



LIFTON COMMUNITY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

21.03.25 We have had a busy two weeks and have been very lucky to have been out and about and have lots of visitors in school. It has been lovely to welcome visitors to school and see them working with our children. Lots more details below and photos of all the events. Hasn't it been wonderful to feel and see Spring is on its way. Lots of our trees are budding and the daffodils are coming out in our garden. We have also noticed lots of birds being busy in our trees. Thank you to Strawberry Fields for donating some lovely bird feeders. Our fabulous Squirrels (after school club) were kept busy filling them up and choosing where to hang them. We have seen wrens, blackbirds and blue tits coming down to feed. Please keep an eye out for them when you are in the playground.

GB Gymnast visit: we were lucky this week to have a visit from Ruby Stacey an amazing GB athlete. She shared her medals with us all and showed us her brilliant tumbles during a special assembly. The whole school took part in workshops with Ruby throughout the day. Ruby was very proud to share that she had attended Paris last year with the GB squad as a reserve for team GB. An amazing achievement at 18! Thank you Ruby.



KS2 Cross Country Event: thank you to the KS2 parents and families that took their KS2 children to the second cross country event across West Devon. The children were brilliant and had a great time. Our third and final event is coming up soon – we can't wait to watch the runners!

Bridges Reception and Year 1: reception and year 1 took advantage of the lovely weather this week and went for a walk around Lifton. They explored signs of Spring as they walked and investigated the types of bridges in Lifton. They were pleased to find arched bridges and enjoyed their time learning outdoors. They also had great fun exploring the woods as part of their walk.



Science Day: A big thank you to Mrs Russell for organising our Science Day last week. We were celebrating National Science Week. The children working in their house groups and moved around school to explore four different activities. Our focus this year was Science through the ages. Thank you to all the Lifton team too for leading sessions. The children had great fun investigating fossils and prehistoric pool!



KS2 Ambrosia visit: KS2 were lucky enough to have a visit from the team at Ambrosia. They worked in three groups exploring different careers and roles at Ambrosia. They experimented with porridge and tasting of course! The children also had the opportunity to work with food technologists and scientists.



Book Fayre: thank you for supporting the Book Fayre during World Book Day. It was lovely to see so many of you. Every purchase you made has made a difference to our school. We were able to purchase £250 of new books. Thank you all again for your support. Fraser, Elena, Tilly and William enjoyed unpacking the books and adding them to our library. Who will be first to read one of our new books?




Attendance: Our current overall school attendance for the past two weeks is **94.5%**. We are getting there! 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 joint **winners are Badgers and Otters on 95%**, well done Otters and Badgers!

Owls	Hedgehogs	Otters	Badgers	Foxes
89%	94%	95%	95%	94%



Red Nose Day: it was lovely to see all our children with their red noses ● and bringing in their food bank donations. Thank you for supporting our local food bank and for helping us celebrate 40 years of Comic Relief



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We're excited to announce the launch of Launceston College's Elite Sports Academies, designed to develop the next generation of champions in Girls' Rugby, Boys' Rugby, Girls' Football, Boys' Football, as well as a cricket academy! Starting September 2025, Year 7 students will have the opportunity to be part of this groundbreaking initiative that includes top-tier coaching, strength and conditioning, and exclusive training sessions to elevate athletic performance.

Our Elite Sports Academies offer:

- Personalised coaching with limited spots of 20 students per academy
- Strength and Conditioning Sessions to improve fitness, rest, and recovery working in partnership with PAFC and Matt Luxton Health and Fitness
- Academy coaching sessions led by PAFC and Cornish Pirate Academy coaches
- Competitions & Cup Matches to showcase skills
- Special Trips including professional matches and a one-night residential and training camps
- Alternative Sports Academy for athletics, tennis, swimming, and more with subsidies for competitions, as well as strengths and conditioning individual athlete programmes.

The academies are open to students who are already playing at club level in their respective sports.

To find out more we will be hosting an Elite Academy information evening on Thursday 20th March 5.30-6.30pm. Express your interest [here](#)



Launceston Town Band presents...

Ahoy Mateys!

FREE ENTRY!
Collection buckets on exit. All proceeds go to Launceston town band

Prize for best dressed pirate

Come and see Launceston Junior band perform pirate themed shanties followed by tea/coffee juice and biscuits

Saturday 22nd March
Lifton community centre at 7pm
AND
Sunday 6th April
Launceston town hall at 3pm



Reminders of upcoming events:

w/b 24.03.25 Spirituality Week

27.03.25 Year 6 Adventure Day at Launceston College

28.03.25 FOLs Someone Special Day

01.04.25 Easter Service at St Mary's 1.45pm

01.04.25 KS2 Cross Country at Yelverton 4.00pm

03.04.25 Year 6 meeting (children) with Launceston College 1.15pm

03.04.25 Year 6 parents/families SATs meeting 3.30pm

Have a restful weekend, thank you for your continued support.

Warmest wishes, *Mrs Brimacombe*