

# Weekly Newsletter

12th December 2025



## Message from the Head

### AUTUMN TERM

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### Headteacher Award

Congratulations to the following children who have been awarded our Headteacher Award for this half term. I look forward to welcoming them to afternoon tea on Tuesday afternoon, in school time.

**Class 1's** award this term goes to Finley. He consistently meets all our school values on a daily basis. He is kind, demonstrates empathy and is inclusive in his play. Finley can be relied upon to follow our school and classroom rules: he is respectful with everyone he meets and the school resources. Finley works towards his next step targets with determination and resilience. He is a pleasure to teach. Well done Finley!

Sophie has continued to be an amazing member of **class 2**. She is always kind and inclusive with everyone in the class. Sophie helps the younger children and is willing to help adults too. Sophie listens well to new learning and is always a busy bee making sure she completes her work. She is a kind, respectful and resilient child. Sophie is a pleasure to have in class 2. Well done Sophie!

Harrison has earned the Headteacher award this half term for **class 3**. He works so hard, particularly in English and maths and has a super attitude to his learning, always wanting to do his best. He listens carefully and contributes to lessons across the curriculum. He has become more independent in his learning and takes on every challenge with positivity. Well done Harrison, keep it up.

Harriet is kind, thoughtful and happy to help anyone who needs a hand - children and teachers alike. She comes in smiling every morning and tackles every challenge with positivity and enthusiasm, making the most of every learning opportunity. A fantastic all-rounder and an asset to **class 4**, well done Harriet.

**Class 5's** award this half term goes to Musa. Musa always demonstrates a kind, respectful and resilient attitude both in the classroom and around school. In his class work this term, Musa has shown resilience: challenging himself to achieve more, improving his presentation, adding greater detail to his writing and completing challenge questions in Maths. Musa is respectful to adults and to his peers, demonstrating excellent manners and care for others.

#### Christmas Fair

A huge thank you to the PTA and volunteers for all the hard work that has gone into organising tomorrow's Christmas fair. We're looking forward to seeing you all there to celebrate this fun, festive event.

#### Pantomime

Thank you so much to everyone who has responded to my appeal and paid for the pantomime tickets. We are now in a position for the trip to go ahead, with 110 tickets purchased. Thank you to those of you who chose to pay for additional tickets, it is very much appreciated.

Kind regards, *Mrs Laura Whateley*

### Santa visiting the villages

Keep a look out in the sky on **15th December** as Santa approaches from the North. Yes! It has been confirmed that Father Christmas is once again visiting our villages before Christmas so come out and say hello. We have been given the heads up on the route and below we have listed where the sleigh is planning to stop. Children should listen out for the sound of sleigh bells and other festive songs.



- Dixons Wharf 17.15 •Grange Road Wiltstone 17.35 •Half Moon 17.45 •Lendon Grove/Lukes Lane 17.55 •Tring Road/Astrope Lane 18.10 •Puttenham Court 18.25 •Church Road Puttenham 18.35 •Old Rectory Farm Mews Puttenham 18.45 •Station Road/end of Chapel Lane Long Marston 19.05 •Church View Long Marston 19.15 •Bromley/ Glebe Meadow Long Marston 19.25 •Queens Head Long Marston 19.35

**Reminder: Sept 26 Reception Applications due by 15th January 2026 - click this message**

### Values Award

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

#### Class 1

**All of Class 1** for their resilience learning lines and Makaton signs in their Nativity performance.

#### Class 2

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#### Class 3

**Isaac** for showing resilience in learning his times tables.

#### Class 4

**Holly A** for fantastic focus and effort in all her learning.

#### Class 5

**Elena** for his resilient, focused, hard-working attitude in class.

#### House points

**Larks** 141  
**Martins** 135  
**Swifts** 108

**Congratulations to the Larks**

#### Attendance this week

**Class 1** 98.1% Well Done!  
**Class 2** 92.6%  
**Class 3** 97.6%  
**Class 4** 96.9%  
**Class 5** 90.6%

**Whole School Attendance this year: 95.7%**

**Target for the Year: 96%**

## Coming Up

### Wednesday 17th December

- Christmas Jumper Day
- Christingle Service in Church
- Christmas Lunch

### Thursday 18th December

- It's Panto Day (oh no it isn't!)

### Friday 19th December

- Finish at 1:30

### Additional Information

Please click on the image be-



### PTA Christmas Raffle

To purchase your raffle tickets please [click here](#). The raffle will be drawn at the Christmas fair.

### Roblox

With the Xmas holidays coming up, a reminder that Roblox has parental settings, and it's also worth checking what age your child has used if they have created their own profile. There have been some reports of pop up adverts appearing in Roblox which are not age appropriate. Please remind children not to click on pop-ups but to seek the advice of their parents/carers first. Instructions for Roblox parental settings are easily available online. If you are having difficulty setting these up, please do come and speak to us in school.

### Parking at the Village Hall

A reminder that the area in front of the hall is reserved for those paying to use the hall. Please can you avoid parking here. This week, village hall users had their classes disrupted so parents could access blocked cars. Thank you for your support with this.

### Dates for this term

Date and time	Event
Sat 13th Dec 12.00	Christmas Fair
Tues 16th Dec	KS1 Party Afternoon—MUFTI
Weds 17th Dec	KS2 Film afternoon—MUFTI
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	School PANTO visit
Fri 19th Dec	School ends for Christmas 1.30pm

### Dates for Spring Half Term

Date and time	Event
Mon 5th Jan	INSET DAY, school closed to children <b>No forest school this half term</b>
Tues 6th Jan	Children return
Weds 7th Jan	Hinduism workshops Classes 3-5
Mon 12th Jan	School council and house captains to Houses of Parliament
Mon 2nd Feb	Wellbeing week
Tues 10th Feb	SEND and PPG coffee morning
Weds 11th Feb	Ash Wednesday service in Church
Thurs 12th Feb	Perform workshop Classes 1 and 2
Fri 13th Feb	Last day of half term

### Outstanding payments

We have some accounts in Arbor with outstanding debts to pay. If you see a negative figure on your child's account (e.g. meals, uniform, wraparound care), can you please top up this account or contact the office if you are unsure of the details. Many thanks.



### Parties

KS1 party is Tues 16th and KS2 film afternoon is Weds 17th. A reminder that children are welcome to wear Mufti or Christmas jumpers.

### Christmas Lunch

Today is the deadline to sign up for a Christmas lunch on Wednesday 17th. A reminder that everyone is invited to wear bright / Christmas jumpers on this day.

### Christmas Tree

Many thanks to Mr Landers for donating the Christmas tree at the front of the school and for putting it up!



Remember to send a packed lunch on Panto day!

