



Longcot and Fernham Church of England Primary School

Our Value this Term: Honesty

“Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth” 1 John 3:18

Monday 21st July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge thank you for your ongoing support this term and indeed throughout a very full and busy academic year. We are very proud of the children and their many achievements across the year, and these keep coming thick and fast!

Upper School treated us to the most fantastic performances of Pirates of the Curry Bean last week. They kept up their performance, teamwork, voices and energy through 3 shows on 3 consecutive days, and impressed their audiences in every one of these. They deserve huge credit for bringing together such a high-quality performance. Well done to Year 4, 5 and 6 and to Mrs Dewey and Mrs MH for the hard work behind it all!



We have also enjoyed hosting Parrot Class parents for a craft afternoon, had fun in our inter house sports activities, enjoyed Monkey Class trip to The Earth Trust, had a very warm PTA Movie Night, and welcomed parents of Rocksteady musicians for an end of year show to remember! Well done all – what a lot of events and activities taking us up to the last few days of term!



Royal International Air Tattoo Success!

Back in June, we were lucky enough to have a STEM activity day for Y4 and 5 led by an engineer involved with RIAT. The project involved designing and building a wind powered vehicle. The winning duo from this day, Emily and Ivy (both Y5) were awarded tickets to attend RIAT on Friday and compete in the finals of this competition. We were absolutely delighted to hear the news that they had been overall winners of the entire event! Congratulations Emily and Ivy 😊

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Our amazing Leavers

Tomorrow, we say goodbye to our amazing Year 6 children as they go off to take the next steps of their education in various settings. We are incredibly proud of them. Their journey through school hasn't all been straightforward and, at times, has been quite turbulent with COVID 19 closures and then a lot of staffing changes a couple of years ago. It is an absolute privilege to watch them work together as a team in their performances, hear how eloquently they speak to visitors and staff about their school, their learning, their aspirations and their values, and see them celebrate finishing primary school together, with care and friendship for those who have been together since Reception as well as those who have joined much more recently. Good luck and well done to you all and we hope you will visit and keep in touch!



Staffing News

As you know, we say ***fond farewells to Mr Berry, Miss Ellard and Mr Chadwick*** at the end of this term. We will still be lucky enough to see ***Mrs Youd*** every Wednesday as she will continue as our Forest School teacher, even after leaving her other teaching roles. I am sure you will join me in thanking them for their hard work and commitment to our school and wishing all of them the very best in their next steps. They will be missed!

We are very pleased to share that ***Mrs Dewey has been appointed to the role of SENDCo*** for the new academic year and has therefore had some opportunity for handover with Mr Berry and will continue to work closely with me to support our children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. Congratulations Mrs Dewey!

September Clubs available so far!

As soon as term begins, we will let you know about school led clubs for the autumn term. However, you should by now have received information about booking up external clubs – HS Sports Football, Broken Boards Skateboarding and Little Stitches Sewing. All of these are open for bookings now!



Term 1 will also see the return of Bright Sparks Science Club on a Thursday, though the booking window for this will not be open until 4th September – we will let you know when this is available to book.

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Attendance

Thank you for supporting us wherever possible to maintain strong school attendance this year. We set ourselves a target of 96% for the academic year and at the end of last week, had come very close with 95.7%! We really appreciate the commitment shown to keeping your children in school unless absolutely necessary – it benefits their learning, resilience and social relationships.

Current attendance: 95.7%	Attendance target: 96%
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We wish each and every one of our fabulous children and families a wonderful summer break and we look forward to seeing all those of you who are coming back in September, ready for all that the new academic year holds in store.

Best wishes,

Mrs Robins and the Longcot team

Dates for the diary

Monday 21 st July	Y6 Leavers Service 2pm
Monday 21 st July	Y6 Leavers Party after school 3- 5.30pm
Tuesday 22 nd July	End of Term 6 - 1.15pm
Mon 1 st & Tues 2 nd September	Staff Development Days – school closed to pupils
Wednesday 3 rd September	School begins for Y1 – Y6 children
Wednesday 3 rd September	Nursery children settling in session 1.30 – 2.30
Monday 8 th September	School begins for Reception & Nursery children
Wednesday 17 th September	School Photographs (individual & siblings)
Thursday 23 rd October	End of Term 1 – 3pm
Friday 24 th October	Staff Development Day – school closed to pupils
Monday 3 rd November	Staff Development Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 4 th November	Start of Term 2
Friday 19 th December	End of Term 2 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
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 Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board \(oscb.org.uk\)](https://www.oscb.org.uk)

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