

Weekly Newsletter

10th October 2025



Message from the Head

AUTUMN TERM

Dear Parents and Carers,

Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone who donated food to our Harvest Festival today. In worship on Monday the children learnt about giving cheerfully and generously. You certainly did that on Wednesday in our Harvest festival. Alongside this, Class 5 have been learning about the Bishop's appeal. This year the Bishops' Harvest Appeal is being run in partnership with Mission Direct who are working towards increasing access to education for some of the world's most under-resourced communities. In Uganda and Zambia alone, Mission Direct will help over 1,170 children this year to have access to a new classroom, and over the next 20 years these new facilities will be used by 23,400 children.

If you would like to donate please follow the link [here](#).



Kind regards, *Mrs Laura Whateley*

Tring Book Festival

This week the children enjoyed hearing a talk by Tom McLaughlin, author of Alan, King of the Universe, as part of Tring Book Festival. We are so lucky to have Tring Book Festival running this month with a host of A-list authors to see for children and adults. For more information on everything on offer, click here [What's On: Tring Book Festival](#)



MC Grammar

This is the link for ordering MC Grammar's new book from Tring Bookshop.

KS2 children all did his live workshop this afternoon and loved it.

<https://www.ourbookshoptring.co.uk/product/adventures-of-rap-kid-the-g-o-a-t/>

Important Safeguarding Notice: Children's "Spy" Books

We want to make you aware of a recent issue affecting some popular children's books by Andrew Cope, including the Spy Dogs, Spy Cats, and Spy Pups series. Some editions of these books include a printed web address at the back. This link used to go to the author's website, but the domain is no longer under his control. It has since been taken over by another party and now leads to inappropriate adult content. The publisher, Puffin, has paused sales and distribution of the books and is working with schools, libraries, and retailers to remove copies from circulation. They have stressed that the website has no connection to the author or publisher.

What this means for you:

- If your child has any Spy Dog, Spy Cat or Spy Pups books at home, please check the back for website links and make sure they do not try to visit the site.
- It is safe for children to continue reading the stories themselves - the concern is only with the outdated link.
- We recommend talking with your child about the importance of not following web addresses in books without checking with an adult first.

Values Award

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

Class 1

Reuben for demonstrating resilience managing lots of new changes with a positive attitude and huge smile!

Class 2

Myles for being an amazing member of Class 2, demonstrating all of our values consistently.

Class 3

Isla for showing great resilience in Maths when dividing multiples of 10 and 100.

Class 4

Nate for an excellent start to his time at Long Marston, showing respect, kindness and resilience from Day 1.

Class 5

Erin for always being kind, respectful and ready to learn.

House points

Larks 179

Martins 148

Swifts 122

Congratulations to the

Larks

Attendance this week

Class 1 100% Well Done!

Class 2 96.6%

Class 3 95.6%

Class 4 98.7%

Class 5 94.6%

Whole School Attendance this

year: 97.1%



'Together we grow and flourish with hope'



Coming Up

Monday 13th October

- Open Day for Sept 26 parents
- Parent Consultations - in-person
- Scholastic Bookfair

Tuesday 14th October

- Summer sports (KS1 & KS2)

Wednesday 15th October

- Mad science
- Parents' evening online

Thursday 16th October

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

Friday 17th October

- Spanish (KS2) - Lunchtime
- Piano Lessons

Additional Information

Please click on the image below ...



Apple Parade - final arrangements

I'm looking forward to meeting those of you taking part in the apple parade tomorrow. Please could children meet at the church hall on Western road, near the roundabout, at 10.15. The parade starts at 10.30 and will move down the high street, ending up at the market by the local museum. We will stop outside the entrance to the market, in the car park, for children to be collected at 11.00ish. If children have emergency medication please can this be brought with them. Children can wear their own clothes on the day.

Forest school next half term

After the half term break, it is Class 4's turn for forest school. A reminder that children need to come to school suitably dressed with waterproofs and sturdy, waterproof shoes or boots. As always we will be on the hunt for volunteers to help. If you think you have a Thursday morning or afternoon spare after half term, please do contact the school office. Any help is greatly appreciated.

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:

Small logs or pieces of dead wood
Loose bark
Bricks
Straw

Corrugated cardboard
Large stones
Bamboo canes
Planks of wood

Tubes (not plastic)
Tiles
Sticks
Roofing felt



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



Dates for this term

Date and time	Event
Sat 11th Oct 10.30	Tring Apple Parade - scarecrow competition and parade
Mon 13th Oct 09:00-10:-00	Open Day for September 26 Reception parents
3.30-6.00	Parents' evening in person in school
3:15-4:15	Scholastic Bookfair
Weds 15th Oct 5.00-7.30	Parents' evening online
Tues 14th Oct	SEND and PPG coffee morning
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
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
Thurs 13th Nov	Cake Sale Class 3
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

Book Fair in School on Monday

We will be running the book fair this Monday afternoon between 1:30 and 3:15 for the children and 3:15 - 4:15 for parents to purchase.



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 24th October. This can be paid via Arbor. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

SEND and PPG coffee morning 14.10.25

This is an opportunity for parents and carers to meet other families in our school community. Mrs Cleaver will be hosting this morning and looks forward to welcoming you 9-10am

Head Lice

We have had a few parents reporting that their children have head lice, in the infants. Please check your child's hair thoroughly and treat with appropriate treatments and nit combs as soon as you can. See here for more information on treating head



SEND and PPG Coffee Morning
Tues 14th October 9.00

