



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 23rd March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

And just like that, Term 4 is almost over! This has certainly been a quick and busy term, and we have really enjoyed the first hints of Spring and the return of the light and sunshine! I hope this continues into the Easter break for everyone.



The last couple of weeks, since the last newsletter, have been jam packed with activity: Forest School, parent events, Red Nose Day, World Book Day, the Performing Arts Festival, a swimming gala, the Rocksteady Concert, and a fantastic British Science Week! So much to be proud of and in which the children have shone! Thank you for your support for all of these; we absolutely know how much there is to remember and keep on top of! This week, we have our Easter Bonnet/ Hat competition and parade today, Wrens Parent Forest School on Wednesday afternoon, our Easter Services on Thursday afternoon and Non-Uniform and Cake Sale on Friday. Don't forget that we finish at 1.15pm on Friday. Please do come along with your cash for the PTA Easter cake sale.

Staffing News



At the end of this term, we are saying a sad farewell to two members of the team. We are really excited for them for their new adventures but will miss them both very much and are incredibly grateful for all the ways they have made huge contributions to our school.

Mrs Maryanne Webb is leaving her TA role to return to her previous professional work as a physiotherapist, and **Mrs Natalie Webb** is leaving her office admin role to move to a school nearer her home with a different working pattern.

Both of these wonderful staff members have meant a lot to so many of us in school and we wish them all the luck and happiness in the world in these new pursuits.

Coffee Mornings are back!

We are delighted to say that we are hosting 2 coffee mornings next term! The dates are as follows:



Wednesday 22nd April – SEND Families Coffee Morning (for parents of children with a SEN)

Friday 1st May – Whole School Coffee Morning (all families welcome)

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Performing Arts Festival – Cambrian Learning Trust



On Thursday, a group of brilliant Year 5 and 6 dancers took part in the Cambrian Learning Trust Performing Arts Festival at Faringdon Community College. We could not have been more proud of them, taking to the stage in such an impressive and professional manner, and also in showing such appreciation and respect for other performers.

Well done Longcot Dance Troupe – Mia, Nell, Caitlin, Paige, Lila, Lily and Amelia!

Easter Services

A reminder that you are warmly invited to join us for our Easter Services at St Mary's Church in Longcot on Thursday afternoon. Lower School Service (Wrens, Sparrows and Nightingales) takes place at 1.15pm and Upper School Service (Blackbirds and Robins) takes place at 2.10pm. We hope to see many of you there!



Swimming Gala



A huge well done to the Y6 team who participated in the swimming gala at the beginning of March. You all swam brilliantly and made our school very proud! The boys team came third overall and the girls team came in fourth. Super results in a very competitive gala across Cambrian Learning Trust Schools!

Author of the Term

This term, our Author of the Term is Stewart Foster - author of Bubble Boy, The Perfect Parent Project, Check Mates and We Used to Be Kings, along with others. Stewart's books are best suited to KS2 children. Stewart's books always feature a diverse main character. They include children who have OCD and ADHD, as well as children who have foster parents or varied family situations. You can find out more about Stewart on his website, here:

<https://www.stewartfoster.co.uk/>



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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 ask all families to work with us to support is in achieving this.

Current attendance: 94.9%	Attendance target: 96%
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We would like to take this opportunity to wish you a wonderful Easter break and thank you for all your support throughout the term.

Best wishes,

Mrs Robins and the Longcot team

Dates for the diary

Monday 23 rd March	Easter Bonnet/ Hat competition
Tuesday 24 th March	Y6 Netball team at FCC
Wednesday 25 th March	Wren Class Parent Forest School session
Thursday 26 th March	Easter Services at St Mary's Church
Friday 27 th March	PTA Non-Uniform and Easter Cake Sale
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
Monday 20 th April	Blackbirds Class STEM Day
Tuesday 22 nd April	SEND Parent Coffee Morning
Thursday 23 rd April	PTA Film Night
Wednesday 29 th April	Class Photographs
Friday 1 st May	Parent/ Carer Coffee Morning
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday
W/C 11 th May	Year 6 SATS week
Friday 15 th May	PTA Colour Run
Monday 18 th May	Blackbirds and Robins British Museum Trip
Tuesday 19 th May	Sports Day - am Lower School, pm Upper School

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Friday 22 nd May	End of Term 5 (3.00pm)
Monday 1 st June	Term 6 begins (8.30am)
Wed 24 th – Fri 26 th June	Y5 and Y6 Residential
Friday 17 th July	End of Term 6 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

[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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