



Longcot and Fernham Church of England Primary School

Our Value this Term: Perseverance

*'Let your eyes look straight ahead; fix your gaze directly before you.
Give careful thought to the paths for your feet and be steadfast in all
your ways.'*

Monday 3rd February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a great term so far, despite the cold, dark and rain of January! The children have been busy with learning and play and have much to be proud of in 2025 already! Thank you to all those who attended our Parent/Carer Coffee Morning last week and thanks to Mrs Dewey for sharing information and tips about Online Safety in advance of Online Safety Day on Tuesday 11th February.

In the last few weeks, we have also been lucky enough to welcome Rocksteady Music for their launch Assembly and workshops, and 12 children from Monkey Class were able to participate in the Fundamentals PE festival at FCC. This week sees Jaguar and Toucan class heading out to the Corinium Museum and next week, Lemur parents are invited to play Boccia!



Children's Mental Health Week

This week, we are marking Children's Mental Health Week, with the theme of Know Yourself, Grow Yourself. With 1 in 8 children and young people reported to be experiencing diagnosable mental health difficulties at any one time, this is a hugely important focus. Our safeguarding newsletter for February contains information

about supporting your child's mental health and opening conversations with them. You can also refer to our school website mental health and wellbeing page, via the following link –

<https://www.longcotandfernamschool.co.uk/mental-health-and-wellbeing/>

School Disco



You will have received a letter from the PTA last week, sharing information about the school discos on Thursday 13th February. These are great fun for the children, and we are very grateful for the PTA, supporting parents and staff who stay late to help with these events. Please remember to book your child's space and refer to the letter and flyer for the reply slip and payment information –

To secure your place please return the attached slip or write/email out the below information by the morning of Wednesday 12th February to Lf_pta_events@hotmail.com. Information needs to be returned to be placed on the register of attendance. Admittance will not be allowed without payment or return of information.

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Green Team – Big Garden Bird Watch

Our fabulous Green Team took part in this year's Big Garden Birdwatch! They spent time exploring the school grounds to find as many different species of birds as they could. We were very excited to see goldfinches, blackbirds, robins and even a sparrowhawk! Plus, our data showed a higher-than-average number of house sparrows, which are sadly declining nationally so their thriving numbers around our school are something to be celebrated! The Green Team's next project is to make bird feeders for our feathery friends to enjoy.



Perseverance – This term's Value



This term our Christian Value focus is perseverance. This links well with our Jigsaw (PSHE) work on Dreams and Goals, and how these are achieved through perseverance. Persevering means to keep trying even when the going gets tough. The children will be encouraged to have self-belief in order to keep on going and to speak out for what they believe is right. They will also reflect upon God's persevering love.

Jesus frequently encouraged his disciples to 'endure patiently' the difficulties and obstacles they encountered and to persevere in the face of adversity. He himself trusted in God even when his enemies tried to stop his work and plotted his death.

Very little that is really worthwhile in life can be achieved without perseverance. An athlete may train for years before they are ready to compete at the highest level. A musician must practice every day, sometimes for hours at a time, if they are to really master their instrument. In our learning, we know that through perseverance we can experience success.

Parents Evenings



A reminder about the dates for our next Parents Evenings in March. Booking information will be sent out after half term, on 24th Feb.

For Parrot, Monkey, Jaguar and Toucan Class, these will be on Tuesday 11th and Thursday 13th March between 3.15 and 7pm.

For Lemur Class, due to an unavoidable clash on the Tuesday, these will be on Monday 10th (3.15 – 6), Wed 12 (3.15 – 4.15) and Thursday 13th 3.15 – 7pm.

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School Uniform

Staff have noticed that we have a number of children who are not always adhering to correct school uniform. Often this is by wearing different cardigans or jumpers or by wearing different footwear. Unless you have discussed this with a member of staff, and have an agreed reasonable adjustment for your child, uniform should be as outlined in our uniform policy (see table below). Cardigans and jumpers do not have to carry the school logo but should be plain burgundy.

Winter (Term 2,3,4)	Summer
Blue polo shirt Burgundy School sweatshirt/cardigan White/black socks (not sport socks) Black skirt*/pinafore* dress*/trousers Sturdy black flat shoes *NB. all skirts should be knee length	Blue polo shirt Pale blue and white checked or striped summer dresses Smart black shorts/trousers White/black socks Sturdy black flat shoes or sandals

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: 95.34%	Attendance target: 96%
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We look forward to all that lies ahead across the remaining two weeks of the term. Don't forget to take note of the dates below!

Best wishes,

Mrs Robins and the Longcot team

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Dates for the diary

3 rd – 7 th February	Children’s Mental Health Week
Wednesday 5 th February	Corinium Museum Trip (Jaguar & Toucan classes)
Friday 7 th February	NSPCC Number Day
Monday 10 th February	Lemur Class Parent PE session
Wednesday 12 th February	Visit from FCC staff to Y6 (transition support)
Wednesday 12 th February	Y4 Cambrian Trust Football Event (info to follow)
Thursday 13 th February	PTA School Discos
Friday 14 th February	End of Term 3, 3pm
Monday 24 th February	Term 4 begins
Tuesday 4 th March	School Health Nurses in school (heights & weights)
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day
Friday 7 th March	Rocksteady Music sessions start
Monday 10 th March	Lemur Parent Evenings 3.15 – 6pm
Tuesday 11 th March	Parrot, Monkey, Jaguar & Toucan Parent Evenings 3.15 – 7pm
Wednesday 12 th March	Lemur Parent Evenings 3.15 – 4.15pm
Thursday 13 th March	Parrot, Monkey, Jaguar & Toucan Parent Evenings 3.15 – 7pm
17 th – 21 st March	Neurodiversity Celebration Week
Monday 17 th March	SEND Parents Coffee Morning 8.50 – 9.45am
Wednesday 19 th March	Y6 FCC Extra Transition Visit for Small Schools 9-11
Friday 21 st March	Red Nose Day
Wednesday 2 nd April	Natural History Museum Trip (Toucan & Jaguar)
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 23 rd May	End of Term 5
Monday 2 nd June	Teacher Training Day (no children in school)
Tuesday 3 rd June	Term 6 begins
Wednesday 2 nd July	Y6 Meet the Tutor Evening at FCC
Friday 4 th July	Summer picnic
Tuesday 8 th and Wednesday 9 th July	FCC Transition Days for Y6
Tuesday 22 nd July	End of Term 6 - 1.15pm

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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 \(oscb.org.uk\)](#)

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