

Weekly Newsletter

12th September 2025



Message from the Head

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Dear Parents and Carers,

[Online Safety for children](#)

Online safety is the most important topic to stay on top of and to discuss with your children, no matter how young or old. The NSPCC have some wonderful resources for parents including age-appropriate guidance and topics, top tips, quizzes and more. In our computing lessons this year, Purple Mash has been updated and we now teach about online safety little and often rather than stand alone lessons which will raise the profile of this important topic even further. Keeping children safe online is a shared responsibility, however, between home and school.

Here are some quick reminders to help:

1. **Talk regularly** – ask your child what they're doing online, what apps they like and who they talk to.
2. **Set boundaries early** – agree rules about screen time, where devices can be used, and what's off-limits.
3. **Use parental controls** – most devices, apps and broadband providers have simple settings to block or filter unsuitable content—remember this if you change broadband provider.
4. **Keep devices in shared spaces** – especially for younger children, encourage use in family rooms rather than bedrooms.
5. **Check privacy settings** – help your child keep their accounts private so only friends can see what they share.
6. **Model good behaviour** – children copy adults; show positive habits around screen time and online interactions.
7. **Encourage balance** – make sure online time is balanced with offline activities like reading, sport and play.
8. **Know where to get help** – websites like www.thinkuknow.co.uk and www.nspcc.org.uk have excellent parent guides.

If you need some support with online safety and settings, please don't hesitate to speak to us.

Kind regards, *Mrs Laura Whateley*

[Bikeability](#)

We are offering Year 6 the chance to improve their cycling skills. This is a great opportunity, which costs us £25 per child, but is fully funded using our sports premium funding. Children who take part must be able to ride a bike and this course is to teach children to ride more safely. Children need a bike in good condition. If your child would like to take part, we do have bikes children can borrow. Please sign your child up in Arbor trips. Closing date is Wednesday 17th September.

[Secondary Application for 2026](#)

Don't forget the deadline for all secondary applications for September 2026 is the 31st October. The online system for applications is already open.

[Forest School](#)

Forest School sessions continue to be a valued and enjoyable part of our curriculum, providing children with unique opportunities to explore nature, develop new skills, and build confidence.

Due to increased pressure on the school budget this year, we are kindly requesting a voluntary contribution of £20 per child to help cover the costs of running these sessions. This works out as just over £3.00 per session per child. Your support will ensure we can continue offering this enriching experience. Please find the payment on the Arbor App under the School Shop. Many thanks in advance.

[Class 5 - Caldecotte Residential Trip 2026](#)

We are excited to be offering a residential trip to Caldecotte next summer. Class 5 parents, please look on the website for a letter with further details and information about paying your deposit.

Values Award

Awarding children who demonstrate our values of kindness, respect and resilience.

Class 1

Willow - For awesome work on her new daily tray time activities.

Class 2

Ellie for being an amazing member of Class 2 and demonstrating all of our values.

Class 3

Kitty, Eesha and Ava for being resilient, kind and respectful and settling into LMS and Class 3 so brilliantly.

Class 4

George for demonstrating kindness and respect through his helpful and supportive behaviour.

Class 5

Olivia for settling so quickly into life at Long Marston School. Well Done!

House points

Larks 117

Martins 100

Swifts 74

Congratulations to the Larks!

Attendance this week

Class 1 93.8%

Class 2 94.0%

Class 3 97.5%

Class 4 100% Well Done!

Class 5 94.0%

Whole School Attendance this year: 95.8%

Target for this year: 96%



Coming Up

Tuesday 16th September

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

Wednesday 17th September

- Mad science

Thursday 18th September

- Girls Football - lunchtime
- Gardening Club—Lunchtime
- Cheerleading
- Game on Football Club (KS2)
- French (KS1&KS2)

Friday 19th September

- Spanish (KS2) - Lunchtime

Additional Information

For this week's letters click on the image below ...



Tring Open Evening for Year 6 Children

Tuesday 23rd September. For more information, please see Tring School website.

Parent workshops

An opportunity to come into school and take part in a lesson with your child. We will also be sharing information about our phonics / reading systems with parents of children in Class 1. See dates below.

Parking reminder

Please ensure, if you visit school during the day, that you don't park on the area in front of the hall as it is reserved for hall users. We are able to park there before and after school unless an event is on in which case you will need to park round the back or on the road. Please remember the parking behind Marsworth Court is for residents only. Thank you for parking and driving considerately.

Lost property—already!

We have lots of jumpers and cardigans (unnamed) which are in the lost property bin just inside the main playground doors. Please pop in after school or send your children to check if you are missing any school garments. Thank you.

Snacks at break time

As a healthy school and in a bid to reduce single use plastic, we ask children to bring in a healthy snack at breaktime such as fruit. Please can children not bring crisps or sugary snacks for breaktime snack. Infant children do not need to bring a snack as fruit is provided in school.

As part of our Early Years curriculum in Class 1, we love encouraging the children to explore different tools, try new things, and build their independence. To support this, we provide a range of exciting snacks in the morning. We kindly ask for a £5 contribution to help cover the cost of these extra snacks.

Sickness bug

This week there has been a sickness bug in school. A reminder that if your child has been sick that we require them to be off school for 48 hours from when they were last sick. Thank you for helping us to stop sickness from spreading.

Dates for this half term

Date and time	Event
Mon 22nd Sept	Bikeability Level 2—Year 6
Tues 30th Sept 9.00-10.00	Class 5 parent workshop
Weds 1st Oct 9.00-10.00	Class 2 parent workshop
Fri 3rd Oct 9.00-10.00	Class 3 parent workshop
Mon 6th Oct 9.00-10.00	Class 1 parent workshop
Fri 10th Oct 9.00-10.00	Class 4 parent workshop
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
Thurs 6th Nov	Forest school for Class 4
Mon 10th—Fri 14th	Equality and Diversity week
Mon 10th Nov	Electric Umbrella Performance and workshops. MUFTI for £1
Thurs 13th Nov	Cake Sale Class 3
Fri 28th Nov	Occasional Day
Mon 1st Dec	INSET DAY
Weds 10th Dec	KS1 Christmas Performance am
Thurs 11th Dec	KS1 Christmas Performance am
Tues 16th Dec	KS1 Party Afternoon
Weds 17th Dec	Christingle service in Church, Christmas lunch, KS2 Film afternoon
Thurs 18th Dec	Whole school PANTO visit
Fri 19th Dec	School ends for Christmas break 1.30pm



Sports Clubs Collection

Please can you ensure that if your child is at an after school sports club that they are picked up at 4.15pm. If you also have a child in ASC please can you go to the blue gate to pick up after collecting any children at a sports club.

Forest School

Thank you to those who have volunteered to help with forest school. However, we are still short of volunteers for afternoon sessions. If you are able to spare a couple of hours, even for one session it would be hugely appreciated. Many thanks.

Arbor Shop

Please use this area to purchase the following:-

- Pencil Cases
- Snack Money (Class 1 only)
- Dinner money



Bikeability—Year 6
Monday 22nd September - all week

