

Weekly Newsletter

2nd May 2025



Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

SUMMER TERM

Maypole

Yesterday, our Class 5 children performed the Maypole to parents and children on the playground. This a long standing tradition at Long Marston and is taken very seriously! The children performed wonderfully and impressed their audience with some really complicated patterns. Well done to Class 5.



Staffing Update

Today we are saying goodbye to Mrs Orwin who is moving on an exciting new position at a local School. Mrs Orwin has worked at Long Marston since her child was a pupil and has dedicated many years to pupils in upper KS2. We thank her for everything she has done for Long Marston children past and present and wish her luck in her new role. After half term we will be welcoming Mrs Adams to take on the Teaching Assistant role in Class 4. I'm sure you will join me in welcoming her to the Long Marston team.

We are currently advertising for some after school club hours. If this is something you may be interested in, please contact the school office for more information.

Parent Survey

Every year we put a survey out to parents to glean 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**.

Sunscreen protection

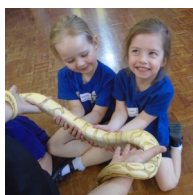
With the sunny weather this week, a parent raised a query with us regarding sun safety and it has led to quite a lot of research, including looking at the Sun Safe Schools website, asking our Early Years consultant from Hertfordshire and speaking to other Tring schools. There is no statutory requirement for school adults to apply suncream to children, however, it is best practice to have a policy outlining sun safety which we are developing. Learning about staying safe in the sun is part of our KS2 curriculum and we always encourage children to stay in the shade, drink plenty of water, wear hats and we are particularly cautious with our youngest children.

Teaching unions confirm that school staff should not apply sun screen, but should support our youngest children to do this and there are many sun protection products that even young children can use successfully. We feel that it would be appropriate to change our policy so **children can bring in a named sunscreen for their use only, which they can keep in their bags**. There are roll on sunscreens and sunscreen wipes which are suitable for even younger children to apply, with adult supervision, which we are happy to facilitate. In the coming weeks we will formalise this into a policy which I will put on the website and share with you directly.

Kind regards, *Mrs Laura Whateley*

Zoolab - Class1

Class 1 had an exciting visit from Zoolab this week bringing snakes, frogs, tortoises and more into school. The children enjoyed meeting them and participating in the wiggle and crawl workshop.



Values Award

Kindness, Respect, Resilience

Class 1

Willow for being so inquisitive with the animals, especially the snakes!

Class 2

Kara for showing all of our values especially resilience with her learning.

Class 3

Juliette for demonstrating all 3 of our Christian values.

Class 4

Keimani for his resilience and for using his initiative to solve problems.

Class 5

Nimra for how hard she works. She focusses on her learning and is very resilient with challenges.

House points

Larks 111

Martins 104

Swifts 106

Congratulations to the Larks!

Attendance this week

Class 1 93.8%

Class 2 96.3%

Class 3 98.6% Well Done!

Class 4 92.4%

Class 5 93.8%

Attendance this year: 94.1%



'Together we grow and flourish with hope'



Clubs Coming Up

Tuesday 6th May

- Summer Sports (KS1)

Wednesday 7th May

- Mad Science

Thursday 8th May

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

Friday 9th May

- Drum lessons
- French (KS2)

Additional Information

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



SATS Breakfast

As in previous years we will be offering a SATS breakfast for Year 6, 12th-15th May, further information can be found [here](#). If you would like your child to attend please ensure you provide consent via Arbor.

KS1 Author Event

Unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances the Lu Fraser and Sarah Warburton event on 9th May has had to be cancelled. If you have ordered a book the Tring Book shop will contact you directly.

Game On House Sports Cup

Last week we have completed the 3rd instalment of the school cup. The children competed in Football matches and the results are below.

Today these were announced in assembly and we have one more tournament after which Gameon will be announcing the overall winners for this year.

1st= Martins = 142 points / 2nd= Larks = 137 points / 3rd = Swifts = 135 points

PTA Update

The Summer Fair has been moved to **Friday 11th July** to run alongside the Inter-village competition. We are looking for volunteers, if anyone can help with planning or on the day of the event, please email pta@longmarston.herts.sch.uk.

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.

May 14th - Bags2School Collection

Dates for the diary—Summer first half term

Date and time	Event
Mon 5th May	Bank Holiday
Fri 9th May	Victoria Collins, MP, visiting school
Mon 12th May	SATS week—Year 6 SATS breakfast before school
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 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 Intervillage sports and School Fair after school
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



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.

Parking Reminder

There will be no parking at the front of the village hall in May due to refurbishments.

Class 1 snack donations

To give class 1 children a varied snack each day, which they can independently prepare, we purchase additional snack. To help offset the cost of these, we ask for a £5 donation each half term. Payment for these can be made on Arbor, if you are able.

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.



May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 5th May

