

Weekly Newsletter

6th February 2026



Message from the Head

Wellbeing week

The children have had the most wonderful week and I hope they have come home telling you all about the fun things they have taken part in. On Monday family groups moved around school taking part in 'Wow and Now' moments from exciting science experiments making potions to worry dolls and mindfulness finger print trees, they all thoroughly enjoyed the morning. For the rest of the week children have been learning about looking after their mental health and today everyone enjoyed the circus skills workshops. I hope these photos give a flavour of the fun week the children have had.



The staff haven't been forgotten this week either with treats in the staffroom donated by the office and Home Ground Café plus no staff meeting; looking after their wellbeing too!

Headteacher Award for Spring 1

Congratulations to the following children who will join me for afternoon tea next Tuesday. They have been nominated as they consistently demonstrate the school's values.

Class 1 have chosen Elara. She approaches all learning with a positive willingness to have a go; she works hard on her next steps and perseveres to improve her work. She always has a smile on her face and happily plays with all the children in our class. She is kind, caring, and inclusive. Well done Elara!

Charlotte is an amazing member of **class 2**. She is always ready to learn and takes pride in her work. She tries her hardest with every piece of work she completes. Charlotte consistently demonstrates school values. She is especially kind to her friends and is very respectful to adults. Charlotte is very polite to everyone in school. She has a great sense of humor and is very helpful to everyone in school. Charlotte is a joy to have in class 2.

Class 3's award for this half term goes to Arthur. Arthur demonstrates all of our school values as a kind, respectful and resilient member of Class 3. He has matured this year and is making great progress in his learning. He has a great sense of humour and is a pleasure to have in the class.

Our HT award for **class 4** is for Peggy. Without exception, Peggy is kind, respectful and resilient every day. She is considerate towards her classmates and will go out of her way to offer them support or a kind word when needed. She makes it a priority to do her best in every area of her learning, and will ask for guidance if there is anything she hasn't understood. Her positive, hard-working attitude will take her far!

Class 5's award this half term goes to Cody. Cody has demonstrated fabulous resilience in his learning; he is determined to do his best and always keeps trying, aiming to improve and get things right. He is respectful in class and shows he is listening and ready to learn. Well done Cody!

Kind Regards

Mrs Laura Whateley

Values Award

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

Class 1

Felicity for excellent phonics progress and super resilience reading words with 5 sounds.

Class 2

Violet for being really kind and demonstrating all our values

Class 3

Josh for showing great resilience and working incredibly hard on his handwriting and presentation.

Class 4

Mia-Rose for being resilient in the face of a challenge and never giving up.

Class 5

Harry for having consistently great focus and resilience with all his learning.

House Points

Larks 272

Martins 244

Swifts 190

Congratulations to the Larks!

Attendance this week

Class 1 97.3%

Class 2 91.3%

Class 3 91.8% Well Done!

Class 4 96.7%

Class 5 88.5%

Whole School Attendance this

year: **94.9%**

Target for the Year: 95.3%

Coming Up

Tuesday 10th February

- Summer Sports - lunchtime
- Mini Olympics (KS1)

Wednesday 11th February

- Gardening Club - lunchtime

Thursday 12th February

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

Friday 13th February

- Piano Lessons
- Spanish Lessons



Read Write Inc. Development Day

On Thursday, our Read Write Inc. phonics consultant spent the day looking at how we teach early reading, and especially how we teach phonics. The rapid progress of our children from their starting points was evident and all the teachers who teach phonics demonstrated expert knowledge and understanding. It is really helpful to have external practitioners come into school to validate the approaches that we use. Well done to all the staff who teach phonics and especially Mrs Garner Veal who leads phonics across the school so brilliantly.

Come and work at Long Marston

We have an exciting opportunity for an After School Club Assistant to join the team at Long Marston. We are looking for a caring, enthusiastic and reliable person to join our After School Club team. The role involves supporting children at the end of the school day and helping to create a safe, happy and engaging environment.

Hours : 3.00pm - 4.15pm or 3.00-5.30pm

Days : Flexible (to be agreed)

Contract : Term time only

Experience of working with children is desirable but not essential. These roles often lead to further work within the school, making this an ideal opportunity for someone looking to gain experience in an educational setting.

Safeguarding:

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. The successful applicant will be subject to appropriate safeguarding checks, including an enhanced DBS check.

For more information, please contact the school office on admin@longmarston.herts.sch.uk

Dates for Spring Half Term

Date and time	Event
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
Thurs 5th March	World Book Day - Children welcome to dress up in their favourite book character and bring the book their character is from
Mon 9th March 3.30-6.00	Parent teacher consultations - in person
Weds 11th Mar 9.15	Mothering Sunday service in church
Weds 11th Mar 5-7.30	Parent teacher consultations evening - online
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

Class 5 - Caldecotte Trip

If your child is due to be participating in the Caldecotte residential trip in the summer please can you ensure that you are keeping up to date with your instalment payments. Payments are due on the following dates: 2nd February, 2nd March, 2nd April, 2nd May - £80.40 for each instalment. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the school office.



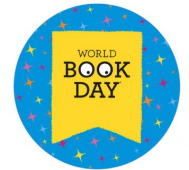
Forest school volunteers

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.

Mufti Day - Donation

A friendly reminder that we are asking for a £2 donation for coming to school in mufti today. You can still make payment via Arbor.

All monies will be used to pay for the fabulous Circus skills workshop that the children took part in today.



World Book Day
Thursday 5th March

