

Weekly Newsletter

23rd January 2026



Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

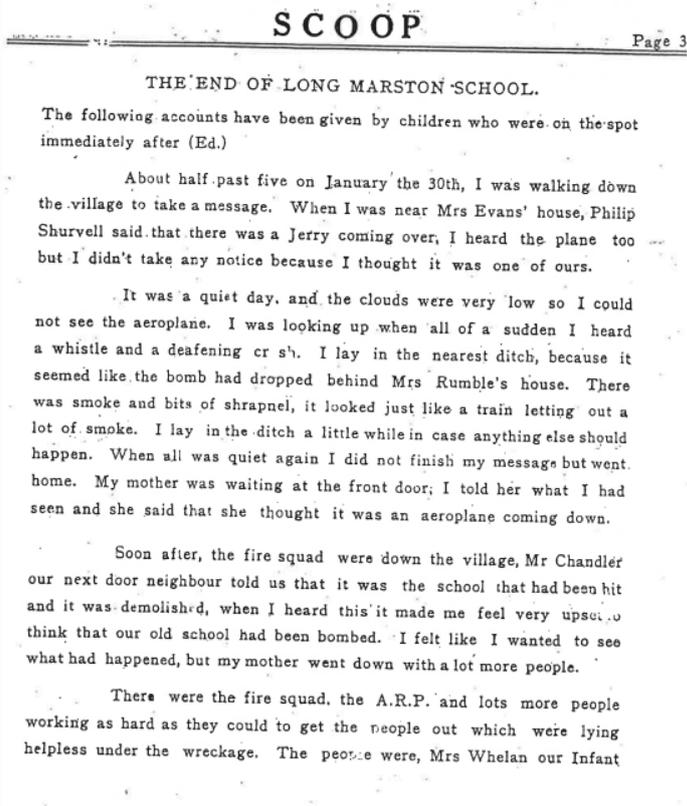
Long Marston History— 1942

Next week marks a significant moment in the history of Long Marston School. On 30th January 1942, a bomb fell on the school, as described in this article from the school magazine. Tragically, the infant teacher, Mrs Whelan, lost her life in the incident.

Following this event, the school was rebuilt on a different site (where we are now). The only part remaining from the original school building is a black metal gate which we now use as the access gate to our boiler room, which can be seen from the front of the school. This important chapter of our history forms part of our curriculum and is shared with children when they learn about World War Two and during worship. We are lucky to have copies of Scoop, the magazine written by children, which provide plenty of first hand accounts from the time.

If you are interested in learning more about this incident and other local history, this website (www.tringruralhistory.co.uk) contains further fascinating information and accounts.

Kind Regards, *Mrs Laura Whateley*



Author Event - KS2

On Thursday 5th February, KS2 children will be joining a live online event to meet author and illustrator Rob Biddulph. He will be talking about his new book, The Last Wolf, aimed at children age 8-12. There is an option for you to purchase a copy of the book for your child from Our Bookshop in Tring, who are hosting the event. These books will be signed on the day and delivered to school following the event. Please select our school from the drop down list on the ordering page.

Values Award

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

Class 1

Charlie for helping the grown ups look after the resources and tidying up, demonstrating kindness.

Class 2

Kara for demonstrating all of our Christian values, especially kindness towards her friends.

Class 3

Mac for demonstrating all of 3 of our school's Christian values, all of the time.

Class 4

Isabelle for always showing resilience, respect and kindness, setting a good example for those around her.

Class 5

Alana for her resilience with her writing and for producing some wonderful work this week.

House Points

Larks 116

Martins 226

Swifts 155

Congratulations to the **Martins!**

Attendance this week

Class 1 96.6%

Class 2 96.4%

Class 3 98.1% Well Done!

Class 4 97.6%

Class 5 88.5%

Whole School Attendance this year: 95.0%

Target for the Year: 96%

Coming Up

Tuesday 27th January

- Summer Sports - lunchtime
- Mini Olympics (KS1)

Wednesday 28th January

- Gardening Club - lunchtime

Thursday 29th January

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

Friday 30th January

- Piano Lessons
- Spanish Lessons



Packed Lunch reminder

For those children bringing in packed lunch please be cognitive of potential choking hazards and ensure that food is cut appropriately to prevent choking. We have outlined some of the common foods below. However, for more information please [click here](#).

- Small, round foods: Cut grapes, cherry tomatoes, berries, and olives lengthwise into quarters.
- Sausages and hot dogs: Cut into short, narrow strips lengthwise and remove the skins.
- Hard fruits and raw vegetables: Cook or steam items like carrots and apples until soft. When raw, cut them into narrow batons or grate them.

Mini Olympics– KS1

Mini Olympics is being held on a Tuesday after school for children in KS1. Numbers are currently a little low and it would be great to be able to offer this activity for our younger children. If your child is interested please contact Game on using the information [here](#).

Parking

We kindly ask all parents and carers to be respectful of our neighbours when parking at drop-off and pick-up times. We recognise that parking in the area is very limited; however, please do not park in front of the village hall after 9am or on pavements. Pavements must remain clear so that pedestrians, including those with pushchairs and wheelchairs, can pass safely and easily. Thank you for your cooperation and for helping to keep our community safe and considerate for everyone.

Dates for Spring Half Term

Date and time	Event
Mon 2nd Feb	Wellbeing week—spirituality focus
Thurs 5th Feb	KS2 online author visit—Rob Biddulph
Tues 10th Feb 9.00	SEND and PPG coffee morning Headteacher afternoon tea
Weds 11th Feb 9.15	Ash Wednesday service in Church Perform workshop Classes 1 and 2
Fri 13th Feb	Last day of half term
Mon 23rd Feb	Children return to school
Mon 9th March 3.30-6.00	Parent teacher consultations
Weds 11th Mar 9.15	Mothering Sunday service in church
Weds 11th Mar 5-7.30	Parent teacher consultations evening
Weds 18th Mar eve	Year 6 SATs information evening with Mrs Soar
Thurs 19th Mar	Class 2 Cake sale
Sat 21st Mar	Bridgewater Cross Country KS2
Mon 23rd Mar	Lacrosse taster sessions
Tues 24th Mar	Lacrosse taster sessions
Weds 25th Mar 9.15	Easter Service in Church
Fri 27th Mar 1.30	End of term

Forest school volunteers

After half term Class 3 will be taking part in Forest School. If any parents are able to volunteer on a Thursday even if its just for one session it would be much appreciated. If you are interested please contact the school office.



Class 1 Uniform

Please could anyone who has borrowed school uniform in Class 1 or Class 2 please return them to school as we are running very low on our spares. Alternatively, if anyone has any trousers/joggers donations in age 4-5 or 5-6 it would be most appreciated.

Caldecotte payments

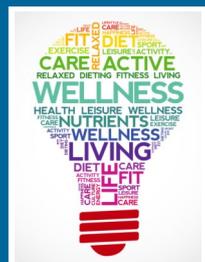
Just a reminder for the Caldecotte residential the instalments are due as follows:

05/01	£80.40
02/02	£80.40
02/03	£80.40
06/04	£80.40
05/05	£80.40

Arbor payments

Please could we ask you to check your Arbor accounts and ensure that any outstanding monies are paid.

If you are having difficulties clearing any debts please contact the school office.



Wellbeing Week
2nd – 6th February

