

Weekly Newsletter

24th October 2025



Message from the Head

AUTUMN TERM

Dear Parents and Carers,

Learning this week

What a busy half term it has been!

Classrooms have been full of energy, curiosity and determination, and it's been a real pleasure to watch pupils engage so positively with topics and challenges this half term. Class 1 have been learning about Diwali, making beautiful rangoli patterns and delicious chapatis. Class 2 children are coming to the end of their topic on toys from the past. It would be great if you could talk to the children about the toys you played with when you were their age. Class 3 have been designing wildlife gardens focussing on conservation and protecting local wildlife. Class 4 have loved learning about the Egyptians and discovering the treasures of Tutankhamun's tomb. Class 5 have been learning about different currencies in PSHE and have been converting pounds into currencies around the world.

As we head into the half-term break, we hope everyone enjoys a well-earned rest. A particularly warm welcome to new families who have joined us in the past few weeks. It's like your children have always attended here. Whether you're spending time with family, exploring the outdoors, or simply taking a quiet moment to recharge, we wish you all a safe and happy week ahead. We look forward to welcoming everyone back, ready for another busy and exciting half term in the lead-up to Christmas!

Kind regards, *Mrs Laura Whateley*

Bishop Wood year 3 and 4 Football Festival

Congratulations to the Year 3 and 4s who represented Long Marston at the football festival on Wednesday this week. The festival was just for fun but our team drew two of the three games and won one. Congratulations to Iqra who was chosen as player of the tournament for our team.

Kinball Workshop

This week Class 5,4,3,2 and 1 all tried Kinball on Wednesday 22nd October. They all really enjoyed it and thought it was fun and would like to do it again.

Kinball is a sport involving a huge ball which has to be kept off the ground. There are lots of games we played with it including one where the person throwing the ball had to call a colour and the children wearing that colour bib had to catch the ball as a 3, in a triangle, before it touched the floor.

By Sienna and Alana (class 5)



Thanks to Mrs Buckley who organised this fun workshop. She has plans for Kinball to be included in our curriculum for PE in the future.



Values Award

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

Class 1

Lily J for showing resilience with her CVC writing challenge - persevering to finish - awesome job!

Class 2

Henry S for resilience in all of his learning. For trying his very hardest particularly in English.

Class 3

Heidi for showing resilience as a new member of Class 3 and LMS.

Class 4

Hollie C for learning great resilience this half term and showing some big improvements.

Class 5

Jessica for her resilience when learning the method for long division this week - she has been really focused.

House points

Larks	162
Martins	145
Swifts	184

Congratulations to the **Swifts!**

Attendance this week

Class 1	100%	Well Done!
Class 2	94.7%	
Class 3	91.1%	
Class 4	96.4%	
Class 5	93.3%	

Whole School Attendance this year: 96%

Coming Up

Wednesday 5th November

- Mad science

Thursday 6th November

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

Friday 7th November

- Spanish (KS2) - Lunchtime
- Piano Lessons

Additional Information

Please click on the image below ...



Secondary Application for 2026 –final reminder

Don't forget the deadline for all secondary applications for September 2026 is the 31st October. **At the last check, only 11 children had applied for secondary school places. Please remember to not just put one school down, list at least 2 schools to ensure a school place for September.**

Wellies for Class 1 and 2 after half term

Please can all children in Classes 1 and 2, who haven't already brought wellies in, ensure children bring them in after half term. This allows the smaller children to play on the field at lunch times.

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

Packed lunch and snack reminder

A reminder that children need to bring a healthy snack at break time please. If your child is in Year 4 or below, please remember grapes must be cut in half. No nuts please due to children with allergies. Thanks for your support with this.

TT rock stars KS2 competition 18th– 20th November

As part of our commitment to raising the profile of maths and to making it exciting, we are taking part in a friendly TT Rockstars competition against other schools across the country. The competition runs from 18th—20th Nov. Children can play in any game mode with every correct answer earning our school a point. The platform will calculate class averages. Children will not be able to play for more than 60 mins per day. There will be winners for individuals in our school and winners per class as well. Good luck and have fun!

Dates for this term

ate and time	Event
Mon 3rd Nov	Return to school
Thurs 6th Nov	Forest school for Class 4
Thurs 6th Nov	Bags 2 School Collection
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
Tues 18th - 20th	TT Rock stars KS2 competition
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

PTA Update

Once again we are having a Bag2School collection to raise money for the PTA This will take place on the 6th November and bagged items will need to be at school for morning drop off please

See link for what they will accept

<https://www.bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

Great chance for a pre Xmas clear out!



Poppy Appeal

Each year we support the Poppy Appeal. After half term we will be selling poppy merchandise to the children on the play-ground. Children can make a donation for slap bands (recommended donation £2), festival bracelets (recommended donation £1.50) and poppies (any donation). Please bring in correct change where possible.

Class 1 - Snack Money

As part of our offering in Early years we give the children the opportunity to try some new snacks and prepare them. We ask parents for a voluntary contribution of £5 each half term. This can be paid on Arbor under the school shop.

Hot dogs and prayers

If you are out and about on 31st October 5.30-8.00pm then call in to All Saints church, Long Marston. Refreshments, a chance to donate some sweets to DENS, and to light a candle for those we have loved and lost.



Return to school
Monday 3rd November

