

Weekly Newsletter

28th March 2025



Message from the Head

SPRING TERM

Dear Parents and Carers,

Headteacher's Award

I will look forward to inviting the following children to tea next week to celebrate winning this half term's Headteacher's Award.

We have chosen **Charlotte** for our Class 1 award. She demonstrates all our core values daily. She has really worked on her resilience during phonics, and this can be seen in her reading and writing progress. Charlotte is happy to have a go at things and join in with all class activities. She is kind and friendly with her peers and always respectful with her attitude towards grown-ups, the resources and our environment. Well done Charlotte!

Josh has had a brilliant year 2 so far. Josh continues to have an amazing attitude to his reading and he is trying really hard with his writing. He enjoys lots of subjects particularly maths, history, science and computing. Josh has lots of friends and is kind to everyone in the class and he likes to make sure that everyone is happy. He follows all of our school values. Well done Josh, we are very proud of you.

Faiq has earned the Headteacher's award for this half term. He displays all 3 of our school's values. He is a good friend to everybody at our school. He is polite, kind and respectful towards other children and adults alike. He works hard and always tries his best showing great resilience in his 'can do' attitude towards his learning. Well done Faiq. Class 4's HT award this term goes to **Felicity**. Felicity is consistently reliable and hard-working. She is always giving her best in everything she does and is a wonderful friend to many. She is positive and friendly and helps around the classroom and school.

Class 5's award this half term goes to **Eloise**, who is always respectful and ready to learn. She puts 100% effort in to all her classwork, completing tasks to a high standard. Eloise demonstrates resilience in her learning - she keeps trying when something is tricky and is always aiming to improve, meaning she has made great progress. She is an excellent role model to others with her classroom behaviour. Eloise is responsible and trustworthy, takes on class responsibilities with a smile, and is a joy to have in the classroom!

Sporting Success

Year 5 football tournament Tring School

We went against other schools across Tring which was tough but fun! When we were waiting, we saw a really good team and we were worried, but we gave it our all and drew. Overall, the day was amazing and hot, but we survived it! Our teamwork made it the greatest day. Paige, Felicity and Grace F.



Cross Country

On Saturday, nine children in KS2 represented the school at the Bridgewater cross country event. It was the first time Long Mar-

ston has competed in this event. Not only did all the children represent the school fantastically but the Year 3 girls' won the Team Gold Medal for the Year 3 girls' award for all finishing in the top 11—an amazing achievement! Well done to Ava, Isabelle and Iqra and to all the children who took part (Olive (Year 6), Jack and Farooq (Year 5), Eliza (Year 4), and Ava, Isabelle, Iqra, Juliet, and Arthur (Year 3). Thankyou also goes to Mrs Hill who organised the team on the day.



Kind regards, *Mrs Laura Whateley*



Values Award

Kindness, Respect, Resilience

Class 1

Ellie for demonstrating kindness bringing in her bug hunt quiz so all the children could have a go.

Class 2

Verity for showing resilience in her English, particularly with her reading.

Class 3

Magnus for showing great resilience in working so hard on his reading.

Class 4

Theo, Jack C., Thomas and Johnny for demonstrating resilience, respect, focus and all round great teamwork in their DT Project.

Class 5

Alex for her resilience when facing a challenge.

House points

Larks 145

Martins 120

Swifts 166

Congratulations to the Swifts!

Attendance this week

Class 1 91.7%

Class 2 99.5% **Well Done!**

Class 3 93.5%

Class 4 92.4%

Class 5 96.4%

Attendance this year: 94.1%



'Together we grow and flourish with hope'



Clubs Coming Up

Tuesday 1st April

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

Wednesday 2nd April

- Mad Science to start again in Summer Term

Thursday 3rd April

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

Friday 4th April

- No After School Clubs

Additional Information

For this week's letters click on the image below

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PTA Update

Summer Fair **14th June 2025** 12 pm - 4 pm.

This year's theme is Long Marstonbury!

Friday 11th July (after school)—Long Marston is hosting Inter-village sports competition. This is a huge event for the village schools which hasn't run since before COVID. We're hoping everyone will come along to cheer the team on.

PE DAYS - Summer Term

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Summer 1	Class 2	Class 5		Class 3	KS2 Swimming/PE Class 1
Summer 2	Class 2	Class 5		Class 3	KS2 Swimming/PE Class 1
	Class 1	Class 4		Class 2	Class 1

Clubs

Complete Sports - Cheerleading - Tuesday breakfast club. Mad Science back on Wednesdays after school. Further information on clubs can be found [here](#).

Fundraising Event

Mrs Godwin and Miss Fisher are running the London Landmarks Half Marathon on Sunday 6th April and are raising money for the Bone Cancer Charity.

If you would like to contribute to this cause you can click on this [link](#).

Forest school volunteers

Class 2 will commence their forest school sessions after Easter. If you are able to volunteer on a Thursday please contact the school office. Thanks.

Dates for the diary—Summer first half term

Date and time	Event
Mon 31st Mar	Class 3 Trip to St Albans Museum
Mon 31st April	Headteacher afternoon tea
Weds 2nd April	Talent Show dress rehearsal (moved from Monday due to Class 3 trip)
Fri 4th April	Talent Show Last day of term 1.30pm pick up
7th—21st April	Easter Holidays
Tues 22nd April	Children return to school
Tues 22nd - Thurs 24th April	Bikeability Years 3 and 4
Weds 23rd April	Easter service in Church Years R-6. Parents welcome
Thurs 24th April	Class 2 forest school starts
Fri 25th April	Swimming starts for Class 3 and selected children. Letters have been emailed to those who will be swimming, today.
Mon 28th April	Reception Height and weight—school nurse
Thurs 1st May	Class 5 Maypole and Cake sale Class 1 visit from Zoolab
Mon 5th May	Bank Holiday
Fri 9th May	Victoria Collins, MP, visiting school
Mon 12th May	SATS week—Year 6 SATS breakfast before school
Mon 19th May	Class 5 Caldecotte Trip
Tues 20th May	Headteacher's afternoon tea
	9.00 SEND and PPG coffee morning
Friday 23rd May	Last day of half term



Bikeability

Straight after the Easter holiday, Years 3 and 4 will be taking part in Bikeability. Children will need to bring a bike in good condition to take part. We are funding this training in school. Please sign up via Arbor (under Trips) if you wish your child to take part.

Swimming

You have been emailed today if your child is taking part in KS2 swimming after Easter. If your child is not swimming, they need to come to school wearing PE kit on Fridays. **ALL children** in KS2 will take part in the swimming Gala on 18th July.



EASTER BREAK



Last Day of term
Friday 4th April, 1.30pm pick up

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