

Weekly Newsletter

20th March 2026



Message from the Head

Headteacher Award for this half term

Congratulations to the following children who have been awarded Headteacher award for this half term. I look forward to welcoming the following children to afternoon tea next Tuesday afternoon.

Class 1 has chosen Ellie to be awarded the headteacher award this term. Ellie displays all the school values daily. She has made exceptional progress with her learning, which she demonstrated by writing a fabulous pirate sentence using her phonics, punctuation and forming her letters beautifully. Ellie responds well with next step targets and can be relied upon to give all the learning on offer an attempt. She is kind, caring and inclusive in her play and always respectful with the adults and the environment. Well done Ellie!

Amelia is an amazing member of **class 2**. She is resilient and enjoys her learning. Amelia works hard in all lessons and enjoys a variety subjects. She tries hard with every task that she is asked to do. Amelia is kind to her friends and is very respectful to adults. Amelia is a helpful child who is always asking to help. She likes helping both adults and her peers. Well done Amelia.

Evelyn is a valuable member of **class 3**. She demonstrates all three of our school values at all times. She is kind to others, is respectful to adults and children alike and shows great resilience in her attitude to her learning and to school life. She challenges herself and works hard at home as well as in school.

Class 4 have chosen Gracie. Gracie constantly impresses us. Her positivity and resilience in the face of a challenge have led to great progress in her learning since the autumn; everything she does gets 100% of her effort. Thanks to her kindness and respect for everyone, Gracie has made lots of new friends at Long Marston and is a valued member of class 4. Well done, Gracie!

Class 5's award this half term goes to Alice. Alice is a calm, focused, hardworking member of class 5 having a positive influence on all around her in the classroom. She consistently puts 100% effort into her work, thinking carefully about applying class learning and as a result has made some excellent progress particularly in writing. Her determination and resilience to do her best have also contributed to this. Alice is a kind friend, looking out for others and always willing to lend a hand. Well done Alice!

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 tomorrow, representing Long Marston. Best of luck in your races!

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**. Further information can be found [here](#).

Values Award

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

Class 1

Bobby for demonstrating resilience with his daily sentence writing and letter formation.

Class 2

Eden demonstrates all of our school values, resilience with her work and kindness and respect to all of her friends.

Class 3

Mac for showing resilience and working really well in his assessments this week.

Class 4

Jasmine for hard work, dedication and resilience in learning times tables.

Class 5

Johnny for his kindness, he is always so quick to offer help to his classmates and teachers.

House Points

Larks 263

Martins 288

Swifts 175

Congratulations to the **Martins!**

Attendance this week

Class 1 100.0% Well Done!

Class 2 96.9%

Class 3 97.8%

Class 4 93.3%

Class 5 96.6%

Whole School Attendance this year: 94.7%

Coming Up

Monday 23rd March

- Chess - lunchtime

Tuesday 24th March

- Summer Sports - lunchtime
- Mini Olympics (KS1)

Wednesday 25th March

- Gardening Club - lunchtime

Thursday 26th March

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

Friday 27th March

- Piano Lessons
- Finish at 1:30pm

Additional Information

Please click on the image below ...



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

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.



Request from Class 3

Class 3 have kindly asked if you have any old cushions (not the covers) can you please donate to so that they can use the wadding to stuff the cushions, which they are making in DT. Many thanks

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.



Dates up until Summer 1 half term

Date and time	Event
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. Nursery children to be accompanied by an adult please.
	Talent Show dress rehearsal
Thurs 26th	Family group Easter Egg hunt
Fri 27th Mar 9.15	Long Marston's Got Talent Dare to be different day - to celebrate Autism Awareness (Children can wear MUFTI)
1.30	End of term - early collection
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



Talent show

For the talent show dress rehearsal on Tuesday next week, KS2 children who have been selected (all of them!) need to bring their costumes and props for a run through. The performance is next Friday and children can come to school dressed ready for their performance as it is a MUFTI day.

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.



Last day of term
Friday 27th March - 1.30pm collection

