

# Weekly Newsletter

7th November 2025



## Message from the Head

### AUTUMN TERM

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### Class 1 Chick visit

This week class 1 have been learning about the life cycle of a chicken. They thoroughly enjoyed a visit from some chicks and learnt about how they are cared for, asked questions and they handled them very gently. Thank you to Mrs Landers for bringing them in.



#### Equality and Diversity Week

Next week we will be having a whole school focus on equality and diversity and specifically on treating everyone equally and preventing bullying. We have planned this week to coincide with Antbullying Week nationally. On Monday we are looking forward to welcoming Britain's Got Talent finalists, Electric Umbrella, who will be hosting a whole school concert in the morning and workshops for children in classes 2,3,4 and 5 in the afternoon. **Class 2 will not be doing PE this day.** The children are invited to wear MUFTI to celebrate everyone's uniqueness. We are asking for a minimum donation of £1 per child which can be made on Arbor via the Arbor Shop, towards the exciting events we have planned. If you wish to donate more than £1, it is possible to choose multiple amounts and this would be greatly appreciated.

The children will be learning about kindness online and will be learning about antibullying in classes over the week. We always take bullying seriously and see this week as another preventative measure to ensure everyone stays vigilant to bullying and the consequences it can have.

#### New staff

This week we have welcomed Miss Slade to our team. She will be working as a teaching assistant supporting children in KS1 and working 1:1 with children with additional needs. Miss Slade is looking to gain further experience in the education sector. Many of you may know her as a swimming teacher in Tring. I'm sure you will join me in welcoming her to the team.

Kind regards, *Mrs Laura Whateley*

#### Tesco grant

Thank you to everyone who put blue tokens in our cause at Tesco. This week we were awarded £1000 towards developing our outdoor environment. Huge thanks to Tesco for supporting our bid to enhance the outdoor environment at Long Marston.

#### Wellies for Class 1 and 2

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.

#### Nits/Headlice

We have had cases of nits in school. Please can we ask you to check your child's hair carefully and treat over the weekend. Thank you.

### Values Award

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

#### Class 1

**Elara** for demonstrating resilience, persevering with her fabulous Little Red Hen drawing including labels.

#### Class 2

**Charlotte** for demonstrating all of our values all of the time.

#### Class 3

**Max** for demonstrating resilience and determination in written division.

#### Class 4

**Gracie** for showing all 3 of our school values since Day 1 at Long Marston.

#### Class 5

**Ramona** for always showing the school values and especially her resilience in her learning this week.

#### House points

**Larks** 120  
**Martins** 84  
**Swifts** 82

#### Congratulations to the Larks!

#### Attendance this week

**Class 1** 99.3%  
**Class 2** 96.2%  
**Class 3** 99.5% Well Done!  
**Class 4** 96.9%  
**Class 5** 88.5%  
**Whole School Attendance this year:** 96%

## Coming Up

### Thursday 13th November

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

### Friday 14th November

- Spanish (KS2) - Lunchtime
- Piano Lessons

### Additional Information

Please click on the image below

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### 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!

#### Term Dates 26-27

The term dates for 2026-27 have been agreed and can be found [here](#) on the school website and below.

#### Autumn Term 2026

1st September – **INSET DAY**  
 2nd September – **INSET DAY**  
 3<sup>rd</sup> September Children return to school  
**Half Term- 26th October until the 30th October**  
 3rd November Children Return to School  
**Occasional Day 27th November**  
 30<sup>th</sup> November- **INSET DAY**  
 18th December- Early Finish

#### Spring Term 2027

4th January-**INSET DAY**  
 5<sup>th</sup> January Children return to school  
**Half Term- 15th February until the 19th February**  
 22nd February Children return to school  
 25th March- Early Finish

#### Summer Term 2027

12th April Children return to school  
 3rd May – **Bank Holiday – school closed**  
**Half Term 31st May until 4<sup>th</sup> June**  
 7<sup>th</sup> June - **INSET DAY**  
 22nd July- Early Finish  
**INSET days - School closed to children**

#### Game On Cup

#### Game On School's Cup in PE lessons

The week before we broke up it saw the start of Game On's School's Cup in PE lessons. We run the event 4 times every year and it gives the children the opportunity to represent their house in a sporting event. We ran a tournament based on the sport they were covering in PE and the results are below. We have donated a Trophy to the school which says 'School's Cup' on it, I would be grateful if the scores could be told to the children in an assembly and it explained to the children that we will present the trophy to the winners of the 4 events before announcing the overall winners at the end of the school year.

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| 1st | Swifts  | 121 |
| 2nd | Martins | 98  |
| 3rd | Larks   | 94  |



### Dates for this term

| Date and time       | Event  |
|---------------------|--|
| 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                                      |
| <b>Fri 21st Nov</b> | <b>Bags 2 School</b>   |
| 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                             |

### Danny Champion of the World at Dembe Theatre

19th November to 22nd November 2025

**TICKETS: From £8.00**

**RUNNING TIME:** 115 mins

**AGE RATING:** Suitable for all ages

WED 19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025—SAT 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2025



Tring Youth Theatre Project exists to nurture young talent, encourage performance, build confidence and stimulate an interest in the magic of theatre. Based at The Dembe Theatre at Pendley, we stage musicals and plays for young performers aged 8 to 22, as well as host an annual live music festival, TringFest, showcasing local youth bands.

**Danny the Champion of the World** 🌟



#### Camera Request

If anyone has an old digital camera in working order that they would be able to donate to school we would be very grateful. Many Thanks.

#### Caldecotte Instalments

Please ensure that you have provided consent and paid the deposit if you would like your child to attend the Caldecotte residential. It is also possible to pay your instalments or full payment on Arbor.

#### Class 4 - Forest School

We are still in need of some volunteers for forest school. If you are able to help even for 1 session it would be most appreciated. If you are interested in volunteering please contact the School office.



**Mufti Day**  
**Monday 10th November**

