

Weekly Newsletter

14th March 2025



Message from the Head

SPRING TERM

Dear Parents and Carers,

Learning this week

The children have been enjoying their learning in school this week. Class 1 have written quizzes to identify animals. They have also been busy in the garden planting potatoes. Class 2 have had an Easter egg hunt finding different parts of the Easter story which they had to sort into order. Class 3 are learning about the Romans and this week have been responding to invitations to a Roman birthday party. In Class 4, children have been learning about how to make animations in computing. Class 5 have been learning about what drugs are (all types) and strategies to deal with peer pressure. They have also been programming microbits to be compasses as part of their DT project to design a smart watch.

Talent Show

On **Monday 24th March**, the school council and I will be holding auditions for children in KS2 for 'Long Marston's Got Talent'. Children need to come prepared to the talent show auditions with any props they need and the name of the music they will need. If you are using a song please can you ensure that it is a suitable version for all age groups or available as a clean edit. Acts should aim to last a maximum of 1min 30 seconds. Children are welcome to perform any talent they may have. In previous years we've had an eclectic mix from dance music composition to magic shows and ballet demos! I spoke to the children in worship today about the talent show. They won't have time to practice in school so, if they wish to take part, they need to practice at home. They are welcome to perform with their friends and can audition up to 2 acts each. The talent show will be held on Friday 4th April (the last day of term).

I hope you have a lovely weekend ahead. **Kind regards, Mrs Laura Whateley**

HAPpy Easter Camps

The Easter holidays are about to get extra exciting with HAPpy Camps!

HAPpy Camps offer free sessions for all Hertfordshire children who get benefits-related free school meals. There's fun, physical activity and a hot lunch on offer.

The programme, funded by Hertfordshire County Council and the Department of Education (DfE) via the government's Holiday Activity and Food programme, is coordinated by Herts Sport & Physical Activity Partnership and the Hertfordshire Community Foundation.

If your child is eligible you will have received the code. If you didn't receive the code please contact the office

School Meals

We have been informed that from 1st April 2025 the cost of school meals for KS2 children will be increasing to £3.50 per meal.

Gardening Club

On Thursday lunchtimes, there will be an opportunity for children to come and help Mrs Buckley in the school garden. We will be preparing the garden to sow vegetables and flowers, Children can come along and enjoy some fresh air whilst helping to make our garden a wonderful and vibrant place for everyone to explore. Please can children bring wellies with them if they want to join in.



Values Award

Kindness, Respect, Resilience

Class 1

Lily for demonstrating resilience and perseverance with writing her name.

Class 2

Roman for showing resilience with his reading, and trying really hard.

Class 3

Max for always showing all 3 of our school's Christian values.

Class 4

Bob for showing incredible resilience in his learning and always having a big smile on his face, no matter what.

Class 5

Megan for her kindness towards her classmates and always including everyone.

House points

Larks 192

Martins 163

Swifts 162

Congratulations to the Larks

Attendance this week

Class 1 88.4%

Class 2 91.2%

Class 3 94.0%

Class 4 94.2% Well Done!

Class 5 91.5%

Attendance this year: 94.2%

Target for this year: 96%



'Together we grow and flourish with hope'



Coming Up

Tuesday 18th March

- Summer sports (KS1 & KS2)
- Tennis (KS1 & KS2)
- Game on Football Club (KS1)

Wednesday 19th March

- **Mad Science to start again in Summer Term**

Thursday 20th March

- Girls Football - lunchtime
- Game on Football Club (KS2)
- Netball (KS2)
- French (KS1)
- Piano and guitar lessons

Friday 21st March

- French (KS2)
- Drum Lessons

Additional Information

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



World Down's Syndrome Day 21st March



Next week, on Friday, we will be celebrating World Down's Syndrome day by wearing funky, odd socks to represent celebrating difference. We will be holding an assembly about Down's Syndrome, how someone is born with the condition and how every person with Down's Syndrome is unique and special and has their own unique strengths, characteristics and personalities. Down's Syndrome is just a tiny part of what makes a person. Makaton is an important part of our curriculum and it is used to help support children develop early communication.

Down's Syndrome Dos and Don'ts

Don't say	Do say
Suffers from Down's Syndrome	Has Down's Syndrome
A Down's child	A child with Down's Syndrome.
Retarded/mentally handicapped	Learning disability or genetic condition

Dates for the diary

Date and time	Event
Fri 21st Mar	World Down's Syndrome Day - wear different coloured socks
Sat 22nd Mar	Long Marston Tennis Club Open Day
Sat 22nd Mar	Cross Country event at Bridgewater school, Berko.
Mon 24th Mar	Talent show audition
Weds 26th Mar 9.15	Mothering Sunday service in church - parents welcome KS2 author visit
Thurs 27th Mar	Class 2 cake sale
Fri 28th Mar	Children making Mothering Sunday gifts –PTA
Mon 31st Mar	Class 3 Trip to St Albans Verulamium Museum
Tues 1st April	Headteacher afternoon tea
Fri 4th April	Talent Show Last day of term 1.30pm pick up

Nursery Applications for rising 3s -September 2025

(Click on image to apply)



Application deadline: Friday 21st March 2025
 Offer date: Friday 25th April 2025
 Accept your place by: Friday 2nd May 2025

If we have available spaces, we will continue to accept applications in the Summer term.

Milk - Summer Term

If you would like your child to have milk next term please complete the jotform and make payment on Arbor via the School shop. Further information available [here](#).



Caldecotte Residential

Just a reminder for children in Class 5 attending the Caldecotte residential the instalments are due as follows:

- 7/03/25
- 4/04/25

Please can you make payment at your earliest convenience. If you intend to pay the full balance in one payment at the deadline of 4th April please can you let us know. If you have any problems please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

IMPORTANT Class 3 - Verulamium Museum

Please note that we don't currently have enough contributions for this trip to go ahead. Please ensure that payments are received by **Friday 21st March** otherwise it will be necessary to cancel the trip.



World Down's Syndrome Day
Friday 21st March

