

Weekly Newsletter

3rd July 2026

Message from the Head



Dear parents and carers,

Sports Day

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Sports Day. It was wonderful to see so many families cheering the children on and helping to create such a positive atmosphere.

A huge well done to all of our pupils, who showed fantastic determination, resilience and teamwork throughout the morning. Whether they were racing or supporting their classmates, every child should be proud of their efforts.

Thank you also to our staff for helping the event run so smoothly, and to parents and carers for supporting our requests to remain behind the bunting which helped keep the event safe and enjoyable for everyone. Thanks also to those who moved cars. We are in discussion with the parish council about borrowing the Rec. field for future events to avoid the parking chaos of Tuesday!

Congratulations to all of our competitors, and especially to our Swifts, the winning house! The scores were as follows:

Swifts 145
Martins 127
Larks 116

PTA thanks

Although we were disappointed to have to cancel this year's Summer Fair due to the extreme heat, we are incredibly grateful for the support shown by our school community.

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our PTA, we still raised an amazing £1,300 through raffle sales, Toy tombola and candy floss at Ivinghoe fair. This is a fantastic achievement considering the circumstances.

A huge thank you to our wonderful PTA for everything they have done throughout the year. They have given up countless hours to organise events, raise funds and support the school, and we are incredibly grateful for all they do.

Air Conditioning Appeal

Last week's heatwave was a real challenge for everyone. Air conditioning would have helped keep our children and staff cool, comfortable and safe, and may have prevented us from losing valuable learning time during the hottest parts of the afternoons.

To help address this, we have launched a GoFundMe campaign to raise money specifically for portable air conditioning units. Our PTA has very generously pledged £1,000, but we still need to raise £4,500 to provide a unit for every classroom.

If you are able to contribute, no matter how small the donation, we would be incredibly grateful. Please donate using the link below and, if possible, share our appeal with family, friends and your wider community. With your support, we hope to have the units in place before next summer.

England Football on Monday

We will be showing the England game during lunchtime on Monday for those children that wish to watch it. We will not be discussing the result in school to keep the score a secret for those children who may not have seen it. We appreciate your help with this!

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Laura Whateley

Values Award

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

The Value Award is presented to all children in recognition of their wonderful effort, enthusiasm, and positive attitude during Sports Day.

We are proud of each and every participant for trying their best, supporting one another, and demonstrating our school values throughout the day.

Well done to everyone!

House Points

Larks 117
Martins 185
Swifts 96

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 6th July

- Chess -Lunchtime

Tuesday 7th July

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

Wednesday 8th July

- Gardening Club - lunchtime

Thursday 9th July

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

Friday 10th July

- Piano Lessons



KS2 Swimming Gala – Monday 13th July



We are excited to be holding our annual KS2 Swimming Gala on Monday 13th July at 9.00am for a 9.30am start at a brand new venue; Leighton Community Leisure Centre. The brand-new pool has an excellent viewing gallery, and parents and carers are very welcome to come along and cheer on the swimmers.

All KS2 children are expected to take part, even those who are weaker swimmers will be able to enter a race.

Please sign your child up on Arbor as soon as possible.

Children should either come to school wearing their swimming costume/trunks underneath their uniform or bring their swimming kit to school in a bag. They will be provided with a house-coloured swimming cap to wear during the event.

The gala will be run in a similar way to Sports Day, with children competing in races to earn points for their house. At the end of the event, the overall winning house will be presented with the Swimming Gala Cup.

We look forward to a fun morning of teamwork, participation and friendly competition!

Dates up until end of Summer term

Date		Event
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 (9.30am start, 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 July		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
Sat 1st Aug	2-4	Make, Bake and Grow Show

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.

Make, Bake and Grow Show

The Long Marston Make, Bake and Grow Show is being held in the village hall again this year on 1st August. Details of how to enter can be found [here](#).



Class 3 - Cardboard Boxes

Please can children in Class 3 bring in any cardboard boxes that they have on Monday for an art project next week.

Many thanks,
Mrs Stephenson

Summer Production

Year 5 & 6 children will be performing their show 'Gigglebox' on Wednesday 8th July at 5.45pm. Further information regarding the production was sent to the relevant year groups earlier in the week.

Tickets can be purchased for this via Arbor Shop. Although, tickets are available to all school families priority will be given to those with children in Year 5 & 6.



Swimming Gala
Monday 13th July

