23rd October 2026

Lockerley Church of England Primary School

Love in our hearts, Courage in our learning and Respect for each other



As we reach the end of our first half term, I want to say a huge well done to all of our children, staff and families. It has been a busy few weeks, but there is so much to celebrate at Lockerley.



A particular well done must go to our new Year R children, who have settled into school life brilliantly. Starting school is such an important milestone, and it has been wonderful to see them growing in confidence, making friends and embracing all the opportunities that school brings.

Thank you also to everyone who joined us for our recent parents' evenings. The positive conversations between families and teachers were a real reminder of how important our partnership with parents is in helping every child to thrive. Collectively, we can make a real difference in supporting our children to achieve all of their potential.

We have certainly had a few practical challenges along the way too, not least our water leaks! Thank you for your patience, flexibility and support while we have dealt with these. Similarly with the parking situation; thank you. I'm delighted to share that the works should be finished by the end of the half term holiday, with the village hall again becoming useable for drop off and collection parking.

Most impressively, I have been delighted by the brilliant teaching and learning taking place across the school. Our children continue to impress us with their enthusiasm, curiosity and hard work, and a recent look at their books showed some really excellent progress.

Thank you for all your support this half term; I hope you have a happy and healthy break.

Mr O'Brien



Weekly Certificates awarded for Love to:

Lacie-Mai
Lila
Aurora-Bella
Olivia L



Thought for the Week

This week we have been thinking about Safety - keeping ourselves and others safe. There is so much to think about, but we can pray: Dear God, Thank You for loving me and watching over me every day. Please keep me safe at home, at school, and while I play. Hold my hand wherever I go, and help me to make wise choices that keep me away from danger. When I feel scared, remind me that You are always close by. Protect my mind, my body, and my heart today. Amen

Life at Lockerley

Skippers Class

Skippers Class made a fantastic start to life at Lockerley. We have really enjoyed exploring our new school this half term. We have spent lots of time getting to know each other and the different things we all like. One of our favourite activities has been using natural resources to make our faces in outdoor learning. We carefully chose what we wanted to use from the garden and worked hard on our pictures to include all our features!







In Collective Worship we read the Bible story of Jesus and the paralysed man, and thought about how we show love to others when we work together as a team.

Admirals Class

This half term Admirals topic was 'All About Me'. We have really enjoyed developing our sketching skills, focussing on self portraits. They have paid close attention to drawing eyes and thought about spacing their facial features accurately on paper. In English we enjoyed the story of 'The Jolly Postman' and have thought about adjectives we could use to describe creatures from 'Where the Wild Things are'. We had a fantastic village walk looking for human and physical geographical features where we spotted roads, train tracks, bridges, fields, trees and houses. In RE we have learnt about the Creation story and Harvest. We considered different ways Christians say thank you to God for Creation and food such as celebrating it with a festival, sharing food with those less fortunate than ourselves and saying prayers of thanks. We are excited to start our topic about Festivals next year and finding out about how people around the world celebrate Christmas.







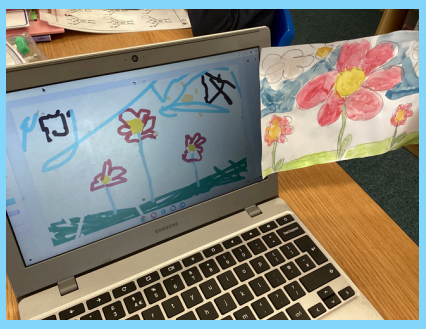
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Swallowtails Class

In Swallowtails Class, our topic for this half term has been 'How can we use patterns to make sense of the world?' Our English and Art have been linked together, with us reading Emotionary and My Many Coloured Days, and creating some amazing printed art work inspired by Matisse. We have enjoyed learning how to make our own tiles, and experimenting with different paints to produce different effects. We finished this topic by printing our own t-shirts! We continued our Art learning by creating the same image using digital and non-digital devices in our Computing lessons. In Science, we have been learning about solids, liquids and gases, and have carried out experiments to find out about their properties. We look forward to trying more investigations after half term.

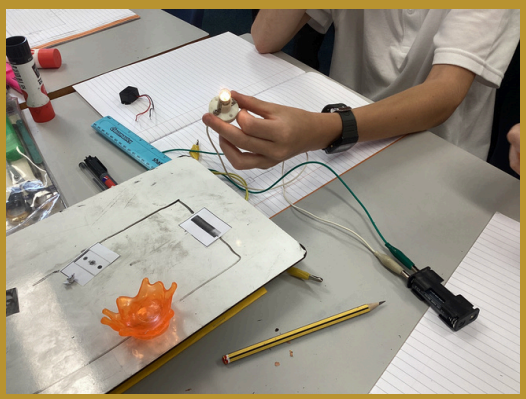






Emperors Class

In Emperors Class, our topic for this half term has been 'Can I Affect Global Change?' Our English, Art and Guided Reading have been linked together, with us reading The Crown, There's a Rang-Tan in my bedroom and Floodland. We have created a crown representing how we would like our planet to look for future generations. Using clay, we made miniature food representing favourite dishes from regions in Brazil we have studied in Geography. In Science, we learned about controlling electrical circuits and have investigated how voltage affects the brightness of a lightbulb. Emperors welcomed in PCSOs Hattie and Gabi from Romsey Police to discuss Cyberbullying, leading to interesting discussion with the children. Year 6 children also completed both Bikeability level 1 and 2, you may see them cycling around Lockerley using all their new skills. Emperors class led Harvest Festival, sharing the story of Zaccheus the Tax Collector and how he changed his ways to be more: giving, thankful and loving.







Hampshire's Biggest Game of Simon Says

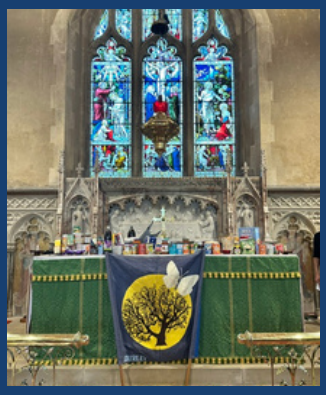
THANK YOU!

The whole school took part in 'Hampshire's Biggest Game of Simon Says' to raise money for Simon Says Child Bereavement Charity. We all enjoyed taking part, and raised £401.12, which we are really proud of. Thank you to everyone who donated.

We are also really proud that we are now a 'Simon Says' Champion School, which celebrates our dedication to support children in our community who experience bereavement.



Thank you to everyone who joined us for our annual coffee morning to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. We raised an amazing £155.50



Harvest Festival

Well done to Emperors Class for a interesting and thought-provoking Harvest Festival where they shared the story of Zaccheus the tax collector. The whole school gathered to sing Harvest hymns. Thank you to everyone that generously donated food for the Romsey Food Bank.

Cluster Cross Country

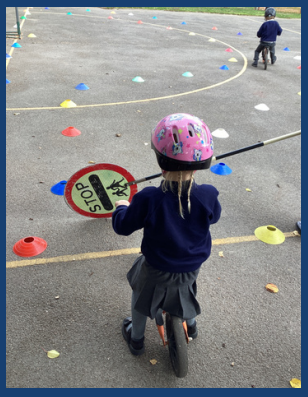
This half term, 9 Key Stage 2 children represented the school at a Cluster Cross Country running event. They all showed courage and perseverance, encouraging each other to complete the course.



The whole school celebrated National Poetry Day! We were excited that a mysterious door appeared in the Hall, and were inspired to write our own poetry, questions, and create fairy gardens!



The JRSOs led an exciting Mystery Footsteps Challenge during lunchtimes this week! 10 footprints were hidden around school, and pupils had to follow the clues and complete the challenges to crack the code. They also led balance bike training for Year R pupils. A big well done to our JRSOs for organising such a fun and engaging activity, encouraging everyone to get active and celebrate Walktober!



INSET Days 2027

Monday 4th January
Monday 19th July
Tuesday 20th July
Wednesday 21st July



Church Services 2026/27

Friday 18th December - Christmas
Friday 5th February - Skippers/Admirals
Thursday 25th March - Easter
Friday 21st May - Swallowtails
Friday 16th July - End of Term/Leavers

Lockerley CofE Primary School

OPEN MORNINGS



Purposeful Learning



Enriched Curriculum



Active Learning

Tuesday 17th November
Tuesday 12th January

Join us at 9:30am

For more information or

adminoffice@lockerley.hants.sch.uk

Friends of Lockerley School present

PUMPKIN CARVING COMPETITION

Monday 2nd November 2026

Carveor decorate your scary pumpkin however you like, or draw a spooky picture, and bring it to the school display in the morning.

Pumpkin entries - £2 each
Picture entries – £2 each

A small prize will be given to every entrant and an overall winner chosen from each of KS1 and KS2.

ALL entries should be taken home at the end of the day!

GOOD LUCK!

THE CHRISTMAS

JUMPER SWAP

CHRISTMAS JUMPERS WANTED!



Drop off at the Hall

MONDAYS & FRIDAYS

8:30 - 9:30 am

All ages and sizes welcome.

Pleasedonateclean jumpersingoodcondition.

From 2 November

Donate a jumper. Get a voucher.

Choose another from the swap rail at theChristmas Fayre.

SATURDAY 21ST NOVEMBER

Lockerley & East Dean War Memorial Hall

Can't Make the drop off times?

community@lockerleyvillagehall.org.uk