struggling to pay for food.





heritage open days



ASTOUNDING INVENTIONS



FREE TO EXPLORE

HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Central Community Centre

Join us at the heart of Swindon's Railway Village for our annual heritage festival, packed with fun for the whole family...

- Railway Village Museum & Village Tours
- Central Community Centre
- Bakers
- Cricketers
- The Gluepot Public House
- St Mark's Church
- The Carriage Works
- Pattern Church
- Health Hydro (Milton Road Baths)

- Enjoy live music and dance performances (Saturday)
- Browse the Stalls, including local authors, crafts and inventive activities (Saturday)
- Learn more about local history and inventions, from cars to computers
- Find out more about progress on the Mechanics Institute and the Cricketers Arms
- Meet Heritage Action Zone members and find out about their work in the heart of the village.
- Refreshments served 10am-4pm at the Bakers and Central Community Centre.

Emlyn Square, Swindon Railway Village, SN1 5BP

10th-11th September, 10am-4pm



Some services and opening times may vary across different locations. Explore more details for this event and more:



www.heritageopendays.org.uk

Big Fortnight 2022

SAVE THE DATES

**Monday 3rd October
- Friday 14th October**

The Local Offer will be hosting various events, both virtual and in person, across Swindon including:

**The Local Offer Big Event on
Wednesday 12th October 2022,
10am to 2pm @ The Platform,
Faringdon Road, Swindon, SN1 5BJ.**

These free events will provide information and advice to both parents/carers and professionals on services available for children and young people aged 0-25 with a support need.

For more information:

**<https://localoffer.swindon.gov.uk/LOBF22>
Or email localoffer@swindon.gov.uk**

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