



## Longcot and Fernham Church of England Primary School

### Our Value this Term: Compassion

'Do not neglect to **do good** and to **share what you have**, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God' Hebrews 13.16

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are in the final week of the Autumn term, and what a term it has been! The last few weeks have been particularly jam packed with Nativities, parent events, our Christmas Fair, the Rocksteady Concert and so much more!



This week, we finish the term with **parent events for Robins & Blackbirds (Monday), Sparrows (Tuesday) and Nightingales (Wednesday)**. We also have our **Church Service at 6pm on Tuesday Evening at St Andrew's Church, Shrivenham**, and our school **Christmas Dinner on Wednesday!** Children are invited to wear a **Christmas Jumper** on Wednesday for Christmas Dinner Day. Thank you to our PTA for providing crackers once again to make this extra special.

### Parking Concern

We are very concerned about parking outside school and despite reminders, some people are still parking directly outside the school or in unsafe ways on junctions. Please can we ask for your support to improve this situation urgently. It is becoming increasingly unsafe for children and families walking to school and also for other drivers. We have contacted local PCSOs for support.



### Green Team



Green Team fundraising activities have now funded sponsorship of a rhino and a clouded leopard at Cotswold Wildlife Park. If you visit the park, look out for our school name on the sponsorship wall from the Spring. Well done Green Team!

### Mini Speaks

On Tuesday last week, one of our Year 5 children took part in a special public speaking event at Larkmead Secondary School. **Mia** bravely took to the stage to compete with other Year 5 pupils in presenting speeches they had written themselves. Mia had created an excellent persuasive speech about the impact of fireworks on animals and shared this brilliantly! A huge well done, Mia!

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## Reading Book Amnesty!

We have noticed that some of our school reading books have begun to go missing and would be grateful if you could check at home for any books you may have tucked away at home which have been forgotten about on returns day. We have invested a huge amount of money in phonically matched reading books and would really like to keep full sets so that all children can continue to benefit from these as they move through Reception and Key Stage One. Thank you for checking!



## PTA Events

Huge thanks to the PTA for a brilliant Christmas Fair on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December. Despite the miserable weather, we saw an excellent turn out and a fabulous sense of community as everyone took part in all the fun. We are delighted to say that this event raised £1000.00 for the school. The PTA have kindly already committed to buy cases for our 50 new iPads which will help keep these safe and preserve their longevity. We will keep you posted about other ways in which this money benefits the school.

Next term we have 2 exciting PTA events to look forward to. We have a PTA film night on 22<sup>nd</sup> January and a PTA Valentines Disco on 12<sup>th</sup> February. Thanks again to the brilliant committee who plan and lead these events.

## School Health Nurse Team

Please take note of the contact information for the Faringdon and Wantage area School Health Nursing Team. This friendly team of experts can help with a number of concerns and the text line referenced in the poster makes it nice and easy to get in touch with them.

If you contact the team about a child aged 3 or 4 years, please ensure to state this in your message as a different set of health visiting staff will respond in relation to this age group.

The poster is for 'ParentLine 5-11 years', a new School Health Nursing messaging service. It features the ChatHealth logo on the left and the NHS Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust logo on the right. The main text reads 'ParentLine 5-11 years' in large green letters, followed by 'New School Health Nursing messaging service for parents and carers of children 5-11 years attending state schools or home educated in Oxfordshire'. Below this, it says 'Text 07312 263227 to message a school health nurse'. A smartphone screen shows a list of issues such as 'diet &amp; healthy lifestyles', 'toileting', 'sleep', 'bullying', 'support with behaviours', and 'general and emotional health'. To the right of the phone is a photo of four smiling children. At the bottom right, there is a QR code with the text 'Or scan QR code here to start a chat'. A small disclaimer at the bottom of the poster states: 'We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate message back to confirm we have received your text. Texts will only be sent between 9am and 5pm. We may reply to your text at any time. We will not reply to your text if you are not a parent or carer of a child aged 5-11. Our text number does not receive voice calls or MMS (picture) messages. Your Personal Data will be stored by NHS for the purpose of providing you with information on our services. We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only. Health does not include messages sent from landlines, international mobile numbers and some number making mobile apps. We might inform other health professionals if we were concerned about your child. We will never send you any text to support the health professional's care sending messages to you, and TCF to our number. Messages are charged at your usual rates.'

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## Attendance

Thank you to all our families for supporting us to continue to have good school attendance. Please remember that we are unable to authorise absence in term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Birthdays and holidays do not constitute exceptional circumstances. You can find much more information about attendance and absence in the letter which was sent out earlier this term.

<b>Current attendance:</b> <b>95.87%</b>	<b>Attendance target:</b> <b>96%</b>
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## Christmas Wishes

Thank you to our incredible parent and carer community for all your support this term. We really appreciate your support for your children and for the school. We wish you all a really wonderful Christmas and hope you are all able to enjoy some time with your wonderful children.

Very best wishes,

*Mrs Robins and the Longcot team*

## **Dates for the diary**

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Robin & Blackbird Class Parent Craft session
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Sparrow Class Parent Craft session
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Service @ Shrivenham 6pm
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner Day (& Christmas Jumpers!)
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Nightingales Parent Spanish session 2.15pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>End of Term 2 1.15pm</b>
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	INSET Day – school closed to children
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Term 3 begins (8.30am)</b>
W/C 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 5 Bikeability programme
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	PTA Film Night
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Parent/ Carer Coffee Morning 8.45 – 9.35am
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	PTA Committee Meeting 7.30pm
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	NSPCC Number Day
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Internet Safety Day
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	PTA Valentine Disco
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>End of Term 3 (3.00pm)</b>
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	<b>Term 4 begins (8.30am)</b>
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Parent Evenings
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Parent Evenings
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>End of Term 4 (1.15pm)</b>
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Term 5 begins (8.30am)</b>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Bank Holiday</b>
W/C 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS week

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Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	PTA Colour Run
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Sports Day
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	<b>End of Term 5 (3.00pm)</b>
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	<b>Term 6 begins (8.30am)</b>

**Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.**

**Our School Designated Safeguarding Leads are**

**Mrs Sally Robins – DSL**

**Mrs Kent and 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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