

Weekly Newsletter

16th May 2025

Message from the Head



SUMMER TERM

Dear Parents and Carers,

[Parent Survey](#)

Thank you to everyone who has returned the parent survey for this year. We haven't had many responses though and would really appreciate your comments. Therefore, I have extended the deadline [here](#) until Monday.

[SATS Week](#)

This week, our Year 6 children have been taking their SATs tests. These are statutory assessments that all Year 6 children in primary school must take. The children have been brilliant; they have risen to the challenge and tried their best and that's all we ask. We aim to prepare the children for their journey to secondary school as well as possible and not just to pass these tests. Regardless of the results, our children leave us as confident, independent, kind and resilient learners. Well done to our Year 6 children and enjoy your trip to Caldecotte next week!

SATs don't measure sports, SATs don't measure art.
SATs don't measure music, or the kindness in your heart.
SATs don't see your beauty, SATs don't know your worth,
SATs don't see the reasons you were put upon this earth.
SATs don't see your magic, how you make others smile,
SATs don't time how quickly you can run a mile.
SATs don't hear your laughter, or see you've come this far,
SATs are just a tiny glimpse of who you really are.
So sitting at your table, with a pencil and your test,
Remember SATs aren't who you are, remember you're the best.
Author unknown.

[Headteacher Award](#)

Today we gave out the Headteacher award to children for this half term. **Class 1** have chosen Amelia for the Headteacher award. Amelia has worked hard throughout the year, in class and at home, with all areas of the curriculum making amazing progress. She demonstrates all our school values daily. Amelia is kind, resilient and respectful, she is a pleasure to teach. Well done, Amelia!

Mac is a superstar! He is kind to everyone in the class and he has been chosen for **class 2**. Mac demonstrates our school values consistently. He is respectful to all the adults in school and likes to make sure that everyone has a friend. Mac enjoys all of the challenges he is set. He listens well to new learning and presents his work to the best of his abilities. Mac is a helpful member of class 2 and likes a job. He particularly likes maths but works well in all subjects. Well done Mac!

Isabelle has been awarded Headteacher's award this half term for **class 3**, for showing all 3 of our Christian values. She works hard and always does her best work. She is kind to others and works really well in a group. She is also very respectful to adults and to other children. Well done Isabelle.

In **Class 4**, Ramona has flourished this year and made amazing progress. She arrived at Long Marston at the start of the year and has given so much effort to everything she's done. She is kind and respectful and represents our school values every day. Well done Ramona!

Class 5's award goes to Charlotte. Charlotte consistently demonstrates a mature, focused approach to her school-work, and has made some excellent progress this year. She is resilient and faces challenges in the classroom with determination, always completing work to a very high standard and with a great deal of pride. Charlotte is kind and respectful to others around school, and is always willing to help out.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards, *Mrs Laura Whateley*

Values Award

Kindness, Respect, Resilience

Class 1

Arthur for fantastic resilience with his sentence writing. Super effort!

Class 2

James for demonstrating all of our values especially resilience with his work.

Class 3

Freddie for being respectful to adults and to other children.

Class 4

Harry for being a great all-rounder this week! Working hard, being helpful and showing respect.

Class 5

Beth for demonstrating excellent leadership skills this week, supporting all of her class mates to make batik t-shirts.

House points

Larks 176

Martins 167

Swifts 146

Congratulations to the Larks!

Attendance this week

Class 1 96.0%

Class 2 97.2%

Class 3 98.6% Well Done!

Class 4 96.0%

Class 5 98.2%

Attendance this year: 94.3%



'Together we grow and flourish with hope'



Clubs Coming Up

Tuesday 21st May

- Summer Sports (KS1)

Wednesday 22nd May

- Mad Science

Thursday 23rd May

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

Friday 24th May

- Drum lessons
- French (KS2)

Additional Information

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



Class 3 - PE

Class 3 you have an extra PE slot next week. Please wear PE kit on Tuesday 20th May as well as your normal PE days - Thursday and Friday (swimming)

SEN / PPG Coffee Morning next Tuesday 9.00-10.00am

Come along for a chat and meet with Dacorum Family Services - details [here](#).

Online Safety Afternoon KS2

On Tuesday, KS2 children took part in an online safety afternoon looking at the impact of AI and staying safe. Alan is a retired police officer working with the MET police in child protection. He gave us a fascinating insight into the fast pace of AI development and the key message for staff was to remain curious and this is advice applies to parents too. Talk about the games they are playing, who they are talking to and ensure they know how they report someone, block and screenshot if they need to. CEOP is a police tool for reporting any concerning or illegal activity online. Thank you to those of you who contributed towards this invaluable workshop for the children. If you are able to, please log into Arbor, under Trips you will see the online safety workshop to make a donation.

KS2 Choir

Next week, we have a singing specialist visiting school to help us get a KS2 Choir started! Any interested children should meet in Class 5 at 12:30pm on Monday.

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 if you are able to help.

Dates for the diary—Summer

Date and time	Event
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
Mon 2nd June	INSET Day for report writing
Tues 3rd June	Children return to school
Fri 6th June	Class 4 and 5 Knex challenge
Mon 9th June	Year 4 multiplication check this week
Weds 11th June	Fathers' Day service in Church R-6 Parents welcome.
Thurs 12th June	Forest school starts Class 1
Weds 18th June	Nursery Parent Consultation Meetings
Thurs 19th June	Class 2 Seaside day
Weds 25th June	Midsummer Fun Run - Tring Running Club
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 meet their new teacher
Thurs 10th July	Year 5 and 6 dress rehearsal and performance
Fri 11th July	Children move around and spend time in new class
Fri 11th July	Reports go home
Mon 14th July	9-10 New class move around plus new children to the school
3.15-4.15	Open classrooms for parents to informally visit and meet new
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



Class 1 - Forest school Volunteers

Next term Class 1 will be participating in forest school. Please let the office know if you are able to help at any of the forest school sessions. Even if you can only help for one session it would be greatly appreciated (Morning sessions 9.30-midday and afternoon sessions 12.45pm-3pm)

Easyfundraising

Tesco and easyfundraising have come together to give a little help to schools, nurseries and other community-based causes across the UK. This month, if you shop with Tesco via the easyfundraising website or app, Long Marston will receive free donations AND will be in with the chance of receiving a £1,000 funding pot!

To sign up please click below.



Polite Notice—Parking

Please can parents refrain from parking behind Marston Court - this is a private road and is causing issues with residents accessing their homes.



Half Term Holiday
26th May-2nd June

