

Weekly Newsletter

22nd May 2026



Message from the Head

Dear parents and carers,

Forest School

Some of you may already have heard that we are currently reviewing our Forest School provision for next year. As with many schools, our budget is under significant pressure and Forest School is a substantial cost for us to provide.

We absolutely value the programme and recognise the many benefits it brings to the children and the wider curriculum. Unfortunately, parental contributions this year have not covered even a quarter of the overall cost.

If you are able to do so, we would be very grateful if you could log on to Arbor and make your contribution, even if your child took part earlier in the year. We will be making a decision about the viability of next year's Forest School provision by the 13th June.

Next week is May half term and I really hope you enjoy the week with your family. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 2nd June.

Kind regards

Mrs Laura Whateley

Classes 1 and 2 : Author Event with Beatrice Simpkins

In a couple of weeks, author-illustrator Beatrice Simpkins is visiting Classes 1 and 2 at our school!

She will be sharing her heartwarming debut picture book, Ziggy the Caterpillar's Zigzag Adventure. This vibrant, fun story follows Ziggy—a lovable caterpillar who just can't sit still—on a whirlwind journey of self-discovery. It's a playful celebration of mindfulness, patience, and the beauty of moving through the world in our own unique, wiggly ways.

She will be signing books for the children at the event which will be handed out on the day. Parents, you can order his book from Our Bookshop- click below...

<https://www.ourbookshoptring.co.uk/product/ziggy-the-caterpillars-zigzag-adventure-a-story-about-self-discovery/>

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM BEN AT OUR BOOKSHOP - Please include the students name and class so the books can be labelled up for the event. Postage is not required; we will deliver all the books on the day.

PE days next term - children wear PE kit to school these days

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

Values Award

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

Class 1

Fern demonstrates resilience in all areas of her learning; she is super at rhyming! Well done Fern!

Class 2

Charlotte for demonstrating all of our school values, especially resilience.

Class 3

Harrison for using his phonics to do some writing and showing his resilience.

Class 4

Hendrix for his growing maturity, focus and resilience in his learning - some great knowledge and hard work this week.

Class 5

Charlie for fantastic focus in Art this week, showing great resilience to produce a super final piece.

House Points

Larks 104

Martins 121

Swifts 84

Congratulations to the Martins!

Attendance this week:

Class 1 98.1% Well Done!

Class 2 93.7%

Class 3 94.9%

Class 4 97.1%

Class 5 86.1%

Whole School Attendance this year: 94.5%

Coming Up

Tuesday 2nd June

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

Wednesday 3rd June

- Gardening Club - lunchtime

Thursday 4th June

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

Friday 5th June

- Piano Lessons

Additional Information



PLEASE JOIN US

FRIDAY
26 JUNE
4:30-7:30
HP23 4QS

LONG MARSTON VA
C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

Summer Fair

EVERYONE WELCOME FREE ENTRY

KID'S DISCO · STALLS · HOT FOOD · BAR
ICE CREAM · TOY TOMBOLA · BOTTLE TOMBOLA
INFLATABLE FUN · CANDY FLOSS · RAFFLE

PLEASE PARK RESPECTFULLY AND IN CONSIDERATION OF OUR NEIGHBOURS.
YOUR SUPPORT GOES TOWARDS YOUR PTA AND LONG MARSTON SCHOOL.

AUCTION EVENING:
Fizz, Fish & Fundraising with Fabulous Prizes.
Including a 5 night stay in a Spanish Apartment.

When & Where:
Friday 10th July
Long Marston Village Hall
(Station Road, Long Marston, Tring, Hertfordshire, HP23 4QS)

Doors Open: 6:45pm
Food Served: 7:15pm

Includes:
Complimentary glass of fizz on arrival
Freshly served fish & chips
Fun table quiz
Bar available
Mystery prize for one lucky guest

Tickets: **£15**

Raising funds for the **Red Kite Room** at Long Marston VA C of E Primary School. Supporting pupils with additional needs to thrive.

Join us for a fun-filled evening and help make a difference.

Get your tickets:
Email the organiser - Amy Wiltshire:
amypippamatthews@hotmail.com

Dates up until end of Summer term

Date and time	Event
Mon 1st June	INSET day school closed to children
Tues 2nd June	Children return to school
Thurs 4th June	Class 2 final forest school
Mon 8th June	Year 4 Multiplication check this week
Tues 9th June	Class Photos Author visit Reception to Year 2
Thurs 11th June	Class 1 first forest school
Tues 16th June	Reception Height, Weight, Vision, Hearing check—school nurse
Weds 17th June 9.15	Fathers' Day service in church R-6—please don't park at village hall
Fri 19th June	John Colet transition day Y6
Fri 19th June Eve	Intervillage competition—Aldbury
Mon 22nd June	Year 6 residential to Caldecotte
Fri 26th June 4.30-6.30	Summer Fair
Tues 30th June	Sports day and Teddy Bears' Picnic—please no parking at village hall Class 1 cake sale
Mon 6th July	Meet the teacher for Year 6 children at Tring
Tues 7th July	Class 1 and 2 Pirate Day in school—dress up as a pirate
Tues 7th July	Year 6 transition day at Tring
Weds 8th July 5.45	Year 5 and 6 performance
Fri 10th July	Reports go home
Fri 10th July	Fish, chips and fizz auction evening—see poster for more info
Mon 13th July	Swimming Gala
Weds 15th 10.30	New class move round including new children and N and R
Tues 14th July	Reserve sports day
Weds 15th July	End of Year church service—please don't park at village hall
Thurs 16th July	Class 1 last forest school
Mon 20th July	Y6 celebration afternoon
Weds 22nd July 9.15	Y6 leavers' assembly. Please don't park at village hall Last day of term 1.30pm collection



Make your Meal Choice

A gentle reminder to ask you to ensure that you have made your meal choice via Arbor. Even if your child has a packed lunch please ensure that this meal choice is selected in Arbor. Further guidance can be found [here](#). Many Thanks.

Cheerleading

Just a reminder that there will no cheerleading on Thursday 4th June and sessions will commence on Thursday 11th June 2026.

Play sand product recall

We have been sent warnings about the following play sand products.

[asbestos - Product Safety Alerts, Reports and Recalls - GOV.UK](#)



Return to School
Tuesday 2nd June

