

# Weekly Newsletter

17th April 2026



## Message from the Head

### Welcome back to the summer term

Dear parents and carers,  
Welcome back to the Summer Term – without a doubt the busiest (and most exciting!) of the year. With Sports Day, the Summer Fair, SATs tests, residentials and a range of trips all on the horizon, there's so much for our children to look forward to. It's a term packed with opportunities, challenges and memorable experiences.

### Swimming

On Monday, selected children in KS2 will start this term's swimming. The bus for swimming will leave promptly at 9.00am so please ensure your children are at school on time. The bus will not be able to wait. Please could children come dressed in their swimming kits under their clothes to speed things up. All KS2 children can come to school dressed in PE Kit. We recommend children bring a healthy, nut-free snack for after swimming; it always makes the children hungry!

### MTC check year 4

Every summer, year 4 children take part in a Multiplication Table Check. This is a national, government assessment. The children have been doing a lot of practice in school but if they are able to continue to consolidate these important times tables with regular practice at home, on TT rock stars, it will certainly help.

### School lunches

Thank you for your support in the changes to booking school lunches. The office team are still spending a lot of time ringing round to chase bookings which have been forgotten. Please can I ask that you ensure all bookings are made the evening before to help save precious time in the office.

### School cleaner

Over the Easter holidays, the company that provides our school cleaners went into administration. We are urgently seeking a school cleaner for after school, 2.5 hours a day, term time only. We are offering above minimum wage for an organised person with great attention to detail, to work in our friendly, supportive team. If you know anyone interested in this role, please ask them to contact the school office for more information. Safeguarding checks apply to this role.

Kind regards,

*Mrs Laura Whateley*

### Dacorum Young Artist

Congratulations to Freddie H who entered the Year 3 and 4 Dacorum Young Artists Competition and won 'Best in Long Marston School'. He's been invited to see his work on display and there will be a presentation for the overall winners in Dacorum. Good luck Freddie!

### PE Days - Summer Term 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
All Classes  (KS2 – swimming for selected children)	Classes 4 and 5		Classes 2 and 3	Class 1

### Values Award

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

#### Class 1

**Remy** for demonstrating resilience with his injury and continued participation in activities with enthusiasm and determination.

#### Class 2

**Kacey** for being kind and respectful. She had good manners and is kind to her friends.

#### Class 3

**Roman** for showing determination and resilience in learning his times tables.

#### Class 4

**Juliette** for always participating in class discussions and sharing her ideas with confidence.

#### Class 5

**Harry** for his respectful attitude in class and a super piece of writing about WW2 evacuation.

### House Points

Larks 141

Martins 87

Swifts 127

**Congratulations to the Larks!**

### Attendance this week

Class 1 94.6%

Class 2 95.5%

Class 3 93.8%

Class 4 98.3% **Well Done!**

Class 5 93.4%

**Whole School Attendance this year: 94.6%**

## Coming Up

### Monday 20th April

- Chess - lunchtime

### Tuesday 21st April

- Summer Sports - lunchtime

### Wednesday 22nd April

- Gardening Club - lunchtime

### Thursday 23rd April

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

### Friday 24th April

- Piano Lessons

### Additional Information

Please click on the image below ...



## Year 1, 2 & Reception - Pirate Day workshop

We have a specialised History company coming into school on 7th July to facilitate an exciting Pirate Day for the children. Further information about the day and payment can be found [here](#).

On the same day nursery will be partaking in their own pirate themed day, details can be found [here](#).

## Year 6 update

An email has been sent out regarding SATS and Maypole to Year 6 parents and carers. These have been sent from Arbor and come from the admin@longmarston.herts.sch.uk email address. Please ensure that this address is saved in your favourites so as you receive all the updates.

## Clubs - Summer Term

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY				
Chess (KS2)	Dodgeball (KS1 & KS2)	Summer Sports (KS1)	Gardening Club (KS1 & KS2)	Girls Football (KS2)	Cheerleading (KS1 & KS2)	French (KS1)	Football (KS2)
LUNCHTIME	LUNCHTIME	15:15-16:15	LUNCHTIME	LUNCHTIME	15:15-16:15	15:15-16:15	15:15-16:15
Kings and Queens (click here to book direct)	Game On (just turn up)	Game On (click here to book direct)	Mrs Buckley (sign up in Arbor)	Game On (just turn up)	Complete Sport (click here to book direct)	Lingotots (click here to book direct)	Game On (click here to book direct)
20-Apr	21-Apr	21-Apr	22-Apr	23-Apr	23-Apr	23-Apr	23-Apr

## Dates up until Summer 1 half term

Date and time	Event
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
Thurs 21st May	Last forest school Class 2
Fri 22nd May	Break up for half term

## Class 2 - Forest school

Class 2 will commence their forest school sessions next Thursday, 23rd April. We are very short of parent volunteers. Without assistance from parents we will be unable to continue to run the forest school sessions. If you are able to volunteer for even one session for a couple of hours on a Thursday it would be much appreciated. The session times are Morning session 10am-midday, afternoon session 1-3pm. Please contact the school office if you are able to assist.

## 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.



## Class 3 and 4

### Gunpowder Mills trip

Please ensure that you have made your donation for the trip on Thursday 30th April and provided consent for your child to participate. This can be done via Arbor under trips.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

## Meal Choices

We still have a number of parents who haven't made meal choices for their children in Arbor. Please note even if you child has a packed lunch this needs to be entered as a choice.

Your cooperation with this would be hugely appreciated.



**KS2 Swimming**  
**Starts Monday 20th April**

