

# Weekly Newsletter

13th June 2025

## Message from the Head



### SUMMER TERM

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### Clubs

The office team work hard to offer a range of extra curricular clubs and we provide much more than most small schools. To make this worthwhile, we need sufficient numbers of children signing up. Please can I ask that you support school clubs wherever possible so we can continue to offer such a range. A reminder that, if your child is eligible for PPG, your child can attend 2 funded clubs per week, including after school club. We have had some challenges this term with providers cancelling due to insufficient children signing up. We will also endeavour to advertise clubs as much as possible so you know what is available. Many thanks.

#### Learning this week

Class 1 have been looking at flowers and seeds this week. They have cut up vegetables and fruit to find the seeds and have been studying glass jars of seedlings that are growing, observing roots, stems and leaves.

Class 2 have been learning about the difference between seeds and bulbs. They have each planted both and were very excited today to see their wild flower seeds sprouting. Once they have grown they will be bringing them home to plant in gardens to encourage bees and other pollinators.

Class 3 have been learning about food chains in science this week. Linked to this, they have been researching about spiders in English and writing information leaflets about what they have discovered. Tarantulas appear to be the spider of choice!

Class 4 have been learning about the human life cycle in science and are enjoying their class reading book, A series of unfortunate events by Lemony Snicket.

Class 5 have their enterprise projects well under way. They are selling their merchandise on the playground on Thursdays. Most items cost a £0.50 or £2. They are raising funds for their end of term celebration. They have also begun practising their end of term play.

#### And finally, time for a Dad joke...

Thanks to everyone who took part in the PTA Dad joke competition. Congratulations to the writers of the winning jokes for Luca, Sienna and Theo C which were shared in church on Wednesday. Here is a selection of some of the other jokes sent in...

'My Dad is a lift operator. He says it has it's ups and downs'

'I tried to set up a professional hide – and –seek company. Turns out good players are hard to find'

'What do you call an alligator in a vest? An investigator'

'Why don't melons get married? Because they Cantaloupe!'

Happy Fathers' Day on Sunday to all Dads, Grandpas and adults who step into that role with love and kindness.

Kind regards, *Mrs Laura Whateley*

### Values Award

*Kindness, Respect, Resilience*

#### Class 1

**Lilly L** for her fantastic resilience with her sentence writing and letter formation.

#### Class 2

**Ronnie** for showing resilience in maths this week.

#### Class 3

**Arthur** for kindness and respect in doing jobs around the classroom without being asked.

#### Class 4

**Isabella** for settling brilliantly into Class 4 and demonstrating our school values already!

#### Class 5

**Erin** for always demonstrating our school values and being kind and respectful to all children and adults around her.

#### House points

**Larks 94**

**Martins 123**

**Swifts 102**

**Congratulations to the Martins!**

#### Attendance this week

**Class 1 92.3%**

**Class 2 94.3%**

**Class 3 97.1% Well Done!**

**Class 4 96.8%**

**Class 5 90.6%**

**Attendance this year: 94.3%**



*'Together we grow and flourish with hope'*



### Clubs Coming Up

#### Tuesday 17th June

- Summer Sports (KS1)

#### Wednesday 18th June

- Mad Science

#### Thursday 19th June

- Girls Football - lunchtime
- French (KS1)
- Piano and guitar lessons
- Football (KS2)
- Cheerleading

#### Friday 20th June

- Drum lessons
- French (KS2)

### Additional Information

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



### Reminder of PE Days

|         | Monday             | Tuesday            | Wednesday | Thursday                                      | Friday   |
|---------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|---|--|
| Summer2 | Class 2<br>Class 1 | Class 5<br>Class 4 |           | Class 3<br>Class 2<br>Class 1 (Forest school) | Class 3<br>Class 4<br>Class 5<br>(And swimming kits) |

Please note the slight amendment to the PE timetable on a Tuesday and Thursday as listed above.

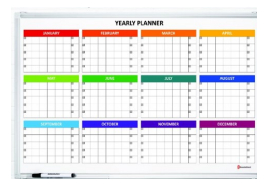
### PTA Update

**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 and celebrate at the fair. Please email [pta@longmarston.herts.sch.uk](mailto:pta@longmarston.herts.sch.uk) if you are able to help.

### School calendar 2025

We have created Long Marston school poster planner calendars for 2025-2026. Comes with over 60 stickers for parties, sports events, birthdays, etc.

Details here, orders by **July 1st** via the same link <https://www.peoplespress.co.uk/long-marston-va>

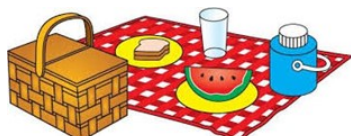


### Dates for the diary - Summer

| Date and time   | Event  |
|-----------------|--|
| Weds 18th June  | Nursery Parent Consultation Meetings   |
| Thurs 19th June | Class 2 Seaside day  |
| Weds 25th June  | Midsummer Fun Run - Tring Running Club   |
| Weds 25th June  | Class 4 trip to Boxmoor  |
| Weds 2nd July   | Year 6 transition day for Tring pupils   |
| Thurs 3rd July  | Sports Day and Teddy Bears' picnic   |
| Tues 8th July   | Reserve sports day   |
| Weds 9th July   | Children find out their new classes  |
| Thurs 10th July | Year 5 and 6 dress rehearsal and performance<br>Children move around and spend time in new                       |
| Fri 11th July   | Reports go home  |
| Mon 14th July   | 9-10 New class move around plus new children to the<br>3.15-4.15 Open classrooms for parents to informally visit |
| Weds 16th July  | End of year church service   |
| Fri 18th July   | Swimming gala - for ALL KS2 children   |
| Weds 23rd July  | Leavers' assembly 9.15 am  |

### Sports Day Lunch

Just to note that if your child usually has a school dinner on a Thursday they will be receiving a packed lunch that day rather than a hot meal so that the children can enjoy the Teddy bear's picnic on the field.



### Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property which we have now moved onto the playground in a black bin. Please see if anything belongs to your child after school. Thank you.

### School Trips - Class 2 and 4

Both Class 2 & Class 4 have school trips / experiences approaching. Please can we ask you to ensure that you have paid for the trip via Arbor. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the school office.

### Cheerleading

Just a friendly reminder that we have cheerleading club that has started this week on a Thursday after school. For more information please see this week's letters on the school [website](#).

**Thursday 3rd July (am) followed by Teddy Bears' picnic**

**Sports Day**