



Longcot and Fernham Church of England Primary School

Our Value this Term: Justice

For the LORD loves the just and will not forsake his faithful
ones – Psalms 28

Monday 31st March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

And just like that, we are in the final week of Term 4! The term has flown by with so many activities and events. We hope to see many of you at our Easter Services on Thursday afternoon this week to round off a fabulous term.

A huge thank you for all your support for **Comic relief**. We are **delighted to have raised £588** for this brilliant charity, thanks to all your efforts. A big thank you must go to the School Council for organising the cake sale on the day and for running Assembly to help the rest of the school understand some of the ways in which this charity makes a difference to lives.



We are also incredibly proud of those who have taken part in the Cross-Country County finals, High Five Netball Festival and Football Festival this term – in each case their effort and attitude has been remarked upon very positively – well done all!

In the last week, we have also enjoyed welcoming Toucan and Jaguar parents to a sewing event and Monkey parents to a nature hunt. Year 5 children also took part in Bikeability training sessions and have all earned certificates for their super cycling!

There is more to come this week, with Toucan and Jaguar school trip on Wednesday and our Easter Services on Thursday afternoon. School finishes on Friday at **1.15pm** and we wish all our children and families a very Happy Easter! We hope that you have well-earned family time and that the sun continues to shine for you all. We return to school on Tuesday 22nd April, after the Easter Monday Bank Holiday.

Lockdown Practice complete



On Tuesday last week, we had a whole school practice of our Lockdown (Safe Inside) procedure. We are pleased to say that our planned procedure worked effectively, and all children were sensible throughout. We felt that we struck the best possible balance between the need to practise this and ensure effective process, alongside causing minimum worry for the children. We are very proud of the children's maturity and their calm approach.

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Use of the MUGA (sports pitch) after school hours

Over the last couple of weeks, as the weather improves, we have seen increased use of the sports pitch by children as members of the community. We would like to remind parents that the pitch can be used by the community **only after 4pm each term time weekday** (as this is when all school activities and clubs are finished) and that accessing any other part of the school premises is trespassing. A small number of children have been pushing through the hedge boundary (causing damage) and accessing the school site from The Dash side, including on more than one occasion, climbing up the fence/ wall. If your child is spending time playing in the park after school, please ensure you have sight of them and that they understand where they can and cannot play.



Performing Arts Festival

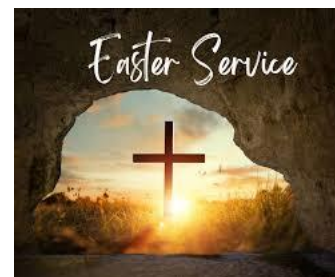
Congratulations to the Choir for their performance last week in the Cambrian Learning Trust Performing Arts Festival! We may not have been the biggest choir but we certainly looked the part and the children definitely won over the audience with their singing and signing. I am very proud of them!

Easter Services

We are very pleased to invite you to join us for our Easter Services later this term. Reverend Patrick has confirmed that we can use St Mary's on Thursday 3rd April at the following times:

1.15- 2pm - Parrot, Monkey and Lemur Classes

2.10 – 2.55pm – Jaguar and Toucan Classes



We do hope that you will be able to join us to end the term with a celebration of the season.

Attendance

As you know, we place great importance on school attendance and recognise how quickly it impacts a child's learning, wellbeing, confidence and peer relationships when they miss school. Our target attendance is 96% and we need all families to work with us to support is in achieving this.

Current attendance: 95.62%	Attendance target: 96%
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Don't forget to take note of the dates below. Have a wonderful Easter break!

Best wishes,

Mrs Robins and the Longcot team

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Dates for the diary

Wednesday 2 nd April	Natural History Museum Trip (Toucan & Jaguar)
Thursday 3 rd April	Easter Services at St Marys
Friday 4th April	End of Term 4, 1.15pm
Tuesday 22nd April	Term 5 begins
Wednesday 23 rd April	Y6 FCC Extra Transition Visit for Small Schools 9-12
Thursday 24 th April	School Photographs (Classes)
Friday 25 th April	Wear something Purple for Month of the Military Child
Friday 25 th April	PTA Colour Run after school
Monday 5 th May	May Bank Holiday (no school)
w/c 12 th May	SATS Week for Y6
Tuesday 20 th May	Jaguar and Toucan parent mtg re. Residential
Friday 23 rd May	End of Term 5, 3.00pm
Monday 2 nd June	Teacher Training Day (no children in school)
Tuesday 3 rd June	Term 6 begins
Wednesday 4 th June	Vision Screening (Reception children)
Weds 25 th – Fri 27 th June	Jaguar and Toucan Residential Trip
Wednesday 2 nd July	Y6 Meet the Tutor Evening at FCC
Friday 4 th July	PTA Summer Picnic
Tuesday 8 th and Wednesday 9 th July	FCC Transition Days for Y6
Monday 14 th July	Sports Day (AM – Lower School, PM Upper School)
Tuesday 22 nd July	End of Term 6 - 1.15pm

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Our School Designated Safeguarding Leads are

Mrs Sally Robins – DSL

Mrs Kent & Mrs McCluskey-Hornbuckle - Deputy DSLs

What to do if you think a child is at risk of abuse or neglect:

Immediate danger- call the police on 999

Immediate concern- If you have a concern about a child, please call

MASH on 0345 050 7666

A special helpline is available if you are concerned that a child you know is being **sexually exploited**. Contact the Kingfisher Team on 01865 309196

[What to do if you think a child is at risk of abuse or neglect - Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board \(oscb.org.uk\)](https://www.oscb.org.uk)

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