

Weekly Newsletter

14th February 2025



Message from the Head

SPRING TERM

Dear Parents and Carers,

Learning this week

Class 1 children have done some beautiful observational drawings of daffodils while exploring and learning. In art, class 2 children have been sketching faces and including peoples' emotions. Class 3 children have been learning about fractions of whole shapes this week. In science, class 4 have been busy building circuits using buzzers. They have also been writing creatively, based on the book Skellig, and using their senses to improve descriptions. Class 5 have enjoyed learning about being 'courageous advocates' and created presentations about the charities they would like to support which they shared with the school council.

Governor Day

On Wednesday, nearly all members of our governing body visited school for the day. They went into lessons, had lunch in the dinner hall and spent time talking to children. It's really important, as the strategic body for the school, that governors have a good understanding of what it is like in 'a day in the life of a child' at our school. They were impressed by the behaviour and learning attitudes of the children and the interesting and fun lessons the children took part in. Class 5 were demonstrating their new maths chrome book lessons which have been a significant investment but are proving to have great impact. Class 4 demonstrated a guided reading lesson, exploring their gripping class text, Class 2 were practising their phonics and showing off their fantastic reading skills and class 1 were showing how well they explore and learn through play.

I hope you have an enjoyable half term break and I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 24th February.

Kind regards, Mrs Laura Whateley

PE Timetable - Spring 2

	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Spring 2	Class 1 Class 2	Class 5 Class 4	Class 4 Class 5	Class 3 Class 2	Class 1

Cross country competition - Bridgewater school Berkhamsted Saturday 22nd March

We have been invited to take part in a cross country competition for KS2 children at Bridgewater school.

Race times:	Time Race and Approximate Distance	Race times:	Time Race and Approximate Distance
9.30	Year 6 Girls (1200m)	10.30	Year 4 Girls (800m)
9.45	Year 6 Boys (1200m)	10.45	Year 4 Boys (800m)
10.00	Year 5 Girls (1200m)	11.00	Year 3 Girls (600m)
10.15	Year 5 Boys (1200m)	11.15	Year 3 Boys (600m)

11.30 (approx.) Presentation (Medals for the first 3 individuals in each race and the first three teams – the first 3 pupils to finish from each school will count in the team). **More details to follow for those who sign up.**

Please put children's names down on Arbor by Wednesday 26th Feb.

It would be great to have lots of Long Marston children taking part. Please sign up on Arbor if you are interested. **The cost of each race is £2 per child via Arbor.**

NOTE FOR CLASS 3

School trip on the 7th March has been postponed due to a fire at MK Museum. New date/details to follow.



Values Award

Kindness, Respect, Resilience

Class 1

Amelia - Dedication and resilience with her reading at school and home resulting in awesome progress!

Class 2

Josh for being resilient in his learning, particularly in English and maths and demonstrating the school value.

Class 3

Isabelle for showing great resilience when working with her punctuation.

Class 4

Sienna for being resilient with a challenging project in art.

Class 5

Eloise for always being respectful, ready to learn and having a wonderful positive attitude.

House points

Larks 109

Martins 153

Swifts 109

Congratulations to the Martins

Attendance this week

Class 1 91.0%

Class 2 98.9% Well Done!

Class 3 98.1%

Class 4 92.9%

Class 5 98.0%

Attendance this year: 94.2%



'Together we grow and flourish with hope'



Coming Up

Tuesday 25th February

- Summer sports (KS1 & KS2)
- Tennis (KS1 & KS2)
- Game on Football Club (KS1)

Wednesday 26th February

- To be confirmed

Thursday 27th February

- Girls Football - lunchtime
- Game on Football Club (KS2)
- Netball (KS2)
- French (KS1)
- Piano and guitar lessons

Friday 28th February

- French (KS2)
- Drum Lessons

Additional Information

For this week's letters click on the image below

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After School Club

As you are aware, we offer a very flexible wrap around club to meet the needs of our families. Most local schools ask parents to commit to a day and pay for a whole term, regardless of whether children attend or not.

Our club has become incredibly busy so we are no longer able to offer the 15 minute slot to children who take part in clubs until 4.15. The 15 mins until 4.30 takes a whole child space, where we have a limit of 20 children.

To accommodate people who have a child attending a club which ends at 4.15 and a sibling at after school club, we will be adding a new after school club collection time of 3.15pm-4.15pm, after half term, at a charge of £5.50. Therefore, if you have children attending multiple clubs they can be picked up at the same time, at 4.15pm.

PTA update

World Book Day - Wonka Bar Fundraiser. Pre-sale of chocolate bars **March 3-6**, we will set a stall to sell remaining chocolate bars after school. Kate will do a flyer to better explain, but here's an overview <https://wonderlicious.uk/>

Pizza Kit Fundraiser - Collection on March 14th, this is in partnership with Doughies Pizza. More information to follow.

A reminder, please, that children are not allowed mobile phones at any school PTA event where they are not supervised by their own parents. In future, any children attending events with phones would need to be collected.

Many thanks.

World Book Day

World Book Day is coming up on 6th March! Today your child will be bringing home their £1 book voucher, which they can use to buy one of the special £1 World Book Day books, available in supermarkets and book shops.

Alternatively the voucher can be used as part payment towards any book.

This year, the whole school will be focusing on the book 'The Day the Crayons Quit'. Children are invited to come to school on **Thursday 6th March** dressed head to toe in their favourite colour.

Class 3 forest school after half term - urgent volunteers needed

We are still in need of volunteers to help at forest school next half term. Even if you can only help one morning or afternoon, we would really appreciate it. If we do not have enough volunteers, there is the risk that we will have to cut short the offer to Class 3 children which we really don't want to do. Please contact the office ASAP if you think you can help. Many thanks.

Dates for the diary

Date and time	Event
Fri 14th Feb	Last day of half term
	Mufti day 'wear what you love' £1 donation
17th-21st Feb	Half term
Mon 24th Feb	Children return to school
Thurs 27th Feb	Forest school starts for Class 3
Weds 5th March 9.15	Ash Wednesday church service
Thurs 6th March	World Book Day—inspired by 'The day the crayons quit', children to wear their favourite colour to school
Fri 7th March	Class 3 trip
Mon 10th Mar 3.30-6.00	Parents' Eve in school
Weds 12th Mar 5.00-7.00	Parents' Eve online
Fri 21st Mar	World Down's Syndrome Day—wear different coloured socks
Sat 22nd Mar	Cross Country event at Bridgewater school, Berko.
Weds 26th Mar 9.15	Mothering Sunday service in church—parents welcome
	KS2 author visit
Thurs 27th Mar	Class 2 cake sale
Tues 1st April	Headteacher afternoon tea
Fri 4th April	Talent Show
	Last day of term 1.30pm pick up



Bucks Museum

Click image for fun half term activities



After school clubs

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, **Mad science won't be able to offer a club next half term** but we hope that we will be able to offer the club again in the summer term.

We are working on an alternative club to add to our offering for after half term.



Spring Second Half Term
Children return Monday 24th Feb

