

# Weekly Newsletter

14th November 2025



## Message from the Head

### AUTUMN TERM

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### Highlights of Equality and Diversity Week

We all thoroughly enjoyed a wonderful performance on Monday by Electric Umbrella. During the show, the children sang and celebrated together with great enthusiasm. In the afternoon, children in Classes 2–5 wrote songs, in workshops, about what makes each of us special. Thank you to everyone who made a donation — your generosity enables us to provide these wonderful additional opportunities at school.

In worship today, each class shared what they have been learning about anti-bullying and the importance of being kind. Some classes shared stories they have learnt about, while others wrote thoughtful poems about the impact bullying can have. Well done to all our children for their sensitive, thoughtful contributions this week. If you would like to donate this can still be done via Arbor school shop.



#### Remembrance

On Tuesday, Classes 2–5 came together to commemorate Remembrance Day. Class 5 visited the war memorial to lay a wreath and display the poppy poems they had written — they are still there if you'd like to visit and take a look. Class 1 also learnt about remembrance in an age-appropriate way, creating beautiful poppy art throughout the week.



Kind regards, *Mrs Laura Whateley*

#### Tring Lions donation - thank you!

A huge thanks to Tring Lions who have donated £500 towards inclusion at Long Marston. Their major source of funding is from the Lions bookshop in the Marlowes Centre in Hemel Hempstead which is operated by six local Lions groups. It is open every day and offers a great selection of books for children and adults at very low prices. It also sells vinyl records, DVDs and CDs and recycles glasses and hearing aids as well as providing batteries for hearing aid users. They collect items locally and would be grateful if you could support their cause.

#### Coats

Now we are in the rainier, colder months, please can all children come to school wearing a coat.

#### Bags to school collection

The rearranged date for Bags to school is Friday 21st November. Please bring bags in the morning as the collection is just after 9am. Many thanks for your donations which raise valuable funds for school.

#### Breakfast Club request

If anyone has any Christmas wrapping paper, tags, ribbon and Christmas cards that people do not want then Miss Dell at breakfast club would be very grateful. They're wanted for early morning arts and crafts. Thank you.

### Values Award

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

#### Class 1

**Arlo** for demonstrating resilience and settling so well into Class 1 - trying all the activities on offer and impressing us with his knowledge

#### Class 2

**Michael** for showing determination across the whole curriculum

#### Class 3

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

#### Class 4

**Luca** for his positive attitude in class and for demonstrating honesty.

#### Class 5

**Grace** for her positive, focused and resilient attitude to learning.

#### House points

**Larks** 189

**Martins** 149

**Swifts** 140

**Congratulations to the Larks!**

#### Attendance this week

Class 1 98.7%

Class 2 95.4%

Class 3 99.5% Well Done!

Class 4 95.4%

Class 5 97.0%

**Whole School Attendance this year: 95.9%**

## Coming Up

### Thursday 18th November

- Summer Sports - lunchtime

### Thursday 20th November

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

### Friday 21st November

- Spanish (KS2) - Lunchtime
- Piano Lessons

### Additional Information

Please click on the image below ...



### Chess Club

We have been approached by another chess company, Kings and Queens, and we have provisionally booked for lunchtime club on a Monday starting on the 12th January. Further details can be found on the flyer on the school website.



### Sign Up to Sing!

Ready for Christmas, we have joined 'Sign Up to Sing' - a challenge from the charity Speech and Language UK to learn the Makaton signs for 'Merry Christmas Everyone' by Shakin Stevens.

The charity support the 2 million children across the UK who struggle to talk and understand words. We already use Makaton in school to support some of our children, and thought this would be a fun, festive way to learn some more all whilst supporting the charity! The children are all enjoying learning the signs and the song ready for a festive performance later in the term. If you would like to make a donation to our fundraiser for Speech and Language UK, you can do so here:

<https://speechandlanguage.donorsupport.co/-/NFPPSYKW?member=SPEKJKJZ>

### Cauliflower Christmas Cards

Children will have received paperwork this week for them to complete their Christmas card design. Please ensure that your completed design is returned to school by Monday 17th November. This is the last pick up date for Cauliflower cards to ensure that our personalised designs are ready for Christmas delivery.



### Dates for this term

Date and time	Event
Mon 17th Nov	Individual school photos
Tues 18th - 20th	TT Rock stars KS2 competition
Fri 21st Nov	Bags 2 School
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	KS2 Film afternoon
Weds 17th Dec	Christmas lunch—Children can wear Christmas jumpers
Weds 17th Dec 11.00	Christingle Service for N-Y6 children and parents. N volunteers to accompany N children please.
Thurs 18th Dec	Whole school PANTO visit
Fri 19th Dec	School ends for Christmas 1.30pm



### 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!



### Christmas Lunch

If your child doesn't usually have a Roast lunch but would like the Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 17th December please let the school office know. There will be a charge of £3.20.

### Term Dates 26-27

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

### 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.



Friday 28th November  
Occasional Day

