

Weekly Newsletter

26th June 2026

Message from the Head



Dear parents and carers,

Caldecotte Adventures

Our Year 6 children had a fantastic time at Caldecotte this week! They enjoyed climbing, canoeing, abseiling, bushcraft, paddleboarding, problem-solving challenges and team games, showing brilliant teamwork, resilience and determination throughout. Photographs from the week can be found [here](#).

Due to the extreme heat on Thursday, we made the decision to return home a little earlier than planned. While this meant a slight change to the schedule, the children had already packed so much into the week and handled the disruption brilliantly.

A special mention must go to our Year 6 children, who showed real maturity and resilience by adapting to the changes and helping to ensure everyone stayed positive and looked after one another.

We are incredibly proud of how all of the children represented our school. They returned with wonderful memories, new skills and plenty of stories to share. Thank you to all of the staff, especially Mrs Soar, who gave up their time to make the trip such a success and prioritised the children's wellbeing throughout the visit.

Sports Day Next Week

We are looking forward to seeing many of you supporting your children at Sports Day on Thursday. We will do our best to begin the races at 9.15am, followed by our Teddy Bears' Picnic at approximately 11.45am. All children, including our Nursery children, will be taking part in races throughout the morning. After the races have finished, we will enjoy our Teddy Bears' Picnic on the field, so children are very welcome to bring a teddy with them on the day but maybe not a precious one!

A reminder that children should come dressed in their house colours:

Larks – Blue
Martins – Yellow
Swifts – Red

Hair colour, face paint and flags are all optional!

With the warm weather forecast, please ensure your child arrives at school wearing sun cream, brings a named water bottle, and has a sun hat.

To help the morning run smoothly and safely, we ask that children remain with their classes in their designated areas during the event. Parents and carers should stay behind the bunting and away from the finish line so everyone has a clear view and the races can be completed safely. Please also note that the adventure playground will be closed during Sports Day.

If your child usually has a school dinner on a Thursday, they will receive a picnic instead of a hot meal so they can enjoy the Teddy Bears' Picnic. This will include a slice of pizza, cucumber and carrot sticks, a muffin and a piece of fruit. Please order by Monday.

We look forward to a fun morning of racing, cheering and celebrating together!

Heatwave

A huge thank you must go to our staff, who have worked tirelessly in exceptionally challenging conditions this week. As you know, our school does not have the benefit of air conditioning, and staff have done everything possible to keep classrooms cool and children safe while maintaining learning.

With periods of extreme heat becoming more common, it is clear that schools will need greater investment and long-term solutions to ensure children can continue learning safely without disruption. Thank you for your understanding and support this week. We have had to make some difficult decisions, always with the children's safety and wellbeing at the heart of them, and your support has been greatly appreciated. I hope everyone enjoys a cooler weekend ahead.

Kind regards,

Mrs Laura Whateley

Values Award

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

All the children and staff for their resilience this week in this incredible heat!

House Points

Larks 90
Martins 178
Swifts 62

Congratulations to the **Martins!**

Attendance this week:

Class 1 93.8%
Class 2 95.8%
Class 3 98.9% Well Done!
Class 4 97.5%
Class 5 89.4%

Whole School Attendance this year: 94.5%

Coming Up

Monday 22nd June

- Chess -Lunchtime

Tuesday 23rd June

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

Wednesday 24th June

- Gardening Club - lunchtime

Thursday 25th June

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

Friday 26th June

- Piano Lessons



Long Marston School Summer Fair Raffle Is Still Going Ahead and will be drawn at Sports

Day Along with Toy Tombola - please bring some cash

Given that we aren't running our fair this year, we are having some stalls after sports day. Please bring some cash for the Toy Tombola and raffle tickets. Alternatively you can buy them in advance.

Buying tickets couldn't be easier – simply click the link below, purchase your tickets and share the raffle with friends, family and colleagues by WhatsApp, text message or email. We've already secured some fantastic prizes including:

- A Twilight Spa Evening with fizz and nibbles at Champneys Tring
- A £100 John Lewis voucher
- Original artwork by local artist Jo Miller worth £375
- A bottle of Bell's Whisky
- A luxury foodie hamper
- Plus many more prizes to be announced

Every ticket sold helps support Long Marston School and enhances opportunities and experiences for all our children.

Buy your tickets here: <https://go.rallyup.com/7a4e81> or buy them on the day at Sports Day

Class 1 cake sale

After sports day, there will be cakes available to buy. If you are sending in cakes, please ensure allergens are clearly labelled. Thank you.



Please can we have volunteers for the toy tombola at sports day (after races)

Dates up until end of Summer term

Date	Event
Tues 30th June	Sports day and Teddy Bears' Picnic - please no parking in front of village hall Class 1 cake sale
Weds 1st July	Tring Midsummer Fun Run—Tring cricket club
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 (parents welcome)
Weds 15th 10.30	New class move round including new children and N and R
Tues 14th July	Reserve sports day
Weds 15th	End of Year church service—please don't park at village hall
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

Proposed 20mph speed limit in Long Marston - your response is required

This week we received a consultation on a proposed 20mph speed limit in Wilstone, Gubblecote and Long Marston. This is a fantastic opportunity to keep our children safe around the villages. Click [here](#) for more information.

Class 4 sewing help please

Class 4 are looking for parent / grandparent volunteers to help with a sewing project in DT - we would be grateful for anyone able to offer their time on the afternoons of Friday 3rd and/or 10th July.



Sports Day Meal Choices

On sports day we will be swapping Tuesday lunch options with Friday's meal options. On the Tuesday we will be serving pizza only. If you have chosen the battered fish option please change to Pizza or send your child in with a packed lunch.
Many Thanks.

A3 Laminator

Before we look at purchasing the above, would anyone happen to have either a good quality laminator-maybe in the corporate world?
Many thanks!



Swimming Gala
Monday 13th July

