

# Weekly Newsletter

13th March 2026



## Message from the Head

### World Book Day

It was lovely to see so many families join us at church for our Mothering Sunday service on Wednesday, led by Rev. Jane and our Year 6 children. They did a fantastic job sharing readings, prayers and spoke with real confidence. All the children sang beautifully. The worship gave us a chance to pause and think about all the people who care for and support us in our lives. Thank you to everyone who came along and helped make it such a special and joyful occasion. A reminder that there is a Sunday service at All Saints Church, Long Marston, this Sunday at 10.00am if you didn't manage to make the service in school this week.



### After School Club

We have managed to secure staffing and will now be back to running After School Club Mon-Thurs until 5.30. Apologies for these changes.

Kind regards,

*Mrs Laura Whateley*

### Bridgewater cross country Saturday 21st March

Thank you to the children who have signed up to run at Bridgewater Primary School, representing Long Marston. Individuals who have signed up have been emailed a letter with more information today.

### Class 3 & 4 - Royal Gunpowder Mills

Next term, as part of their Science topic, Class 3 & 4 will be visiting the **Royal Gunpowder Mills** on **Thursday 30th April 2026**. They will be taking part in a workshop and exploring the Gunpowder Railway and exhibitions. Further information regarding payment and consent will follow shortly.

### Values Award

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

#### Class 1

**Rose** for demonstrating kindness in her play and always helping others sharing toys.

#### Class 2

**Arthur** for demonstrating resilience in maths. Always trying his very best.

#### Class 3

**Ava** for showing kindness to a friend.

#### Class 4

**James** for resilience and perseverance with his handwriting.

#### Class 5

**Thomas** for listening carefully and showing resilience in his learning this week, especially art and writing.

### House Points

Larks 163

Martins 206

Swifts 101

Congratulations to the **Martins!**

### Attendance this week

Class 1 92.4%

Class 2 94.3%

Class 3 95.6% Well Done!

Class 4 93.8%

Class 5 88.5%

Whole School Attendance this year: 94.6%

Target for the Year: 95.3%

## Coming Up

### Monday 16th March

- Chess - lunchtime

### Tuesday 17th March

- Summer Sports - lunchtime
- Mini Olympics (KS1)

### Wednesday 18th March

- Gardening Club - lunchtime

### Thursday 19th March

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

### Friday 20th March

- Piano Lessons

### Additional Information

Please click on the image below ...



## Class 2 - Cake Sale

Just a reminder that the class 2 cake sale is on Thursday 19th March. Please bring any donations into school in the morning. Just a reminder that all donations need to be nut free due and labelled with any allergens due to severe allergies within our school community.



## HAPpy Easter Camps

The Easter holidays are about to get extra exciting with HAPpy Camps! HAPpy Camps offer free sessions for all Hertfordshire children who get benefits-related free school meals. There's fun, physical activity and a hot lunch on offer. The programme, funded by Hertfordshire County Council and the Department of Education (DfE) via the government's Holiday Activity and Food programme, is coordinated by Herts Sport & Physical Activity Partnership and the Hertfordshire Community Foundation. If your child is eligible you will have received the code. If you didn't receive the code please contact the office.

## World Down Syndrome Day 21st March

Next week, on Friday, we will be celebrating World Down Syndrome day by wearing funky, odd socks to represent celebrating difference. We will be holding an assembly about Down's Syndrome, how someone is born with the condition and how every person with Down's Syndrome is unique and special and has their own unique strengths, characteristics and personalities. Down's Syndrome is just a tiny part of what makes a person. Makaton is an important part of our curriculum and it is used to help support children develop early communication.



## Dates for this half term

Date and time	Event
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 World Downs' Syndrome Day - wear odd socks to celebrate differences
Sat 21st Mar	Bridgewater Cross Country KS2—see letter
Mon 23rd Mar	Dodgeball taster sessions
Tues 24th Mar	Dodgeball taster sessions
Weds 25th Mar 9.15	Easter Service in Church - parents welcome. <b>Nursery children to be accompanied by an adult please.</b> Talent Show dress rehearsal
Fri 27th Mar 9.15	Long Marston's Got Talent Dare to be different day - to celebrate Autism Awareness ( MUFTI)
1.30	End of term - early collection
Mon 13th Apr	Children return to school

## Nursery Applications for rising 3s - September 2026

(Click on image to apply)



Application deadline: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
Offer date: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
Accept your place by: Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

If we have available spaces, we may continue to accept applications in the Summer term.

## KS2 Swimming Lessons - Summer term

Please check this week's letters for news of swimming lessons for KS2 - [here](#).



## Junior Meal Price Increase

From April, HCL are putting up the price of meals for Junior children. From after the Easter holidays, KS2 meals will cost £3.60.

## Talent show

For the talent show auditions in the next couple of weeks, KS2 children who would like to take part need to prepare a performance less than 2 minutes long. They don't need costumes for the rehearsals, just for the dress rehearsal and performance. If children are successful they will be told at the audition.

## Class 2 - Forest school

Class 2 will commence their forest school sessions on 23rd April. Letters will be coming out in due course. In the meantime if you are able to volunteer on a Thursday please contact the school office.



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