



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 7th July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge thank you for your support over the last few very busy weeks. We were overwhelmed with your messages of positivity and incredibly supportive response last week when we were visited by His Majesty’s Inspectors for our Ofsted Inspection. We have been advised that the report for this visit is likely to be received in September, due to the Summer break but we will look forward to sharing this with you once we have it.



Since our last newsletter, the children have done so much to make us proud. In addition to their usual hard work in school, we have enjoyed an amazing concert from our guitar pupils, a whole school art day, a creative writing day, visits from our new starters for Reception 2025 and on top of all that, Year 5 and 6 children had a brilliant time at their residential trip to YHA St Briavels Castle. They made us incredibly proud with their mature and respectful conduct throughout.

Please have a look through the final dates in the dates section at the end of this letter to help keep abreast of what else is up ahead as we move towards the end of term.

Summer Picnic and Movie Night!

We were delighted to see so many families sharing in the sunshine, fun and relaxation on Friday evening at the PTA Summer picnic. An enormous thank you to the dedicated members of the PTA group who worked so hard to bring this event to life for us. Their entirely voluntary time and effort for our school community is greatly appreciated. We also appreciate each of you who took time to attend and support this.

There is still another PTA event to go before term ends – Movie Night on Thursday after school. We look forward to seeing lots of children there too!

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Transitions

We know that times of transition can be challenging for children as they prepare for their next steps either here with us or moving on to new destinations. This week, almost all our children are visiting their new setting. Year 6 transition days at FCC are on Tuesday and Wednesday, and our Longcot transition day is on Wednesday.



For Year 6 – we highly recommend a look at this blog on books to support transition to secondary school. It shares information about some excellent non-fiction guides, as

well as chapter books about transition and about secondary school life. The blog gives really useful information about each book to help you see which may be helpful for your child.

https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/topics/pshe-emotional-literacy-citizenship/y6-transition/?fbclid=IwQ0xDSwKsSgNleHRuA2FlbQIxMQABHtec8xuxFfoxf5xnXolz7i3-Ax5-LjZ3NdUIRBosFTmo8C4QxcGOAuiP-Cgr_aem_WR9uk26qyh6c6iEKVGoSOjA

Here is a reminder of our classes for September:

Class	Teacher
Wrens (EYFS)	Mrs Kent
Sparrows (Year 1 and 2)	Mrs Jackson
Nightingales (Year 2 and 3)	Miss Villar
Blackbirds (Year 4 and 5)	Mrs McCluskey-Hornbuckle
Robins (Year 5 and 6)	Mrs Dewey

On Wednesday, children at Longcot should go to their **usual classes** where their current teachers will meet them and register them before we all gather in the hall and then go to new classes until 2.30pm, when we will come together for Collective Worship as normal and then return to current classes for home time. This means that your child will **arrive and leave with their current teacher** and from their current exit.

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Medicines in school



A reminder that all medications and creams should be brought to the school office so that we can look after these safely and agree a signed plan for administration with you as parents (even if children can administer it for themselves). Medicines should not be sent in via children's bags or directly in the care of children as this creates risk of them being handled or shared with other pupils.

Wherever possible medication should be administered at home before and after school, but prescription medication in its original packaging, with labels attached, can be administered in school if it is required more than 3 times daily. All other medications will need to be agreed in discussion with staff. In all cases, we will need signed consent from you as parents before administration. Thank you for your support with this.

Our Value of the Term

Our Christian Value this term is Honesty/ Truthfulness. This Value is one of our core school values – Love Honesty and Respect - and is very important to us.



Author of the Term – Oliver Jeffers



This term, we continue our focus on the amazing Oliver Jeffers. His work as an author and illustrator, since his first publication of *How to Catch a Star*, in 2004. Since then Oliver has created a vast range of stunning books, which all contain his distinctive art work and style.

You can read more about Oliver and his work on his website <https://oliverjeffers.com/>

Jigsaw – Changing Me

In Jigsaw (our Personal and Social Education programme) this term, we are all working on the 'Changing Me' puzzle piece. The focus of this learning is on understanding how people and animals change over time as we grow and develop. We also focus on how to cope positively with change as we prepare for transitions and new experiences. The content for children in Jaguar and Toucan classes has included some work on puberty and, for Y6, on relationships and sex education.



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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 need all families to work with us to support is in achieving this. **Please remember that absence for holiday cannot be authorised and, under new guidance, may be subject to a fixed penalty notice from the local authority.**

Current attendance: 95.6%	Attendance target: 96%
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Don't forget to take note of the dates below. We look forward to all that the final weeks of the term have in store!

Best wishes,

Mrs Robins and the Longcot team

Dates for the diary

Tuesday 8 th and Wednesday 9 th July	FCC Transition Days for Y6
Wednesday 9 th July	Whole School Transition Day (visiting new classes)
Thursday 10 th July	Monkey Class School Trip
Thursday 10 th July	PTA Movie Night
Friday 11 th July	Rocksteady Pupils perform for their parents 2pm
Friday 11 th July	Parrot Class Parent afternoon 1.45pm
Friday 11 th July	End of Year Reports sent home
Monday 14 th July	Sports Day (Lower School AM, Upper School PM)
Wednesday 16 th July	Jaguar and Toucan Class performance 6pm
Thursday 16 th July	Jaguar and Toucan Class performance 6pm
Monday 21 st July	Y6 Leavers Service 2pm
Monday 21 st July	Y6 Leavers Party after school
Tuesday 22 nd July	End of Term 6 - 1.15pm
Mon 1 st & Tues 2 nd September	Teacher Development Days – school closed to pupils
Wednesday 3 rd September	School begins for Y1 – Y6 children
Wednesday 3 rd September	Nursery settling in session 1.30pm-2.30pm (children only)
Monday 8 th September	School begins for Reception & Nursery children

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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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