

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 27th March 2026



Message from the Head

Bridgewater cross country

Long Marston once again put in a great effort at the Bridgewater cross country last Saturday. It was a beautiful, sunny day and we were joined by hundreds of other children across the area. Musa, Finlay H, Arthur D, Freddie, Ava H, Isabelle, Iqra, Juliette, Evelyn and Eesha all did amazingly and worked so hard. Evelyn, Finlay and Ava were all placed in the top 10 for their races. Go team Long Marston! Thanks to Lucy Hill for supervising on the day.



Talent show

This morning we held Long Marston's Got Talent 2026. We were treated with some fantastic acts from singing and dancing to drums and piano. Everyone had clearly put in a lot of practice and it was a great show. Congratulations to:

- 1st Place:** Victor (Class 4) doing a magic show
- 2nd Place:** Holly A, Ivy and Daniella (Class 4) dancing to Benson Boone
- 3rd Place:** Finley H (Class 4) playing the drums
- Runners up:** Heidi and Ollie dancing to Madness



I hope you have a restful Easter break and we look forward to the children returning on 13th April for the Summer term.

Kind regards,

Mrs Laura Whateley



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. Your child will have received a letter today.

Book Meal Choices

Just a reminder to make sure that you have made your meal choice bookings for school dinners next term via Arbor.

Trip Payments

If your child is in Class 3 or 4 or participating in swimming please ensure that you have made the payments via Arbor.



House Points

Larks 160
Martins 127
Swifts 123
Congratulations to the Larks!

Coming Up

Monday 13th April

- Chess - lunchtime

Tuesday 14th March

- Summer Sports - lunchtime

Wednesday 15th March

- Gardening Club - lunchtime

Thursday 16th March

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

Friday 17th March

- Piano Lessons

Additional Information

Please click on the image below



Swimming

If your child is participating in swimming you will have received a letter via email.

Sapphire Gymnastics - Play & Stay

If you have a child who is starting in reception or nursery in September, Sapphire, Pitstone are offering a gymnastics session for your little ones to get to know some of their new classmates. Further information can be found [here](#).

Hertfordshire SEND Provision

The Hertfordshire SEND Local Area Partnership has developed a [SEND Provision Plan 2026-29](#) which supports the delivery of the [new SEND Strategy for 2026–2029](#). The strategy sets out their shared ambitions to improve outcomes for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

More children and young people in Hertfordshire are requiring additional support at school, many presenting with increasingly more complex needs than in the past. Families have consistently told us they want clearer pathways and better local options. In response, this Special Education, Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Provision Plan outlines how we will strengthen support in local schools, increase specialist provision where it is needed, and ensure every child receives the right help, in the right place, at the right time.

Feedback gathered so far has helped identify key priorities and has informed the five core elements of the draft SEND Provision Plan:

- Strengthen capacity in mainstream schools
- Expand specialist capacity in mainstream schools
- Create more special school places
- Update special school designations
- Child centred placements

As part of the SEND Provision Consultation running from 23 March to 15 June 2026, they are seeking your views on whether the plan reflects your priorities, and how it can be further strengthened before it is finalised.

You can share your feedback by completing a [short survey](#) or by attending one of the consultation events. All details on how to get involved are available on the Local Offer: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/SENDProvisionPlan

Dates up until Summer 1 half term

Date and time	Event
Mon 13th April	Children return to school
Thurs 16th April	Class 3 final forest school
Mon 20th April	First KS2 swimming lesson
Thurs 23rd April	Class 2 forest school begins
Thurs 30th April	Class 3 Trip to Gunpowder Museum
Mon 4th May	Bank Holiday
Tues 5th May 9.30	Class 5 Maypole and Class 5 bake sale
Thurs 7th May	Bikeability Year 3
Fri 8th May	Bikeability Year 3
Mon 11th - Thurs 14th May	SATs week Year 6—SATs breakfast before school
Weds 20th May	SEND and PPG coffee morning HT afternoon tea
Thurs 21st May	Last forest school Class 2
Fri 22nd May	Break up for half term
Mon 1st June	INSET Day
Tues 2nd June	Children return to school

Book Wishlist

Did you know we have a book wishlist? This enables us to top up class bookshelves with new and exciting books for the children to enjoy. If you would like to buy us a book, you can do so here:

<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/wishlists/5ea1b767597657e0ac295f9a8098d541>

If you nominate our school at the checkout stage, we also receive 25% of the book cost to spend on further books.



Tennis Fun

The Long Marston tennis club is having an open day with a session for children on Saturday 4th April. Children of all ages welcome between 12 and 2pm. Short rackets and soft balls on small courts provide a great introduction and lots of fun. There will be an Easter Egg hunt too.

Let us know if you plan to come or for more info email longmarstontennisclub@gmail.com



Start of Summer Term
Monday 13th April

