



Longcot and Fernham Church of England Primary School

Our Value this Term: Friendship

*'Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others,
as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms'*

Tuesday 5th May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have enjoyed the Bank Holiday weekend and enjoyed some May sunshine. We are mid-way through another term and school life is as busy as ever, with lots more to look forward to this term and further into the Summer. Keep an eye on the dates section for forthcoming events.



Open Library Sessions



As you will have seen from our communication last week, we are holding some open library sessions for parents/ carers to come in with their children to read and choose a book. The first of these is on Wednesday this week at 8.10am. Hope to see some of you there!

Can you help? Requests from staff

We would still be really grateful for any donations of compost for school gardening 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!)



Author of the Term – Tom Percival



This term our author of the term will be Tom Percival.

He is well known for his uplifting stories that celebrate diversity, encourage children to be themselves and support them with a whole host of challenges and emotions they may face as they grow up. Children of all ages can relate to and enjoy his stories and he writes everything from picture books to chapter books. He is most definitely one to add to the bookshelf!

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Jigsaw PSHE – Relationships

This term, in our Jigsaw PSHE work, we are focusing on the 'Relationships' puzzle piece. In this unit, we look at how to have positive, healthy relationships, trust, self-esteem and resolution of disagreements. In Upper school, we also continue to learn about mental health and safe, healthy online relationships.



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>

Green Team News

members of the Green Team are delighted with our new greenhouse which has aubergines, chillis, beans and tomatoes in so far! Our new planter is up, and they are wearing new gloves and holding our new gardening tools. All of this was purchased using the money raised from the raffle. We will keep the webpage updated if anything grows



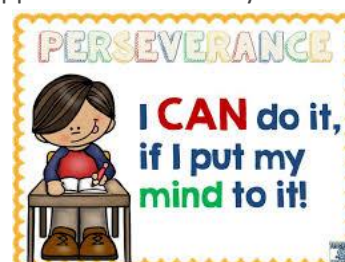
Power Up – Learning Powers!

This year, we are gradually introducing a set of 'Learning Powers' to the children; these are characteristics or attitudes which make us the best learners we can be. Each term, we explicitly teach about how to demonstrate this learning power, and children who show these are then celebrated in our Friday Collective Worship Celebration. So far, we have learned about **Active Listening** and **Collaboration** and this term, our focus is **Perseverance**. This is an important one for our children, as learning requires making mistakes, sticking with things and being prepared to try more than once or in more than one way. Can you think of ways to support and celebrate your child's perseverance at home this term too?

You might like to watch one of these videos about perseverance with your child.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8x98fETiwVI>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rFV6P8HZqjI>



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Meaningful May

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
 4 Send your friend a photo from a time you enjoyed together	 5 Let someone know how much they mean to you and why	 6 Look for people doing good and reasons to be cheerful	 7 Make a list of what matters most to you and why	1 Do something kind for someone you really care about	2 Focus on what you can do rather than what you can't do	3 Take a step towards an important goal, however small
11 Look around for things that bring you a sense of awe and wonder	12 Listen to a favourite piece of music and remember what it means to you	13 Find out about the values or traditions of another culture	14 Get outside and notice the beauty in nature	8 Set yourself a kindness mission to help others today	9 What values are important to you? Find ways to use them today	10 Be grateful for the little things, even in difficult times
18 Send a hand-written note to someone you care about	19 Reflect on what makes you feel valued and purposeful	20 Share photos of 3 things you find meaningful or memorable	21 Look up at the sky. Remember we are all part of something bigger	15 Do something to contribute to your local community	16 Show your gratitude to people who are helping to make things better	17 Find a way to make what you do today meaningful
25 Ask someone else what matters most to them and why	26 Remember an event in your life that was really meaningful	27 Focus on how your actions make a difference for others	28 Do something special and revisit it in your memory tonight	22 Find a way to help a project or charity you care about	23 Recall three things you've done that you are proud of	24 Make choices that have a positive impact for others today
				29 Today do something to care for the natural world	30 Share a quote you find inspiring to give others a boost	31 Find three reasons to be hopeful about the future

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS **Happier · Kinder · Together**




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.

Current attendance: 93.6%	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

Weds 6 th May	Library Open Session 8.10am
W/C 11 th May	Year 6 SATS week
Friday 15 th May	Library Open Session 8.10am
Friday 15 th May	PTA Colour Run
Monday 18 th May	Blackbirds and Robins Museum Trip
Tuesday 19 th May	Sports Day
Wednesday 20 th May	Y5 & 6 Residential Parent Info session 3pm
Friday 22 nd May	Library Open Session 8.10am
Friday 22 nd May	End of Term 5 (3.00pm)
Monday 1 st June	Term 6 begins (8.30am)
Weds 3 rd June	Wren Class Roves Farm Trip
Thursday 4 th June	Nightingale Class Steam Museum Trip
W/C 8 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check week
Thursday 11 th June	PTA Meeting 7.30pm
Weds 24 th – Fri 26 th June	Y5 & 6 Residential Trip
Friday 3 rd July	Rocksteady Summer Concert 2.30pm
Tuesday 7 th July	Whole School Transition Day (visit new classes)
Tuesday 7 th & Weds 8 th July	FCC Transition Visit Days for Y6
Weds 15 th July	Y6 Leavers Party 3pm
Thursday 16 th July	Y6 Leavers Service 2pm @ St Mary's

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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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