



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 9th June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the final term of the academic year – hasn't it flown by! Term 6 is always busy with events and preparations for transitions and changes. We have lots to look forward to: visits, sporting events, trips, performances, film night, PTA summer picnic and our Leavers Service to name just a few.



Please have a look through the dates in the dates section at the end of this letter to help keep abreast of what else is up ahead as we move through Spring and into the Summer!

Staffing News

As is often the case at the end of an academic year, we have some staffing changes to share. Some of these are immediate changes and some are for the end of term and start of the 2025- 2026 academic year.



A well-deserved new role –

Following a restructure consultation with our staff, Governors, Cambrian Learning Trust and the Education Unions, we have created and appointed a **Deputy Headteacher** role at Longcot and Fernham CE Primary School. We are delighted to share that **Mrs McCluskey-Hornbuckle** has been appointed to this role with immediate effect. I am sure you will all agree that this is a well-deserved recognition of the fabulous work Mrs MH does for our school and an excellent appointment!

New Staff members –

Last week, we were excited to welcome 2 new members of the team, **Miss Aspel and Mrs Bell**. Both join our team of Teaching Assistants in school and will be full time members of staff. We hope that they will love being part of the Longcot and Fernham community.

Some forthcoming farewells –

We will be saying fond farewells to both **Mr Berry and Miss Ellard** at the end of July. Mr Berry was always employed on a fixed term contract and has made a remarkable difference to our SEND provision and processes in the year we have been lucky enough to benefit from his expertise. Miss Ellard is moving on to a new role and we wish her all the luck in the world. We know that her little Monkeys will miss her! We are very grateful for both these staff members hard work this year. We will confirm the staff taking on these roles as soon as we are able to do so.

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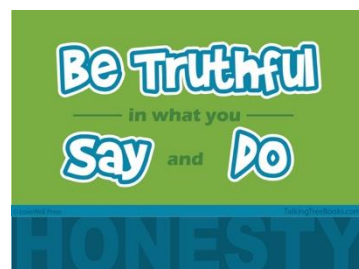
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A forthcoming change –

Mrs Youd is making a change to her role; reducing from 3 days in school to 1 day (Wednesdays) from September. Mrs Youd will continue to work with Parrot class, and to provide Forest School for us at Longcot. She will also be starting a new Forest School offer at a different school on other days - lucky them! Fortunately for us, **Miss Villar** will now be teaching full time for us and will take on Mrs Youd's 2 other teaching days from September which offers us great continuity for teaching.

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. Along with this newsletter, we attach some information for thinking about Truthfulness and Honesty at home which you may like to explore together with your child.



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 includes some work on puberty and, for Y6, on relationships and sex education. Please have a look at the separate letter sent last week for more information on content taught at each point in the school across the term.



Quad Kids Success!

A huge well done to our Quad Kids team who participated in a competitive sporting event this week at FCC. The Y3/4 team came in a brilliant third place and the Y5/6 team came soaring into first place for their age group! Super teamwork and competitive spirit from all! Well done to:

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Ethan, Oliver W, Isaac P, Daniel W, Matthew, Charlotte, Maverick, Lily W, Olivia, Caitlin C, Ronnie, Corey, Arthur M, Isaac B, Frankie, Ivy, Lily C, Maia, Alexandra and Caitlin E

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: 95.46%	Attendance target: 96%
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Don't forget to take note of the dates below. We look forward to all that the rest of the term has in store!

Best wishes,

Mrs Robins and the Longcot team

Dates for the diary

Thursday 12 th June	Transition meeting for new Reception Parents 6pm
Monday 16 th June	Swift Course for invited Parents of SEND pupils
Tuesday 17 th June	Jaguar Class Swimming starts
Wednesday 18 th June	Guitar concert (guitar student parents only) 9am
Thursday 19 th June	FCC Y6 Transition Roadshow
Tuesday 24 th June	New Reception starters Stay and Play 1.30pm
Wed 25 th – Fri 27 th June	Y5 & 6 Residential Trip
Monday 30 th June	Y5 visit to FCC for STEM day (more to follow)
Tuesday 1 st July	New Reception starters Stay and Play 1.30pm
Wednesday 2 nd July	Y6 Meet the Tutor Evening at FCC
Friday 4 th July	PTA Summer picnic
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	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
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Monday 21 st July	Y6 Leavers Service 2pm
Monday 21 st July	Y6 Leavers Party after school

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Tuesday 22nd 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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