

Weekly Newsletter

21st November 2025



Message from the Head

AUTUMN TERM

Dear Parents and Carers,

Tring School Admissions Consultations

Tring School are currently consulting on admission arrangements to be effective from academic year 2027/28. The consultation is proposing that the admission criteria be altered so the sibling rule be moved from 'Rule 3' to 'Rule 5' placing it after 'Rule 4 - Local Parishes'. This would obviously be a great move for village families as they would be offered places before siblings who live further away. Tring school are keen to gain feedback from the community. Please provide any feedback by 31st December 2025 to tringschool@tringschool.org. Further information about the proposed changes can be found [here](#).

Mobile Phones and Children



It has come to my attention that some children in KS2 have phones and I just wanted to emphasise the school's position on this. It is entirely parental choice whether a child has a phone or not and it is for no one to judge individual circumstances but the research shouts loud and clear that children having access to *smartphones* before the age of 14 is damaging to their mental health and self image. Additionally, we find we are policing fallings out on Whatsapp where children do not yet have the skills to navigate messaging apps safely and appropriately. I would urge parents, if they choose to give children a phone, to invest in a safe phone such as Pinwheel or give children a phone with restrictions that mean they can text and call on only. More and more parents are making this decision, signing a parent pact and working together to keep children smart phone free. There is a growing movement of parents [joining this organisation](#) where parents can stand together on this. Many thanks for your help in keeping Long Marston school smart phone free.

Kind regards, *Mrs Laura Whatoley*

Values Award

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

Class 1

Henry for persevering with all his curriculum targets. Never giving up! Making fabulous progress.

Class 2

Amelia for demonstrating resilience in all of her work.

Class 3

Josh for showing kindness to others by supporting a friend without being asked.

Class 4

Bradley for his kind offers of help at lunchtimes and respectful manner towards adults in school.

Class 5

Keimani for his excellent focus in class this week and his resilience and determination in all lessons.

House points

Larks 224

Martins 204

Swifts 191

Congratulations to the Larks!

Attendance this week

Class 1 100.0% Well Done!

Class 2 96.8%

Class 3 94.4%

Class 4 92.6%

Class 5 96.2%

Whole School Attendance this year: 95.9%

TT Rockstars Competition Winners

Congratulations to Class 4, the highest scoring class.

Class 5 winner was Mason

Class 4 winner was Callum

Class 3 winner was Zander

These children were presented with a certificate in assembly today.

The overall winner was Zander. Well done to everyone who took part!

Pantomime Trip

Please see attached a letter about our whole-school visit to the pantomime on **18th December**. If your child is in Nursery, we ask that they are accompanied by an adult. If your child is not attending the pantomime, Nursery will be closed on this day. The cost of the ticket is subsidised by school and the PTA and we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £14.72 per ticket. Please make this payment, for your tickets, via the Arbor.

If we do not receive enough donations then we may have to cancel the visit.

We would also ask that your child brings a packed lunch with them that day to eat on our return.

Thank you.



Coming Up

Tuesday 24th November

- Summer Sports - lunchtime

Thursday 26th November

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

Additional Information



KS1 Christmas Concert

Christmas is fast approaching and Class 1 and 2 have begun preparations for this year’s Christmas play. We are asking for some assistance with costumes , please [click here](#) for further information.

Tickets are now available for the KS1 Christmas Concert held on the 11th (Class 1 parents) and 12th (Class 2 parents) December at 9:30 a.m. Please purchase on Arbor shop.



Packed lunches reminder

Please can you ensure that children are not bringing sweets, chocolate bars or fizzy drinks in packed lunches. As always, please remember we are a nut free school. Many thanks with your help keeping our children healthy.

Term Dates 26-27

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

Dates for this term

Date and time	Event
Thurs 27th Nov	Mufti—bring a gift for the Christmas Fair
Fri 28th Nov	Occasional Day
Mon 1st Dec	INSET DAY
Weds 10th Dec	KS1 Christmas Performance am
Thurs 11th Dec	KS1 Christmas Performance am
Fri 12th Dec	Mufti—bring a bottle for the Christmas Fair
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



The PTA have some very exciting plans for this year’s Christmas fair, including farm animals, Santa’s grotto and the ever popular bottle tombola. Please save the date for this important day in our calendar as our biggest fundraiser of the year.



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.

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](#).



Occasional Day
Friday 28th November

Inset Day
Monday 1st December

