

Weekly Newsletter

17th January 2025



Message from the Head

SPRING TERM

Dear Parents and Carers,

Learning this week

Class 1 have been learning about why and how we use maps. They have looked at what a compass is and how to use a key on a map. Children used map reading skills to find Long Marston and other locations on the OS maps.

Class 2 have been creating animated books in computing. They have created a character and made them move. The children have learnt how to add text and a background as well as use the undo and redo tools and how to save their work.

In science, class 3 have been learning about the 5 main food groups; carbohydrates, proteins, fruit and vegetables, dairy and fats and oils. The children drew pictograms of the food they consumed in one day, identifying which food group each item of food they ate, belongs in.

Class 4 have started learning about electricity in science. They have been learning how different appliances can run on mains electricity and/or batteries. The children have also been learning about how to remain safe around electricity.

Class 5 have been learning about macro photography, taking pictures of fruit very close using ipads and microscopes.

Midday Support Assistant(s) (MSA) required

We have a vacancy for an MSA, 4 lunchtimes a week. This role could be split between 2 people. This role will involve helping in the dinner hall, supervising children on the playground, administering first aid and facilitating children's play. Often these roles lead into more, class-based, roles. If you think you may be interested, please email the school office on admin@longmarston.herts.sch.uk for more information.

For Parents - Free Webinar - Supporting Neurodivergent Children in the Online World

The online world can be a challenging place for all children. Internet Matters are putting on a free webinar (29th January) for parents and carers of neurodivergent children and young people who enjoy gaming online and on Roblox in particular. Parents will be walked through checking parental settings and how to ensure children are having a safer experience. Registration is required. See [HERE](#) for more information.

I hope you have a lovely weekend,

Kind regards, *Mrs Laura Whateley*

1:1 and small group Music lessons



We offer music lessons for Guitar, Drums and Piano during school with our partner XYZ Music Academy.

For further information about how to book and prices please click [here](#).

Nursery Applications

Applications for Nursery from September 2025 open on 26th February 2025. If you are interested in coming to look at the nursery provision please contact the office to arrange a tour.

Parking at the Village Hall

Just a gentle reminder to be respectful of hirers of the village hall when parking. Please only park at the front of the hall if you are picking up or dropping off your child and if there isn't an event at the hall. If you are visiting the school for a longer period of time we ask that you park at the back of the hall. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



Values Award

Kindness, Respect, Resilience

Class 1

Alex for persevering with his bat and ball skills and having lots of fun in the process.

Class 2

Scout for her kindness towards her friends and resilience in computing (making her animated book).

Class 3

Faiq for resilience—working hard on punctuation sentences accurately.

Class 4

Charlie W. for his respectful attitude and kindness towards his friends.

Class 5

Phoebe for her resilience and determination in Maths.

House points

Larks 184

Martins 250

Swifts 283

Congratulations to the Swifts!

Attendance this week

Class 1 78.3%

Class 2 95.8% Well Done!

Class 3 95.8% Well Done!

Class 4 92.3%

Class 5 92.9%

Attendance this year: 94.3%

Target for this year: 96 %



'Together we grow and flourish with hope'



Coming Up

Tuesday 21st January

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

Wednesday 22nd January

- Mad Science

Thursday 23rd January

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

Friday 24th January

- French (KS2)
- Drum Lessons

Additional Information

For this week's letters [click on the image below](#)

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AWARD WINNING AUTHOR KIERAN LARWOOD IS COMING TO OUR SCHOOL!



In a few weeks, we will be hosting the Blue Peter Award-winning author, KIERAN LARWOOD.

Kieran will be coming to talk to the children about his life, work and his new Dungeon Runners series. Class 5 are currently studying another of Kieran's books in their English lessons, and we think many of our KS2 children will enjoy the Dungeon Runners series. Kieran will be signing books for the children at the event.

IMPORTANT – Parents, you can order his books from Our Bookshop, the host of this author visit...

<https://www.ourbookshoptring.co.uk/product/dungeon-runners-sky-battles/>

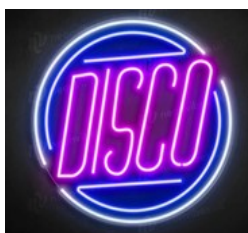
The signed books will be given to your child on the day.

PTA Update

Neon disco : Friday, Feb 7th. £5 per child, which includes entry, a glow stick, drink and snack. Additional sweets and snacks and 'Neon' items will be available for children to buy. Please no more than £5 per child.

KS1 5-5:45 pm, nursery children welcome but must have a parent attend
KS2 6-7 pm

Additional food and items will be available to purchase and a film room for any children who may want some quiet.



Please ensure that medications are brought with students as they won't be accessible via the school at this time.

Save the date: Mufti day on Feb 14, "Wear what you love" for £1 donation.

Dates for this half term

Date and time	Event
21st January	Natural History Museum Photography competition launched - more details to follow
23rd January	Islam workshops KS2
Mon 3rd Feb	Wellbeing week
Tues 4th Feb	KS2 author visit
Weds 5th Feb	Paralympic athlete visit
Thurs 6th Feb	Year 6 school nurse questionnaire
Tues 11th Feb	Headteacher afternoon tea
Weds 12th Feb	Class 4 and 5 recycling assembly and workshop
Fri 14th Feb	Last day of half term
17th-21st Feb	Half term
Mon 24th Feb	Children return to school
Thurs 27th Feb	Forest school starts for Class 3
Weds 5th March	9.15 Ash Wednesday church service
Fri 7th March	Class 3 trip - Milton Keynes museum
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
Weds 26th Mar	9.15 Mothering Sunday service in church
Thurs 27th Mar	Class 2 cake sale
Tues 1st April	Headteacher afternoon tea
Fri 4th April	Talent Show Last day of term 1.30 pick up



Caldecotte pay-ments

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

3/01/25

7/02/25

7/03/25

4/04/25

Class 1 - Snack dona-tions

As part of our early years curriculum, we are enabling children to make their own snacks mid morning. To do this, we require a small donation each half term. Please make your payment via the school shop on Arbor.

Arbor Payments

Please can you ensure that all Arbor payments are paid and up to date. Many thanks in advance.



Wellbeing week
3rd - 7th February

