

Weekly Newsletter

27th February 2026



Message from the Head

School Lunch Ordering

A warm welcome back and I hope you enjoyed the break from routine last week. With only 5 weeks in this half term, there is a lot to fit in and we have hit the ground running. A big thank you from myself and the office team as we transition to new school meal ordering arrangements. We are hoping that this leads to less food waste in the kitchen and ensuring children can always eat what they would like, avoiding running out of anything on the day! We would appreciate your feedback on the process and will be tweaking as we go along. We have already changed the time you can book meaning you can now order lunches until 8.00am on the day of the lunch.

This term, we have a fabulous new cook. The quality of the food is great and she has some lovely ideas about how to improve things further. On World Book Day, she will be offering a special menu (see menu in weekly letters). If your child hasn't tried lunches for a while, it may be worth giving it a go. You can make your choice [here](#).

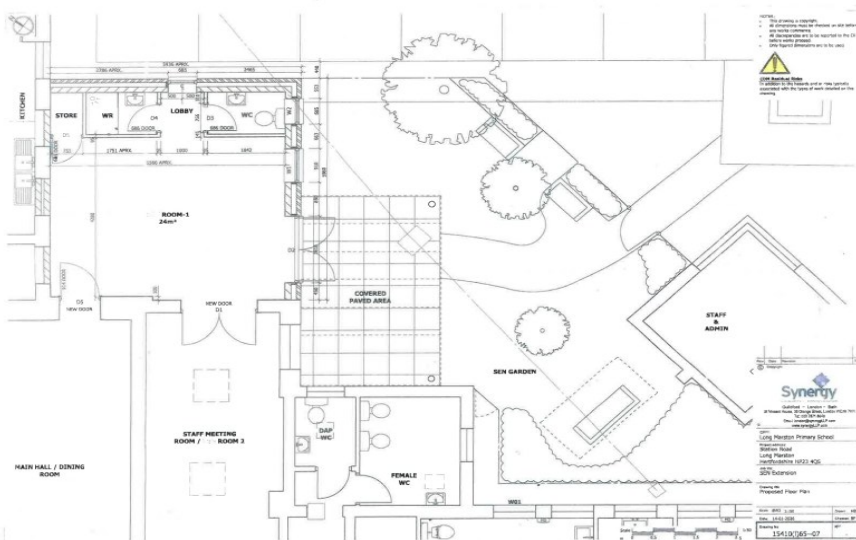
Group Intervention space - Extension

As a school, and in line with the national and local trend, we are seeing an increasing number of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), including some pupils with more complex and specialist levels of need. In response to this, we are carefully reviewing how we adapt both our learning environment and our curriculum to ensure we are meeting the needs of all children as effectively as possible.

I am excited to announce that the Diocese has agreed to fund a small extension to the front of school (on some of the grassed area) for a small group intervention space, a toilet and a small outdoor learning area. This will enhance our Red Kite room provision and the support we can give children with SEND. We are expecting this work to begin in April / May and should be finished by the end of the summer holidays. The plans for this development are below.

At last the sun is shining and I hope you manage to get out and enjoy some this weekend!

Best wishes,
Mrs Laura Whateley



Values Award

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

Class 1

Finley for fantastic resilience with his speedy green word reading practice both in school and at home. Super work Finley!

Class 2

Henry D. for demonstrating resilience in all areas of the curriculum especially handwriting and always being kind and respectful.

Class 3

Isla for showing resilience and having a positive attitude to her learning.

Class 4

Alex for demonstrating resilience and effort in his attitude to learning.

Class 5

Felicity for always being kind, polite and respectful.

House Points

Larks 257

Martins 206

Swifts 159

Congratulations to the **Larks!**

Attendance this week

Class 1 92.0%

Class 2 93.5%

Class 3 96.2% Well Done!

Class 4 96.1%

Class 5 87.2%

Whole School Attendance this year: 94.6%

Coming Up

Monday 2nd March

- Chess - lunchtime

Tuesday 3rd March

- Summer Sports - lunchtime
- Mini Olympics (KS1)

Wednesday 4th March

- Gardening Club - lunchtime

Thursday 5th March

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

Friday 6th March

- Piano Lessons

Additional Information

Please click on the image below ...



World Book Day Thursday 5th March

At school, we have planned a number of fun activities linked to reading for this year's World Book Day. **We are inviting children to come to school dressed as a favourite book character. Equally no costume is fine if children prefer. Please could they also bring with them a copy of the book their character is from, as teachers have planned activities in class using these books.**

🌸 LONG MARSTON SCHOOL PTA PRESENTS 🌸
Mothing Sunday Gift Shop 🌸
 Friday 13th March

We are delighted to be running our annual Mothing Sunday Gift Shop at school! Children will have the opportunity to choose a thoughtful gift - including plants and small keepsakes - for someone who plays a loving role in their family. Whether that's Mum, Grandma, Auntie, Step-parent, Carer or anyone special at home ❤️

📖 What you need to know:

- Please send your child to school with no more than £10 cash
- Gifts will be reasonably priced starting from £1
- Children will choose independently with support from PTA volunteers

It's always a lovely event and a wonderful opportunity for the children to surprise someone special at home. Thank you for supporting the PTA 🌸

Computer Appeal

Long Marston School are appealing to parents if they know anyone who works for large companies that might be updating their laptops if the company would consider recycling them and donating them to the school.

The minimum spec that we would gratefully receive would be:

- Windows 10/11
- Min 4 GB ram
- Hard Drive 256GB hard drive or larger
- Screen size any
- Ipad's
- 11 inch or above

Bridgewater KS2 Cross Country – Deadline Monday

On **Saturday 21st March**, KS2 children are invited to compete in the Bridgewater Cross Country Race in Berkhamsted. Last year was the first year Long Marston took part and our children did really well. Classes run the daily mile every day and have a good level of fitness. If your child would like to take part, please sign up on Arbor.

Please can everyone sign up by Monday 2nd March as we have to let Bridgewater know numbers. More information will follow for children who sign up. Additionally, if children want extra practice in advance of this, Tring Junior Park run is running every Saturday morning at 9.00am. Many thanks to Lucy Hill who will be coordinating our runners on the day.

Dates for this half term

Date and time	Event
Mon 2nd March	Deadline to sign up for Bridgewater cross country
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	Mothing Sunday service in church - parents welcome
Weds 11th Mar 5-7.30	Parent teacher consultations evening - online
Tues 17th Mar	Y5 and Y6 Talent Show auditions
Weds 18th Mar eve	Year 6 SATs information evening with Mrs Soar
Thurs 19th Mar	Class 2 Cake sale - no nuts. Allergens labelled
Fri 20th Mar	Y3 and Y4 Talent Show auditions
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 - parents welcome
	Talent Show dress rehearsal
Fri 27th Mar 9.15	Long Marston's Got Talent
1.30	End of term - early collection



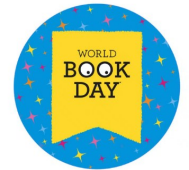
Booking parent teacher consultations

Bookings are open for parent consultations on the 9th and 11th March. Click [here](#) for Schoolcloud.

Young Carers

Young Carers is available for pupils who regularly help to care for a family member at home due to illness, disability, mental health needs or substance misuse. This includes supporting siblings, parents or grandparents. This might include helping with practical tasks, providing emotional support, or taking on responsibilities beyond what would usually be expected for their age. If you feel your child may be a young carer, or would like to find out more about the support available, please contact the school office in confidence or contact young carers directly here:

[Young Carers service - Carers in Herts](#)



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