

Weekly Newsletter

24th April 2026



Message from the Head

Relationships and Sex Education at Long Marston

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our ongoing commitment to providing a high-quality, age-appropriate curriculum, we are writing to consult with you on some proposed updates to our existing Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) provision.

RSE is already a well-established part of our curriculum. In light of the most recent guidance and updates to statutory expectations (2026), we are reviewing and refining our current programme to ensure it remains up to date and continues to meet the needs of our pupils.

We are proposing to deliver our RSE lessons during Summer 2, as we have done previously. These lessons will continue to focus on supporting children's understanding of relationships, health, well-being, and personal development in a safe and sensitive way.

On our website ([here](#)), you will find knowledge organisers for each year group, which outline the proposed learning. These resources, provided through the Jigsaw scheme of work, give a clear overview of the content and vocabulary that will be covered. While much of the content remains the same, there are some proposed changes to when certain topics are taught. For example, conception would be introduced in Year 5 rather than solely in Year 6, and learning about periods would be taught in Year 4 to both boys and girls (previously this was taught to girls only). We believe these adjustments will help ensure children develop a well-rounded understanding of RSE before they leave primary school.

RSE lessons will take place during Summer 2, and children will be taught within their year groups (rather than class groups) to ensure that content is appropriate and tailored to their stage of development. These lessons will take place on Mondays.

It is important to note that Relationships Education (including topics such as friendships, children's rights and responsibilities in relationships, consent, and families) is statutory, and all children are expected to take part. The sex education elements of the programme, which are taught in Years 5 and 6, are not statutory. Parents and carers have the right to withdraw their child from these specific lessons if they wish to do so.

As part of this consultation, we would very much value your feedback on the proposed updates. If you have any questions, comments, or would like to discuss the content further, please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's class teacher, **by Friday 8th May**.

If you are considering withdrawing your child from the sex education elements of the programme, please contact the school office so we can ensure you have full information before making a decision.

We appreciate your time in considering these updates and look forward to your feedback before finalising our RSE curriculum and policy.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Laura Whateley

Values Award

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

Class 1

Sienna-Rose for demonstrating kindness and inclusivity in her play - being a good friend.

Class 2

Alex for working hard in all his targets and for his positive participation in class.

Class 3

Arthur for trying hard with all of his learning. He is enjoying all of his different activities throughout the day.

Class 4

Peggy for focus, hard work and maturity in all her lessons. Peggy is an excellent role model.

Class 5

Timur for his consistently respectful behaviour around school.

House Points

Larks 185

Martins 165

Swifts 59

Congratulations to the Larks!

Attendance this week

Class 1 92.4%

Class 2 92.8%

Class 3 95.6%

Class 4 99.2% Well Done!

Class 5 93.3%

Whole School Attendance this

year: 94.5%

Target for the Year: 96%

Coming Up

Monday 27th April

- Chess - lunchtime

Tuesday 28th April

- Dodgeball - lunchtime
- Summer Sports (KS1&KS2)

Wednesday 29th April

- Gardening Club - lunchtime

Thursday 30th April

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

Friday 1st May

- Piano Lessons

Additional Information

Please click on the image below ...



Game on Year 5 and 6 Football Tournament

On Friday we had an amazing football tournament at Thomas Coram School. Everyone played the game in the correct way and enjoyed the experience. Congratulations to Bishop Wood's Red team who were crowned champions. We added the results from the matches played in the Autumn and Spring Terms to make a final table. I have also included below the player of the tournament for each team.



- Final Table including previous results
- 1st – Bishop Wood – Red team – 16 points
 - 2nd – Long Marston – 13 points
 - 3rd – Aldbury – 12 points
 - 4th – Thomas Coram – 9 points
 - 5th – Little Gad – 5 points
 - 6th – Galley Hill – Red team – 4 points
 - 7th – Holts End – Red Team – 1 point

Well done to Cody who was awarded player of the match for Long Marston!

Dates up until Summer 1 half term

Date and time	Event
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
Fri 22nd May	Break up for half term

Sunscreen and Hats

As we approach the summer and the warmer weather can we ask you to provide your child with a hat and named sunscreen please.

Book Fair

Next Wednesday the Scholastic book fair is going to be visiting school. Children will visit the fair in school time so please send in money if you would like them to purchase a book. Otherwise, the book fair will be open to families after school. A % of the funds raised will be donated to school to buy more books.



Game on Interhouse Hockey Tournament

Last week we completed the 3rd instalment of the Schools Cup and ran a Hockey tournament to coincide with our PE lessons from the previous half term. The table below shows how many points each house accumulated.

1 st	Larks	90
2 nd	Martins	87
3 rd	Swifts	85

Congratulations to the Larks! Our 4th and final instalment will take place in July and then we can crown our overall Schools Cup winners.



Caldecotte Residential

Just a friendly reminder that if your child is attending the Caldecotte residential the final instalment is due to be paid by 5th May.

Please ensure that your payments are up to date and the final instalment is paid in a timely fashion. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

Class 1 snack donations

To give class 1 children a varied snack each day, which they can independently prepare, we purchase additional snack. To help offset the cost of these, we ask for a £5 donation each half term. Payment for these can be made on Arbor, if you are able.



May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 4th May

