

# Weekly Newsletter

5th September 2025

## Message from the Head



**AUTUMN TERM**

Dear Parents and Carers,

[Welcome Back](#)

Welcome back to a brand new school year! I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful summer break and found time for rest, play, and adventures together. It has been lovely to see the children returning with such energy, ready to learn and full of stories to share. Our new Reception and Nursery children have settled incredibly well, we can't believe they have only been with us a couple of days. A warm welcome too to all our new children joining in other years.



Over the holidays, many of our pupils took part in the Summer Reading Challenge – a huge well done to everyone who kept the pages turning! It was also fantastic to hear that so many children took part in the Long Marston village show this year—well done to everyone who entered.



A special highlight from the summer has to be the enormous sunflower grown by last year's Class 1 children – it reached an impressive height and brought lots of smiles.

This afternoon, all classes from 1 to 5 enjoyed drumming workshops, filling the school with rhythm and energy. If your child has been inspired and is interested in taking up music lessons (ukulele, piano, drums), [click here](#) for the sign-up details.

As we begin the year ahead, we are guided by our school Christian vision, Psalm 1:3, and values of kindness, respect and resilience. These will shape the way we work, play and learn together in the months ahead.

Thank you for your continued support, and here's to an exciting year ahead!

Kind regards, *Mrs Laura Whateley*

[Dates for the Diary –Autumn](#)

Date and time	Event
Mon 8th Sept 3.15-3.45	Open classrooms to parents
Thurs 11th Sept	Forest school for Class 5
Mon 22nd Sept	<u><a href="#">Bikeability</a></u> Level 2
29th-10th Oct	Parent workshops—details TBC
Mon 13th Oct 3.30-6.00	Parents' evening in person in school
Weds 15th Oct 5.00-7.30	Parents' evening online
Tues 14th Oct	SEND and PPG coffee morning
Thurs 23rd Oct	Perform Workshop to Class 1 and 2
Fri 24th Oct	Break up for half term
Mon 3rd Nov	Return to school

**Values Award**

*Kindness, Respect, Resilience*

Each week, children who have demonstrated our school values will be awarded our values award. These will start next Friday.

New children will be allocated house teams and all children work towards earning house points.

[Monday 8th September Open Classroom](#)

After school you are welcome to pop in and see your child's new classroom and meet their new teacher informally. This is for everyone who wishes to attend but particularly our new parents who haven't yet had the chance to visit or meet childrens' new teachers.

[Curriculum](#)

If you want to know more about what your children will be learning this half term, please see our curriculum here. This year we are working on [Year B](#).

[Pencil cases](#)

Every child will be given their ready stocked pencil case. We ask for a donation of £9 per child and we include additional top-ups throughout the year. These can be purchased on the Arbor Shop. Thank you.

[Forest School Volunteers](#)

Next Thursday, Class 5 will begin forest school. We are still short of volunteers to help and without them some sessions will not be able to run. If you're able to help, even occasionally, please speak to the office. Thank you.



**'Together we grow and flourish with hope'**

