

Weekly Newsletter

19th September 2025



Message from the Head

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading

A reminder that, as part of our homework policy, we ask children to read regularly at home. If children are on book band books, they need to read to an adult four times a week. Free readers can read to themselves but, once children have read, this can be recorded in their reading journals which are checked in class. Please ensure children are reading at home regularly to develop this vital skill. Additionally, we are always on the look out for reading volunteers. If you know someone who has a regular hour or two to spare, we would love to hear from them. We need reading volunteers in all classes so please do get in touch.

School council and House Captain elections - Monday

On Monday, we will be running elections for House Captains (Year 6) and School Councillors (Years 1-6). Please help your child practise their speeches, if they wish to run for these leadership opportunities. In January, we have booked an exciting trip for our School Councillors and House Captains to visit the houses of parliament to see democracy in action!

Wilder school award

This week, a new logo appears on our letter head. We are proud to be part of Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust's Wilder School programme. As a Wilder School, we recognise that our school grounds help to provide connected wildlife corridors and safe habitats across our landscapes. Being a Wilder School also provides an opportunity for our children to build a connection to nature and learn outside the classroom.



Kind regards, *Mrs Laura Whateley*

Bikeability reminder

Year 6 bikeability starts on Monday. If you have signed your child up on Arbor, please ensure your child remembers their bike (in good condition) and a helmet, on Monday.

Tring Apple Parade and Scarecrow Competition

On Saturday 11th October we will be taking part in the Apple Parade and entering the scarecrow competition. This parade is open to everyone from Nursery to Year 6 and the more children that take part the better (Year N-1 to be accompanied by parents please)! Please put the date in your diaries and more information will follow about joining us on the day and helping to make our scarecrow entry.

Packed lunch reminder

We are a nut free school so please check that packed lunch ingredients do not contain nuts (watch out for Nutella / chocolate spread and biscuit bars with praline /nut ingredients). We have children who have severe nut allergies so we ask for your help in keeping these children safe. We also ask that children do not bring sweets and fizzy drinks in packed lunches. Thank you.

Vacancies at Long Marston

We have two exciting new roles in school which we will be recruiting for. We have a Teaching Assistant role to work Fridays 8.45-1.15 and Midday Supervisors 12.10-1.10 Monday to Friday. If you are interested in either of these roles, please contact the office for more information.

Values Award

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

Class 1

David - For lovely independent learning through play this week.

Class 2

Lilly for demonstrating all of our values, especially resilience with her learning.

Class 3

Zander for showing his kindness in PE by sharing the ball with others.

Class 4

Iqra for demonstrating all of our school values in

Class 5

Imogen for always being ready to earn, respectful and aiming high.

House points

Larks 124

Martins 113

Swifts 77

Congratulations to the Larks!

Attendance this week

Class 1 95.1%

Class 2 97.1%

Class 3 98.9%

Class 4 99% Well Done!

Class 5 96.6%

Whole School Attendance this

year: 96.7%

Target for this year: 96%



Coming Up

Tuesday 22nd September

- Summer sports (KS1 & KS2)
- Multisport Club (Yr1-Yr4)

Wednesday 23rd September

- Mad science

Thursday 24th September

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

Friday 25th 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. Closing date for Year 6 parents applying to secondary school is 31st October.

Birthday treat reminder

A reminder as we start the school year that we are no longer able to give out treats for birthdays in class. This is due to the high number of allergies in school and our commitment to being a healthy school along with the responsibility being on class teachers if there was ever a sweet given out in error. This advice has been given to all Hertfordshire schools.

Services at Long Marston Church

Sunday 21st September at Long Marston Church – 10am Communion – all welcome.
and at Wilstone Church – 3pm – Harvest and Pet Service!!
Feel free to bring your pet, or a photo of them if that is easier.

Donations of food to DENS and collection for the Bishop's Harvest Appeal
[Bishops' Harvest Appeal - The Diocese of St Albans](#)

Sunday 28th September at Long Marston Church – 6pm

Beer and Hymns to celebrate Harvest.
Beer courtesy of Tring Brewery and the opportunity to sing your favourite hymns.~
Please book in if you can [News | Tring Team Parish](#)

Annual Data Collection

Please check your child's details in Arbor and make any amends to personal details. Once completed please confirm via the Arbor consent. If there are any details you are unable to alter please contact the school office.

Dates for this half term

Date and time	Event
Mon 22nd Sept	Bikeability - Year 6
Tues 30th Sept 9.00-10.00	Class 5 parent workshop in hall
Weds 1st Oct 9.00-10.00	Class 2 parent workshop in hall
Fri 3rd Oct 9.00-10.00	Class 3 parent workshop in hall
Mon 6th Oct 9.00-10.00	Class 1 parent workshop in hall
Fri 10th Oct 9.00-10.00	Class 4 parent workshop in hall
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



Game on Sports Club changes

Due to a low uptake for the Game on Football club on a Tuesday after school we will now be offering a multisport club for Years 1-4. This will give children the opportunity to try many different sports. If you would like your child to participate please [click here](#).

School Car Park

Just a reminder that the school car park is for school staff only. Please do not drive in when picking up children from After School Club to ensure the safety of children leaving after school clubs. Many thanks.

Arbor Shop

Please use this area to purchase the following:-

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



Parents' evening
Monday 13th and Wednesday 15th October

