

Weekly Newsletter

17th October 2025



Message from the Head

AUTUMN TERM

Dear Parents and Carers,

Apple Parade



Thank you to all the children who represented Long Marston in the apple parade last Saturday. It was a really enjoyable morning and, despite not winning the scarecrow competition, everyone had a great time.

Autumn 1 Headteacher award

Class 1 have chosen Robyn for our head teacher award this half term. Robyn demonstrates all our school values consistently. She is inclusive in her play, looking after peers who may be struggling and encourages others to join in her games. Robyn has grown significantly with her resilience - working hard on next step targets and suggestions to improve her work. She is eager to learn and very willing to please. Well done, Robyn!

Class 2 Eden is an amazing member of class 2. She knows all of our routines and is always ready to learn. She is a brilliant role model to the rest of the class. Eden enjoys learning and is always ready to answer a question. She produces amazing work and tries her hardest at everything. Eden is brilliant at keeping our classroom tidy - always picking things up and pushing in chairs. Well done Eden!

Class 3's Headteacher award for this half term is Mac. Mac demonstrates all three of our school values at all times. He is a good friend to other class members and is supportive of others when required. He works hard and has a positive attitude to his learning, always producing his best work. Well done Mac.

Class 4's HT award this half term goes to Holly A. She has settled in so well into the class and works fantastically well, meeting the expectations and the pace of the learning. Holly gives 100% to everything she does and is trying super hard in her work. We are very impressed with her.

Class 5's award this half term goes to Erin. Erin is a calm, focused learner, always aiming high and completing work to an exceptional standard. Erin is respectful and an excellent role model to others with her exemplary classroom behaviour. Erin is always kind to others, looking out for her peers and ways to support them, and lives up to the high expectations in Year 6. She is a pleasure to have in the classroom!

Well done to all this half term's winners. I look forward to joining all these children for afternoon tea next week.

Kind regards, *Mrs Laura Whateley*

Values Award

Rewarding children who demonstrate our values of kindness, respect and resilience.

Class 1

Leo for demonstrating kindness throughout the week - sharing, taking turns and helping his friends in the classroom.

Class 2

Scout for being an amazing member of Class 2, always demonstrating our values particularly kindness to all of her peers and resilience in all of her learning.

Class 3

Luella for resilience when writing a great set of instructions of how to make a potion.

Class 4

Amy for developing her resilience and showing great kindness to a friend in need.

Class 5

Jack A for his focused and resilient attitude to learning, especially in Maths.

House points

Larks 157

Martins 135

Swifts 125

Congratulations to the Larks!

Attendance this week

Class 1 98.3% **Well Done!**

Class 2 87.9%

Class 3 93.2%

Class 4 97.3%

Class 5 92.9%

Whole School Attendance this year: 96.7%

Coming Up

Wednesday 22nd October

- Mad science

Thursday 23rd October

- Girls Football - lunchtime
- Gardening Club - Lunchtime
- Cheerleading
- Game on Football Club (KS2)
- French (KS1&KS2)
- Drums / Guitar Lessons

Friday 24th October

- Spanish (KS2) - Lunchtime
- Piano Lessons

Additional Information

Please click on the image below ...



Secondary Application for 2026 – reminder

Don't forget the deadline for all secondary applications for September 2026 is the **31st October 2025**. Please speak to the school office if you need help making this application.

Request from Gardening Club

The children would love to make an insect hotel as an Autumn project. We are looking for lots of things to put inside it for our insect friends to keep warm and dry over the Winter. Please could you see if you have any of the following:

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| Small logs or pieces of dead wood | Corrugated cardboard | Tubes (not plastic) |
| Loose bark | Large stones | Tiles |
| Bricks | Bamboo canes | Sticks |
| Straw | Planks of wood | Roofing felt |

A note from the office: Please can we have any old newspapers.

Half Term Fun - Hertfordshire Libraries

Libraries across the county are hosting events during half term. Do take a look at events taking place at your local library by visiting www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraryevents

After School Club Resources

After school club staff are appealing for some extra resources for our children. We are in need of some family games suitable for 11 years and under or any art and crafts materials. Our children love Loom Bands so if anyone has any to donate, we'd really appreciate it. Also, if anyone has any Lego people or children's tools/tool box/dress up. Many thanks.

Dates for this term

Date and time	Event
Weds 22nd Oct	Kin ball taster day - all classes to wear PE Kit
Thurs 23rd Oct	Perform Workshop to Class 1 and 2
Fri 24th Oct	Break up for half term at 3.15
Mon 3rd Nov	Return to school
Thurs 6th Nov	Forest school for Class 4
Mon 10th—Fri 14th	Equality and Diversity week
Mon 10th Nov	Electric Umbrella Performance and workshops. MUFTI for £1 donation
Thurs 13th Nov	Cake Sale Class 3
Mon 17th Nov	Individual school photos
Fri 28th Nov	Occasional Day
Mon 1st Dec	INSET DAY
Weds 10th Dec	KS1 Christmas Performance am
Thurs 11th Dec	KS1 Christmas Performance am
Sat 13th Dec	Christmas Fair
Tues 16th Dec	KS1 Party Afternoon
Weds 17th Dec	Christingle service in Church, Christmas lunch, KS2 Film afternoon
Thurs 18th Dec	Whole school PANTO visit
Fri 19th Dec	School ends for Christmas break 1.30pm



Class 5 - Caldecotte

If you would like your child to attend the residential trip at Caldecotte please ensure that you provide consent and pay the £50 deposit by next Friday, 24th October. This can be paid via Arbor under trips. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

Class 4 - Forest School

Class 4 will be participating in forest school after half term. In order for these sessions to be able to run we require parent volunteers. If you are able to help on a Thursday for any session please contact the school office.



Kin Ball Workshop - all to wear PE Kits
Wednesday 22nd October

