

Weekly Newsletter

25th April 2025



Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

SUMMER TERM

Parking at the village hall

In May, the village hall are having some refurbishments so the front parking will not be available for parking during the month due to builders and skips requiring access via the front. In the meantime, please ensure you are not parking on the front any time except pick up and drop off so those who rent the hall have access when they need to. Many thanks.

Class 5 PSHE—Bereavement

On Tuesday 29th April, Class 5 will be learning about the stages of grief in PSHE. If your child has been affected by a loss that you think would be useful for me to know about in advance, please email the office and I can give you a call to discuss in more detail.

Easter

This week we celebrated Easter in Church. Rev. Jane led an uplifting service which all who attended enjoyed. Olive sang a wonderful solo and all the children sang beautifully. The Reception children were given their prayer crosses, a tradition that we share every year. The focus was on Halleluja; something Christians can say after Easter when Christ has risen, following the sombre time of Lent.



Kind regards, *Mrs Laura Whateley*

Book Fair

We have the book fair coming to school next **Wednesday 30th April**. If you would like your child to purchase a book, bring some cash in a named envelope, with your child so as they can choose a book during the day. Alternatively, the fair will also be taking place after school if parents would like to purchase any books then.

We also have a book wishlist of books that would be beneficial to the children and their learning. If you would like to gift a book to school please [click here](#).



Values Award

Kindness, Respect, Resilience

Class 1

Henry W for working hard and applying himself in maths and phonics daily.

Class 2

Henry for his resilience with his reading.

Class 3

Ollie for working really hard in Maths.

Class 4

Eliza for her positive and resilient attitude in starting the new term.

Class 5

Tom for his excellent contributions in Maths this week and explaining his answers so clearly.

House points

Larks 82

Martins 96

Swifts 90

Congratulations to the **Martins!**

Attendance this week

Class 1 91.1%

Class 2 93.8%

Class 3 93.8%

Class 4 95.2%

Class 5 97.0% Well Done!

Attendance this year: 94.1%



'Together we grow and flourish with hope'



Clubs Coming Up

Tuesday 29th April

- Summer Sports (KS1)

Wednesday 30th April

- Mad Science

Thursday 1st May

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

Friday 2nd May

- Drum lessons
- French (KS2)

Additional Information

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PTA Update

CHANGE OF DATE!! 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

Reception Children

On Monday 28th April the school nursing team will be coming in to undertake the Reception Health check. Further information can be found [here](#).

Art Request

As part of this half term's Art we will be making junk model sculptures on Friday 16th May. Please can you collect lots of empty packaging for your children to bring to school on that day. The more the better so that they have plenty to choose from. Thank you, Mrs Stephenson



After school club

Just a reminder that After school club times changed last term. The times are as follows:
Monday -Thursday 3.15-4.15pm, 4.15-5.30pm
or 3.15-5.30pm, Friday 3.15-4.30pm.

Dates for the diary—Summer first half term

Date and time	Event
Mon 28th April	Reception Height and weight—school nurse
Weds 30th April	Book Fair
Thurs 1st May	Class 5 Maypole and Cake sale Class 1 visit from Zoolab
Mon 5th May	Bank Holiday
Fri 9th May	Victoria Collins, MP, visiting school
Mon 12th May	SATS week—Year 6 SATS breakfast before school
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

AUTHOR EVENT WITH LU FRASER – SIGNED BOOK OFFER

Classes 1 and 2 will be joining a wonderful event with author **LU FRASER** and illustrator **SARAH WARBURTON**. The author and illustrator duo will teach children how to draw their very own bat, ask them to join in on a fun read-along, and even introduce them to all things BASIL! Signed copies of the book are available for purchase via Our Bookshop in Tring, and will be delivered after the event.

IMPORTANT – Parents, you can order copies from Our Bookshop - click links below...

<https://www.ourbookshoptring.co.uk/product/basil-dreams-big-perfect-for-encouraging-resilience-self-belief/>

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM BEN AT OUR BOOKSHOP - Please include your child's name and class so the books can be labelled when boxed up. Postage is not required; we will box and post all the signed books to your school after the event.

Sunscreen and Hats

As we approach the summer and the warmer weather can we just remind you that sunscreen needs to be applied before school and that children should not bring sun cream into school.

Can you also provide your child with a hat please.

Dacorum Young Artist competition

We had a number of beautiful entries that were submitted for the Dacorum Young Artist competition and I am pleased to announce that after judging Alice Woodstock has been named as the Best in School. Her entry will be put forward at an exhibition at Ashlyn's School for the overall judging of the best in Dacorum. **Well done Alice!**



Class 1 - Zoolab Visit

Zoolab are coming into visit and undertake some exciting workshops with Class 1 next Thursday 1st May. Please provide payment via Arbor (under trips)

French Club

If anyone would be interested in taking part in the French classes after school please

[click here](#) to

book.



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](#).



May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 5th May

