



## Longcot and Fernham Church of England Primary School

### Our Value this Term: Service

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others” – Peter 4, 10

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the first newsletter of Term 5. We hope that you had a wonderful Easter break and are raring to go for a short but busy term ahead. In week 1, we have already had our class photographs taken, seen Toucan Class off to swimming, and celebrated Month of the Military Child with a fantastic Assembly from Major Metcalfe-Tarren! This week, we are excited to be holding a Languages Day in school on Wednesday. Across the day, each class will be learning about, and celebrating languages from across the world. I'm sure they will give you a sample of any new words they have learned!



Please have a look through the information 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!



### Weather this week

We are lucky to be expecting a spell of lovely, warm weather this week. Please ensure children have water bottles, suitable uniform, and sun hats/sun cream if required.

### Staffing News

Last week, we were delighted to **welcome Miss Charlotte Killick** to the Longcot team, as a Higher-Level Teaching Assistant! I am sure you will all have the chance to see her in the coming weeks as she will be supporting and covering classes across the school. We hope that Miss Killick will love being part of our team.

At the end of last term, we said a fond **farewell to Mr Roper**, who has been our site manager each Tuesday for many years now. Mr Roper has secured a position managing the site at Faringdon Community College – congratulations! We are being temporarily supported for compliance checks by Tina Chapman, while Cambrian Learning Trust undertake a review of the roles left by Mr Roper, and recruit to replace these. We wish Mr Roper every success in his new position and will be keeping in touch!

It may have come to the attention of some parents and carers, that Miss Hall has been absent from the school office. Miss Hall is expected to be absent for a while longer so please bear with us, as we try to ensure all admin and office tasks are addressed. As you will all know, Miss Hall is an absolute wonder, and a font of all Longcot knowledge - Mrs Webb and I have much to learn to keep on top of things but will be doing our best!

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## Parent and Carer Coffee Morning

We are delighted to invite parents and carers to our next coffee morning on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May. Our coffee mornings are an informal chance to pop in and chat with one another and with members of the school team. We also like to take these opportunities to share information about some of the things we are doing in school, and this time, we will be sharing some information

about our new 'No Outsiders' programme which is part of our Personal and Social Development curriculum and supports our school's Equalities Objectives. Please do come along and join us if you can! We look forward to seeing some of you there.

## PTA Colour Run

A huge thank you to the PTA and to all those children and families who took part in our Colour Run on Friday afternoon. It was great fun and all the participants certainly finished the run, covered in all the colours of the rainbow!

We are really grateful for the efforts of all those involved, and for the fundraising support from our families. We hope you all had a great time.



## Author of the Term – Oliver Jeffers



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

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

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## Jigsaw – Relationships

In Jigsaw (our Personal and Social Education programme) this term, we are all working on the ‘Relationships’ puzzle piece. The focus of this learning is on safe, healthy relationships with friends and family; understanding boundaries and respectful contact, including online. In Upper KS2, we also explore mental health, self-esteem and being a good friend to ourselves.



## 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 us in achieving this. Our attendance monitoring at the end of Term 4, has shown some children for whom attendance is a little lower than we would hope. We will be writing to parents of these children. Please don’t be upset by this correspondence; it is our responsibility to ensure families are informed of the impact of any absences and this can be hard to track as a parent, so our intent is to inform and offer support if required.

<b>Current attendance: 95.3%</b>	<b>Attendance target: 96%</b>
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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**

Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Languages Day (nothing to prepare or bring!)
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday – School closed
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Parent/ Carer Coffee Morning 8.50am
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Monkey Class final Forest School session
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	VE Day
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	PTA Meeting 7.00pm King and Queen
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Jaguar Class begin Forest School
w/c 12 <sup>th</sup> May	SATS Week for Y6
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Y5 & 6 Parent meeting re. Residential Trip
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Proud to Be Me Day (more to follow)
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	<b>End of Term 5</b>
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Teacher Training Day (no children in school)
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	<b>Term 6 begins</b>
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception children – Vision Screening in school
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Swift Course for invited Parents of SEND pupils

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Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 & 6 Residential Trip
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 visit to FCC for STEM day (more to follow)
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	<b>Y6 Meet the Tutor Evening at FCC</b>
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	PTA Summer picnic
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	FCC Transition Days for Y6
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole School Transition Day (visiting new classes)
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day (Lower School AM, Upper School PM)
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	<b>End of Term 6 - 1.15pm</b>

**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 \(oscb.org.uk\)](https://www.oscb.org.uk)

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