



LIFTON COMMUNITY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

14.02.25 We have had a busy two weeks at Lifton. The children have been working incredibly hard on their learning habits and building routines in their classrooms. Their maths and English book show how amazing their learning has been. Well done to them all. Thank you to all those who attended our Parent coffee and catch up this week which gave us a chance to discuss aspects of the school and how we can best work together for the good of the children. We really value parent and families' voices and want to act upon your feedback. Thank you to those parents and families who came in to school to see us last week. It was lovely to host you. The children were really pleased to have you in school and share their learning with you. We hope you enjoyed visiting us! We are looking forward to welcoming the children back after half term. We have lots planned and lots to do.



Attendance: Our current overall school attendance for the past two weeks has stayed at 94.5%. We of course aim for all of our children to be in school every day and achieve 100% attendance. For example, 90% attendance means that your child will have lost 8 days of learning since September. As part of our Celebration Assembly, we will be introducing attendance awards for children with 100% attendance. We look forward to handing out lots of awards! Thank you for your continued support with ensuring your children are in school. Class attendance for the past two weeks is below. The **winners are Badgers on 96%**, well done!

Owls	Hedgehogs	Otters	Badgers	Foxes
89%	95.6%	95%	96%	93%

School uniform: a big thank you for your support with school uniform. There has been a noticeable difference in the children coming to school in the correct uniform. Thank you for this. Please can we ask that all children are in black school shoes. Children should not be wearing boots to school please. Thank you.

Cross Country: Wow – what an amazing team of children we have at Lifton. The KS2 children took part in the first of three cross country events organised by Ocra. A big thank you to Mr Stuckey for organising the event. It was lovely to be there and cheer our children on. I am so proud of them all. They all gave their all and did their best. The highlight for me was seeing how our children supported each other when the going got tough. Living our Lifton values! Well done to all the runners.



Thank you: A big thank you to Matt Luxton who kindly and generously sponsored the jackets. thank you to Laura Stainer for organising the sports jackets for the school. Our cross-country runners tested these yesterday. They looked amazing!

Celebration Assembly (10.02.25): Well done to everyone!

Values Champion: Poppy S and Pearl

Respect Champion: Connor

Class Awards:

Owls – Harley and Patrik

Hedgehogs – Lilly and Liam

Otters – Kaden and Rhys

Badgers – Paige and Evie

Foxes – Oscar and Henry

Headteacher’s Awards: Matilda and Fraser

TTRS King and Queen: Harvey and Daisy

100% attendance: Paige, Fraser, William M, Dan, Tommy, Nel



Reminders of upcoming events:

- 24.02.25 Return to school
- 26.02.25 visit to Ambrosia
- 27.02.25 Dental Outreach Assembly with yr1 and yr2
- 28.02.25 Ann Parsons Author visit to school
- 06.03.25 World Book Day
- 07.03.25 Coffee and catch up with Mr Hill 2.45pm
- w/b 10.03.25 Science Week
- 13.03.25 Cross country at Whitchurch Down KS2
- 14.03.25 Ambrosia visit to school KS2
- 20.03.25 YR6 SATs meeting 330pm
- 21.03.25 Red Nose Day
- w/b 24.03.25 Spirituality Week
- 01.04.25 Easter Service at St Mary’s Church
- 01.04.25 Cross country at Yelverton KS2
- 04.04.25 Easter Egg Hunt FOLs 315pm

TEAM POINTS

Oak: 314
Willow: 387
Ash: 310
Beech:327

Have a lovely half term break. I wish you all a restful time with your families and friends.

Warmest wishes, *Mrs Brimacombe*

CLASS NEWS

Wrens and Wagtails have had a great time exploring the new garden layout. We have been making mud pies in the mud kitchen, digging for worms in the digging area and making tunnels with the large construction. In our topic 'People who help us' this week we were looking at chiefs, bakers and cooks. We became bakers and made chocolate chip heart biscuits.

Owls have been learning about Judaism this week. The children have explored what a Torah is and how this is used in a Synagogue. They have loved learning about the continents and the names of the oceans around the world. We have learnt songs about the oceans and continents, I wonder if your child can sing these to you?

Hedgehogs have been continuing to look at Judaism and what objects and places are special to Jews. We have continued to explore inputting instructions into our Beebots and ensuring they follow the correct route round our self made maps.

Otters have continuing to learn about our digestive system. We have been writing non chronological reports to show our understanding of this. We have also learnt about teeth and their role in the digestion system. We have been exploring skulls of animals and deciding if they are carnivores, herbivores or omnivores by looking at the teeth they have.

Badgers have been enjoying learning about changes to materials. We changed cream into butter by shaking it vigorously; this separated the cream into butter and buttermilk. We got to taste the butter on toast the next day – delicious!

Foxes have been learning about retro-futurism in art. They have been analysing paintings using artistic language, focusing on the artist Zoe Squires and experimenting with different painting techniques. They will produce a retro-futurism inspired media piece with a focus on space at the end of this unit.

