

Weekly Newsletter

7th March 2025



Message from the Head

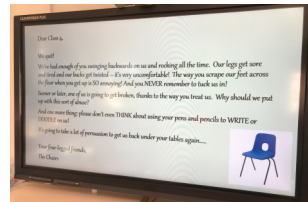
SPRING TERM

Dear Parents and Carers,

World Book Day

The children had a great time on Thursday taking part in World Book Day. Thank you for sending your children in a rainbow of colours for our theme of 'The day the crayons quit'. We held a whole school assembly where all the staff shared the story and children took part in book-themed activities all day. KS2 took part in live, online author visits and KS1 enjoyed a workshop with perform drama group. Class 4's chairs even quit and they had to write grovelling letters to ask them to return!

We took the decision to alternate dressing up with a different theme this year due but book character dressing up will be back next year. Thank you to the PTA too for running the golden ticket chocolate bar competition.



Kind regards, Mrs Laura Whateley

Parent Consultations - booking closes this evening

The parent consultation is an important meeting to discuss how your child is getting on and targets that you can support them with going forward. The dates for the consultations are Monday 10th (in-person) and Wednesday 12th March (video link). **Bookings close today at 18:30, please book via the link below.** If you cannot meet, please speak to your child's class teacher.

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK PARENT CONSULTATION](#)

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 receive your code and further information next week. If you don't receive the code please contact the office

Class 2 Victorian 'Seasides from the past' Visit

Class 2 are having a visiting workshop company come to school and the children will be spending the day learning about a 'Victorian seaside experience'. Further information about the visit is [here](#).



Class 3 Trip - Verulamium Museum

We have organised for Class 3 to go on a trip to the Verulamium Museum in St Albans on Monday 31st March. This will aid their learning about their history topic of Romans. The children will take part in a workshop and have a tour of the Museum. Further information is available [here](#).



Values Award

Kindness, Respect, Resilience

Class 1

Daphne - for following instructions carefully and respectfully.

Class 2

Mac - for demonstrating all of our values.

Class 3

Holly A - for demonstrating all 3 of our Christian values.

Class 4

Timur - for trying hard in his learning and for going the extra mile to understand new vocabulary.

Class 5

Olive - for her perseverance in all her learning, especially Maths, and for always contributing to discussions.

House points

Larks 127

Martins 173

Swifts 128

Congratulations to the Martins

Attendance this week

Class 1 88.9%

Class 2 99.1% Well Done!

Class 3 91.7%

Class 4 92.0%

Class 5 97.3%

Attendance this year: 94.2%

Target for this year: 96%



'Together we grow and flourish with hope'



Coming Up

Tuesday 11th March

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

Wednesday 12th March

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

Thursday 12th March

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

Friday 13th March

- French (KS2)
- Drum Lessons

Additional Information

For this week's letters click on the image below

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Cross Country at Bridgewater school

Thank you to those of you who have signed up to cross country on **Saturday 22nd March**. Lucy Hill will be the race coordinator for Long Marston on the day and everyone needs to arrive at least 15 minutes before their race time. Children must be accompanied by an adult on the day. A letter will come out next week with further information.

Long Marston Tennis Club

New Club running at Long Marston Tennis Club Today, Janet from the tennis club came to talk about a new, junior tennis coaching club that is opening. They are also running a tennis open day on Saturday 22nd March with fun activities and refreshments throughout the day (see posters attached to the newsletter for more information).

PTA update

Mother's Day plant sale - children will have the opportunity to come and purchase a plant for their special person. More information to follow.

Junior Tennis Coaching (Group)

Announcing our new junior squad with subsidised coaching with our level 4 Head Coach. 12-week course for children of all ages and abilities. Only £5 per session. Limited spaces so book now!

Launching Tuesday 22nd April. Every Tuesday thereafter for 12 weeks.

Ages 4-8 (RED ball) — 4:30pm-5:30pm
 Ages 8-9 (ORANGE ball) — 4:30pm-5:30pm
 Ages 9-11 (GREEN ball) — 5:30pm-6:30pm
 Ages 11-15 (YELLOW ball) — 5:30pm-6:30pm

longmarstontennisclub@gmail.com

Dates for the diary

Date and time	Event
Mon 10th Mar 3.30-6.00	Parents' Eve in school
Weds 12th Mar 5.00-7.00	Parents' Eve online
Fri 21st Mar	World Down's Syndrome Day - wear different coloured socks
Sat 22nd Mar	Cross Country event at Bridgewater school, Berko.
Weds 26th Mar 9.15	Mothering Sunday service in church - parents welcome
Thurs 27th Mar	KS2 author visit
Mon 31st Mar	Class 2 cake sale
Tues 1st April	Class 3 Trip to St Albans Verulamium Museum
Fri 4th April	Headteacher afternoon tea
	Talent Show
	Last day of term 1.30pm pick up

Nursery Applications for 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

Book wishlist

Speaking of books....

if you would like to contribute to our library, we have a wishlist and would be very grateful.

<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/wishlists/5ea1b767597657e0ac295f9a8098d541>



Class 1 Zoolab visit

Just a reminder that the Class 1 school visit is on Thursday 1st May. Further information can be found [here](#)

Contacting the School Office

Just a friendly reminder that if you need to contact the office please either call 01296 668386 or email parents@longmarston.herts.ac.uk

Schooltrends Promotion

Schooltrends have a March promotion for parents offering **£5 off each fleece**, the promotion code is **FIVE-OFF** to be input at checkout. Click image for website.



Mothering Sunday Service Wednesday 26th March

