

Weekly Newsletter

9th May 2025



Message from the Head

SUMMER TERM

Dear Parents and Carers,

[Parent Survey](#)

Thank you to those of you who have already completed the survey. We really appreciate your responses to help us to establish your feedback and ideas on key areas of school. These questions follow the same areas that Ofsted might ask if they were to visit school. Your responses are read carefully, shared with governors and feed into our school development priorities. Please could you complete your responses [here](#) by **Monday 12th May**.

[Victoria Collins \(MP\) Visit to Long Marston](#)

This afternoon Victoria Collins (MP) visited Long Marston. She had a tour of the school and met with the school council. Following that, I was able to discuss with her the challenges of running a small school in the current climate. We have enormous budget pressures and the finances we are given to meet the needs of children is far from what is required. There is a bill going through parliament currently looking at the provision for those children with SEND and I made my views clear on the current provision offered by Hertfordshire. Additionally, we discussed secondary school place planning and the importance of considering rural school pupils when making planning decisions. She listened and agreed that Long Marston's position will help her make informed decisions going forward.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards, *Mrs Laura Whateley*

[Census Day - Thursday 15th May](#)

Schools are paid for Universal Free School Meals on the assumption that the same number that eat on census day eat on every other day. Therefore, we want the school meals to be as high as possible on that day. If you would like your child to have a school meal on Census Day please let the office know. For the menu, [click here](#).

[Tring Fun Run is back!](#)

Wednesday 25th June
4.30-7.30

All ages and abilities welcome. New, all inclusive, race this year!
For more information: [Tring Midsummer Fun Run 2025](#)

[Online Safety Afternoon KS2](#)

On Monday we will be welcoming Alan McKenzie to talk to KS2 children and to lead training for staff on online safety. Alan works with the Met Police and shares his expertise to help keep children safe. He is an expert in current online challenges, trends and safety and we are looking forward to his sessions. We haven't had Alan for a few years as his sessions are more expensive than most but he is by far the best we have had in. If you are able to make a donation towards these sessions for your children, it would be greatly appreciated. Please look on the Arbor App.

[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 12:30 on Monday.



Values Award

Kindness, Respect, Resilience

Class 1

David for joining in with so many of the games and activities with staff this week.

Class 2

Samuel for being kind to his friends and resilient in his learning.

Class 3

Isla for resilience, showing great effort in Maths & English.

Class 4

Thomas for his respectful and thoughtful RE contributions.

Class 5

Alice for her respectful behaviour in the classroom and around school, and always doing her best.

House points

Larks 115
Martins 124
Swifts 110

Congratulations to the Martins!

Attendance this week

Class 1 97.6%
Class 2 100% Well Done!
Class 3 99.3%
Class 4 95.7%
Class 5 97.9%



'Together we grow and flourish with hope'



Clubs Coming Up

Tuesday 13th May

- Summer Sports (KS1)

Wednesday 14th May

- Mad Science

Thursday 15th May

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

Friday 16th May

- Drum lessons
- French (KS2)

Additional Information

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



Electric Umbrella - Britain's Got Talent this Saturday

Hello to all of our wonderful school supporters,
We're very excited to announce that **Electric Umbrella's live Semi Final of Britain's Got Talent is this Saturday (10th May)!!**

It's another incredible opportunity for us to spread our message of kindness, inclusivity and acceptance with the nation and we'd love it if you would please encourage your school community to watch, enjoy and vote!

We've launched our Be More Electric Umbrella campaign and the webpage includes downloadable colouring resources, posters and other materials which can be used at school and shared in your weekly newsletters.

We're hosting an official Watch Party at Watford's Atria on Saturday (in The Atrium, which was previously Charter Place). The festivities start at 6pm and there'll be live music, as well as a huge screen to watch the show on.

Thank you for being a part of the Electric Umbrella journey and wish us luck!



SEN / PPG Coffee Morning

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

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 12th May	SATS week—Year 6 SATS breakfast before school KS2 online safety afternoon
Weds 14th May	Bags to school collection 9am
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
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 Class 1 cake sale
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 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 teachers
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 5 Caldecotte Residential

If your child is attending the Caldecotte residential please could you ensure that you complete the OV7 form and return ASAP. Any questions please contact the school office.

Request for flowers

If anyone has any artificial flowers for our outdoor area that you could donate it would be much appreciated. Please bring them to the school office.

Class 1 - Forest school Volunteers

Next term Class 1 will be participating in forest school. Your child will receive a letter with the details in due course. 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)



Half Term Holiday
26th May-2nd June

