

Weekly Newsletter

8th November 2024



Message from the Head

AUTUMN TERM

Dear Parents and Carers,

Learning this week—Equality and Diversity Week

Class 1 have been learning about different types of families and homes. Class 2 have focussed their learning around the book 'We Are All Different' and talked about how we are the same and how we are different to the children in the book and each other. They then created a Venn diagram in partners showing the things they both liked, one of us liked and neither of us liked. In guided reading, children in Class 3 have been reading a book called 'Same, Same but Different'. They have been looking at the two friends in this book and thinking about what makes them the same even though they live in different parts of the world.

Class 4 have learnt that people have more in common that's the same than different and about always being respectful and kind to each other. We have been learning how to show an interest in someone's differences, with respect.

Class 5 have been learning about bullying and how one person can have power over others. They've looked at what children could do in those situations and unpicked examples of cyberbullying online.

PPG

If you receive Universal Credit, you are able to apply for a Pupil Premium Grant for each of your children. This gives us extra money in the budget to spend on children who come from families on lower incomes. If you are eligible for PPG, a list of what we offer is available on our school website [here](#). Please speak to the office if you think you may be eligible or if you need assistance with applying.

Kind regards, *Mrs Laura Whateley*

Remembrance



Class 5 walked to the War Memorial on Monday 11th to lay their wreaths and prayers. They were there to observe the 2 minute silence which they did respectfully. This is a very important tradition at Long Marston.

Shoelaces

We have several children in KS2 who wear black trainers with laces. If your KS2 child has shoes with laces, please can you take the time to teach them how to tie them or alternatively consider shoes with Velcro fastenings or elastic laces such as [these](#). Many thanks.

Values Award

Kindness, Respect, Resilience

Class 1

Eden for demonstrating respect during sessions listening to adults and contributing well.

Class 2

Sophie for being a kind member of class 2 and for being resilient - always trying her best.

Class 3

Isla for showing kindness and resilience.

Class 4

Alana for being a Class 4 superstar! Always respectful and kind, she shows great resilience in her learning and friendships.

Class 5

Archie for super perseverance with his handwriting this week—really focused and resilient.

House points

Larks 123
Martins 135
Swifts 152

Congratulations to the Swifts!

Attendance this week

Class 1 94.6%
Class 2 98.9% **Well Done!**
Class 3 96.3%
Class 4 92.6%
Class 5 94.4%

Whole School Attendance this year: 94.4%

Target for this year: 96%



'Together we grow and flourish with hope'



Coming Up

Monday 18th November

- Gardening Club
- French (KS2)
- Gymnastics Club

Tuesday 19th November

- Summer sports (KS1 & KS2)
- Tennis (KS1 & KS2)

Wednesday 20th November

- Multisport Club (KS1 & KS2)

Thursday 21st November

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

Friday 22nd November

- Drum Lessons
- French (KS2)

Additional Information

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



PTA Update

Bags2School: Collection on November 20th, bags can be picked up from the office or a bin bag can be used. Please place donated items in the bike shelter by 9 a.m. on 20/11. For more information about what can be donated please [click here](#).



Christmas Fair: 7th December from 2-4 p.m. Register for the festive fun [here](#). We will be holding non-uniform days on the dates below.

Friday 22nd November - bring a small gift
Friday 6th December - bring a bottle

Parents' Holiday Craft Event

December 11th from 7:30 p.m.

Learn the Japanese art of **Furoshiki** - wrapping with fabric.

A fun and sustainable way of wrapping your Christmas gifts. Learn how to make the 3 main wraps. All materials provided. Tickets £15 including material and a drink and mince pie.

Please email pta@longmarston.herts.sch.uk to join in.



Dates

Date	Time	Event
Weds 20th Nov		Bags to school, 9am drop off
Weds 20th Nov	1.30pm	Open afternoon for 2025, R and N Parents
Fri 22nd Nov		Non uniform—bring a small gift (for gift wrapping stall) or £1
Fri 29th Nov		Occasional Day - No school
Mon 2nd Dec		INSET DAY - No school
Weds 4th Dec		Advent service in Church
Fri 6th Dec		Non uniform—bring a bottle for the tombola
Sat 7th Dec	2-4pm	Christmas Fair
Mon 9th Dec		Class 1 and 2 Dress Rehearsal
Weds 11th Dec	9.30am	Class 1 and 2 play
Thurs 12th Dec	9.30am	Class 1 and 2 play
Weds 18th Dec		KS2 Christmas party
Weds 18th Dec		Whole school Christmas service in Church - parents welcome
Thurs 19th Dec		KS1 Christmas party
Fri 20th Dec		Christmas lunch
Fri 20th Dec		Last Day of term 1.30 finish
Mon 6th Jan		INSET Day
Tues 7th Jan		Children return to school

Tring Book Festival

David Baddiel is coming to the Tring Book Festival this Saturday to talk about his new children's book, SMALL FRY - A funny, exciting, David vs Goliath adventure with a heart-warming father-son relationship.

Details of the event are here...

<https://www.tringbookfestival.co.uk/venues/dembe-theatre-formerly-court-theatre/david-baddiel-small-fry-family-event>

We hope you can make it and please spread the word if you think any friends would be interested.



Open Afternoon

Wednesday 20th

November at 1.30pm, open afternoon for prospective parents of children who will join Nursery and Reception in 2025.

Gymnastics Club

This week our new Gymnastics club started with great feedback, run by The London Ballet Company. This will be available for all children aged 4 and over.

Sessions will take place on Monday after school 3.15-4.15pm.

If you would like your child to attend please book them onto club [here](#).

After School Club Position

We are looking for someone to work at our after school club two afternoons a week. If you are interested, please contact the school office.



Friday 29th November

Occasional Day

Monday 2nd December

Inset Day

