



Longcot and Fernham Church of England Primary School

Our Value this Term: Forgiveness

'Colossians 3:13: "Make allowance for each other's faults and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others."

Monday 2nd March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 4. It's a short but very busy one and we are looking forward to seeing you in school for Parents Evenings this week and for class events across the course of the term.

We are delighted to have a new home for Robin Class and I think some of us are even a little bit envious of their new classroom! Having this in place has also given us use of the school hall back which has helped greatly with Collective Worship, lunchtimes and space for group teaching.

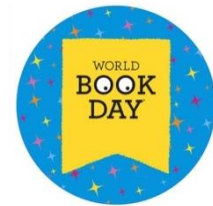
Have a look at the dates section below for forthcoming activities and events this term.



World Book Day

We are looking forward to World Book Day on Thursday this week.

Children are invited to wear their Pyjamas or to dress up as their choice of book character and bring along the accompanying book. Get your cameras out! This week, we will be sending home your child's World Book Day voucher which entitles them to one of this year's World Book Day books if you can find time to visit a participating books shop. You can redeem your voucher at any of the following places:



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Your local independent bookseller• Argos• Asda• Blackwell's (selected stores only)• Easons• Foyles | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sainsburys• Tesco• TG Jones• The Works• Waterstones• WHSmith Travel (selected stores only) |
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Online: [Books2Door](#) Enter your token barcode at the checkout to redeem for a free World Book Day book.

Can you help? Requests from staff

Mrs MH would be really grateful for any donations of compost for eco club and green team to continue their projects. If you have any compost lying around the shed or garage, please drop this off to school (it doesn't have to be a new full bag!)



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Mrs Youd is busy developing the Forest School area and creating a sensory hedge and new willow dome. She would be incredibly grateful if any parents or families are able to donate any of the following items:

1. Herb plants - thyme, rosemary (evergreen ones) these are super cheap if purchased in the fruit and vegetable aisle in the supermarket, rather than a garden centre.
2. Lavender plants
3. Compost
4. Large garden canes - 6ft (to make a teepee)
5. Bark chippings- do you know anyone who could help with this?
6. Willow branches - do you have a willow tree in your garden that we could have some branches from (please speak to Mrs Youd)
7. Evergreen branches (e.g., fir tree) to cover our den area
8. Large branches 6ft + - if having a lop / saw in the garden your waste is our treasure! (we need large branches for den building)
9. Garden wire / twine / string
10. Any logs you no longer need - we love to make dog logs ;-)

Sickness

While we encourage children who are just slightly under the weather to try to come to school, (knowing that we will contact you in the event that they are not able to manage), we would like to remind you that when children are sick or have diarrhoea, we have a 48 hour absence policy to avoid this from spreading. This means that children who have been sick or had an episode of diarrhoea should remain away from school for 48 hours from the last episode before returning to school.



Jigsaw PSHE – Healthy Me

This term, in our Jigsaw PSHE work, we are focusing on the 'Healthy Me' puzzle piece. In this unit, we look at staying healthy in the broadest sense, including hygiene, food, exercise, safety, medicines, body image, sleep and emotional health.



You can find information about this, and other Jigsaw PSHE learning, on our school website under Curriculum>PSHE, or by following this link:

<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/longcot-and-fernham-church-of-england-primary-school/UploadedDocument/bf310e5c-6129-4885-a03e-6b56d1e8ddc7/jigsaw-snapshot-overview-map.pdf>

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PTA Easter Activities Coming Up!

The PTA is planning a few simple and fun Easter-themed activities for the children to enjoy as we head towards Easter!

Further details will be shared shortly via leaflets, text messages and parent/carer groups, so please keep an eye out for more information. Dates in the dates section below!

New School Website!

Our new website design is now live! We are pleased with the change and will be working to gradually build the areas which are still under construction/ development so that you can continue to find everything you need.

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: 95.2%	Attendance target: 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

Monday 2 nd March	Parent Evenings 3.15 – 7pm
Tuesday 3 rd March	Parent Evenings 3.15 – 7pm
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Thursday 5 th March	Nightingales Forest School begins (pm)
W/C 9 th March	British Science Week
Tuesday 17 th March	Sparrow Class DT Parent Event
Wednesday 18 th March	Nightingales Art Parent Event
Thursday 19 th March	CLT Performing Arts Festival 4pm
Thursday 19 th March	PTA meeting 7pm
Friday 20 th March	Red Nose Day (Comic Relief)
Friday 20 th March	Rocksteady Music Concert 2.30pm
Monday 23 rd March	PTA Easter Bonnet competition
Wednesday 25 th March	Wrens Forest School Parent Session (pm)
Friday 27 th March	PTA non uniform day and Easter cake competition
Friday 27 th March	End of Term 4 (1.15pm)
Monday 13 th April	Term 5 begins (8.30am)
Tuesday 14 th April	Blackbirds weekly Swimming lessons start
Thursday 23 rd April	PTA Film Night
Wednesday 29 th April	Class Photographs
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday
W/C 11 th May	Year 6 SATS week
Friday 15 th May	PTA Colour Run
Tuesday 19 th May	Sports Day
Friday 22 nd May	End of Term 5 (3.00pm)
Monday 1 st June	Term 6 begins (8.30am)

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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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