



## 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.'* Proverbs 4:25-26

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! What a lovely start to 2025 it has been, despite the weather and darkness of January. We have had a super first 2 weeks of term and are very proud of how our children have represented our school during this period. Last week we had visits from 4 members of Cambrian Learning Trust, reviewing our education provision, and a further visit from the new Headteacher of Faringdon Community College. All these visitors were very keen to comment on the excellent behaviour and respectful, articulate contributions of children right across the school. Well done all!



On Friday, we celebrated World Religions Day, and each class in school focused on understanding more about one of the major World Religions. At 2pm, the whole school gathered to hear from each class about their learning and widen our understanding, tolerance and respect for the beliefs and lives of others. Thank you to Mrs Kent for organising this and to all for taking part so enthusiastically.

### Coffee Morning



Apologies for the postponement of our Coffee Morning on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January. We have now rescheduled this for **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January** and welcome all parents and carers who are able to join us between 8.45 and 9.30am on this new date. As usual, there will be a chance to chat and socialise informally, followed by a chance to hear a little information shared about Online Safety, in advance of Internet Safety Day the following week. We look forward to seeing those who can make it.

### New Parent Governor

Congratulations to Bryony Johnson and Judy Dunster who are our new Parent Governors. Our Governors support the strategic leadership of the school, including financial responsibility and are a valuable challenge and support for the school. We are grateful for all applications and for those of you who took time to contribute to voting in the most recent election.

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## Parents Evenings



Please note, in the dates section, the dates for our next Parents Evenings in March.

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

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

## School Arrivals

Staff have noticed that we have a growing number of children who arrive just slightly late for school, and this is having an impact on them starting the first lessons of the day. Arrival at school should be between 8.30am and 8.40am as outlined in our attendance policy, and children should aim to be in class so that registers can be taken and lessons underway by 8.45am. Unless you have spoken to a member of the team about any extenuating circumstances, please try to ensure that children are in school promptly so that they don't miss the start of the day.

## Volunteer Process

A number of members of the school community have asked me about the option of volunteering within school for an hour or so each week to offer support activities such as reading. To comply with safeguarding requirements, our Trust asks that volunteers apply through our recruitment portal, My New Term, so that all relevant checks can be undertaken. We have created a volunteer 'vacancy' which can be found via the link on our school website vacancies page. This will remain open until 25<sup>th</sup> January but I will check for applicants throughout this time and will be in touch with anyone who is keen to support in this way. Thanks in advance!



<https://www.longcotandfernham.school.co.uk/vacancies/>

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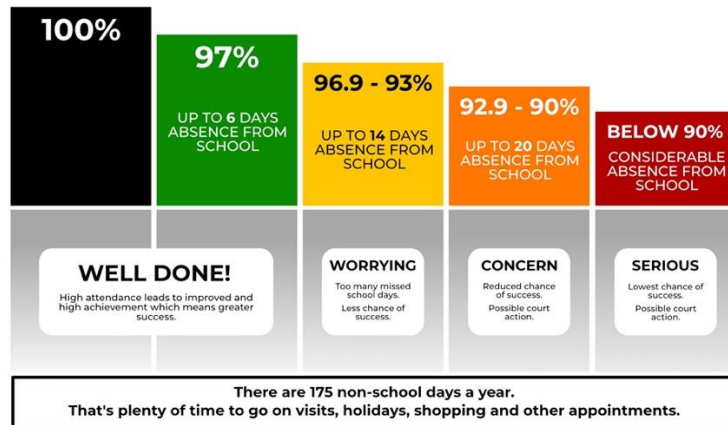
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## Attendance

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 us in achieving this. Please do let us know if you feel that you need to discuss your child's attendance.

## WHAT IS YOUR ATTENDANCE?



<b>Current attendance:</b> 94.4%	<b>Attendance target:</b> 96%
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We look forward to all that lies ahead across the rest 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

Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Green team - Big Garden Bird Watch
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Y1/2 Fundamentals PE Festival (invited children only)
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Coffee Morning 8.45 – 9.30am
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Children’s Mental Health Week
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Corinium Museum Trip (Jaguar & Toucan classes)
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	NSPCC Number Day
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Lemur Class Parent PE session
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Visit from FCC staff to Y6 (transition support)
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Y4 Cambrian Trust Football Event (info to follow)
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	PTA School Discos
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>End of Term 3, 3pm</b>
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Term 4 begins</b>
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	School Health Nurses in school (heights & weights)
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Lemur Parent Evenings 3.15 – 6pm
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Parrot, Monkey, Jaguar & Toucan Parent Evenings 3.15 – 7pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Lemur Parent Evenings 3.15 – 4.15pm
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Parrot, Monkey, Jaguar & Toucan Parent Evenings 3.15 – 7pm
17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Neurodiversity Celebration Week
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Y6 FCC Extra Transition Visit for Small Schools 9-11
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Red Nose Day
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Natural History Museum Trip (Toucan & Jaguar)
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>End of Term 4, 1.15pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>Term 5 begins</b>
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Y6 FCC Extra Transition Visit for Small Schools 9-12
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	School Photographs (Classes)
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	<b>End of Term 5</b>
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Teacher Training Day (no children in school)
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	<b>Term 6 begins</b>

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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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