

Weekly Newsletter

4th October 2024



Message from the Head

AUTUMN TERM

Dear Parents and Carers,

House Captains and School Council

Congratulations to **Seb B** for the Larks, **Sam B** for the Martins and **Olive** for the Swifts, who were elected as House Captains for this year. The children presented well prepared speeches and have responsibility to represent their houses, collect the house points weekly and receive the cup in assembly on behalf of their houses. For those of you who are new to the school, your family has been allocated a house to support and represent.

On Monday, the children also voted for their school councillors. Congratulations to the following children who nominated themselves and were elected:

- Class 2 - Theo and Francesca
- Class 3 - Holly and Harriet
- Class 4 - Jessica and Callum
- Class 5 - Phoebe and Elena

School council gives children the opportunity to have their voices heard on issues that matter around school. They also lead on Eco-awareness.

Website Launch

This week our new website has gone live. We hope it gives a better reflection of our lovely school. Please bear with us as we navigate the new site and we'd appreciate any feedback you have so we can keep it current and useful. We are working on the calendar so it syncs with our school diary to avoid duplication and possible mistakes so, for now, please see the newsletter for forthcoming dates.

Kind regards, *Mrs Laura Whateley*

Parents' Evening Sign up

The link to sign up for parents' evening will go live on Sunday evening at 5pm. This is the opportunity to meet your child's class teacher in person or online, to suit you, and to discuss your child's progress so far this year. These are really important meetings and we urge everyone to attend or speak to your class teacher on the playground if you are not able to.

Please use this link to sign up: [SchoolCloud - Long Marston VA CofE Primary School](#)

Year 4 pedestrian skills training Monday 7th October

On Monday, Year 4 children will take part in pedestrian skills training in the local area. This will go ahead regardless of the weather so please ensure children come to school with a waterproof coat with a hood and wellies if it is pouring. Children will learn how to cross the road safely and observe hazards on the road.

SEN and PPG coffee morning Tuesday 15th October

The next SEND and PPG coffee morning will be held on 15th October. The speaker will be Andrea Elton - our family practitioner from Children's Services, Hertfordshire County Council. Please see the poster attached to the newsletter for more information and we would love to see you there.

Parking at the Village Hall

I know how difficult parking is but we have had a polite request from the Village Hall not to park at the village hall at anytime other than drop off and pick up. Unfortunately, with the parent workshops taking place this week there have been some instances of parents parking in the village hall which has meant that those hiring the hall have been unable to park. Please could I ask you to be considerate of the hall hirers when visiting the school.

Values Award

Kindness, Respect, Resilience

Class 1

Michael for resilience in his learning and making new friends.

Class 2

Myles for consistently showing all of our values.

Class 3

Arthur for resilience in working hard on his handwriting

Class 4

Grace F. for her reliable and mature approach to school life - she gives 100%, every day.

Class 5

Grace for her resilience in Maths this week. She has made great progress thanks to her determination to succeed.

House points

Larks 139

Martins 139

Swifts 160

Congratulations to the Swifts!

Attendance this week

Class 1 92.5%

Class 2 94.7% Well Done!

Class 3 94.2%

Class 4 94.4%

Class 5 92.9%

Whole School Attendance this year: 94.3%

Target for this year: 96%



Coming Up

Monday 7th October

- Gymnastics
- Gardening Club

Tuesday 8th October

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

Wednesday 9th October

- Multisport Club (KS1 & KS2)

Thursday 10th October

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

Friday 11th October

- French (KS2)
- Drum Lessons

Additional Information

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



Class 3 Cake sale next Thursday 10th October

Please speak to Mrs Stephenson or the office if you are able to help run the stall after school. Please remember to check ingredients to ensure no nuts.



Harvest Service Wednesday 9th October

Our Harvest Service is being held in school this year and we are asking children to bring donations for DENS, our local homeless charity. Please see below the DENS high needs list:

- Tinned Ham
 - Tinned Corned beef
 - Jars of cooking sauces
 - Sponge puddings
 - Custard
 - Tinned rice pudding
 - Tinned Fruit
 - Tinned Vegetables
 - Cereal bars
 - Tea Bags
 - Biscuits
 - 200ml juice
- Please no perishable items to be donated as DENS are unable to take and store these.

Caldecotte Residential 2025

Further to the jotform response about the Class 5 Caldecotte Residential we are very excited to be able to once again offer Class 5 a residential trip to Caldecotte Xperience in Milton Keynes. Class 5 parents, please look on the website for a letter with details about paying your deposit. Mrs Soar will give the children further information about the trip in class next week, and please do pop in and see her if you have any questions.

Dates for this half term

Date and time	Event
Mon 7th Oct	Year 4 pedestrian skills training 9-10- Class 1 parent workshop
Weds 9th Oct	Class 3 visit to St Albans Cathedral Whole school Harvest service in school—bring in food donations for DENS
Thurs 10th Oct	Class 3 cake sale
Fri 11th Oct	Non uniform day for CGD society - £1 donation
Sat 12th Oct	10.10 Tring Apple Parade children meet 10.10 The Old Church House. Dress in sports wear.
Mon 14th	3.30-6.00 Parents' evening in person in school
Weds 16th	5.00-7.30 Parents' evening online
Thurs 17th	6.00 Dr Kathy Weston— raising a child in a digital world presentation. Tring School.
Tues 22nd Oct	Headteacher afternoon tea
Thurs 24th Oct	Perform Workshop to Class 1 and 2
Fri 25th Oct	Break up for half term. No After School Club .

Term Dates 2025-2026 - Also on website

Autumn Term 2025
(INSET days - School closed to children)
2nd September – INSET DAY
3rd September –INSET DAY
4th September Children return to school
Half Term- 27th October until the 31st October
3rd November Children Return to School
Occasional Day 28th November
1st December- INSET DAY
19th December- Early Finish
Spring Term 2026
5th January-INSET DAY
6th January Children return to school
Half Term- 16th February until the 20th February
23rd February Children return to school
27th March- Early Finish
Summer Term 2026
13th April Children return to school
4th May – Bank Holiday – school closed
Half Term 25th May until the 29th May
1st June - INSET DAY
2nd June Children return to school
22nd July- Early Finish

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Non - Uniform Day

We will be having a non uniform day to support the CGD society who have provided support to Ben, Bobby and their family. There is a donation of £1.

Class 3 - St Albans trip

Please provide consent for your child to attend the trip. Unfortunately if you do not provide consent via Arbor your child will be unable to attend.

If your child normally gets the school bus home please note that you will need to arrange for them to be collected at 3.15 p.m



Harvest Festival
– please bring food donations on the day
Wednesday 9th October

