

Longfields Latest News

28th February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this message finds you well and that you all had a restful and enjoyable half-term break. We're delighted to welcome you and your children back to school. As we embark on the next half of the term, we're excited about the learning opportunities and activities we have planned for our pupils. Your continued support and engagement are invaluable to us, and we look forward to working together to ensure a positive and enriching experience for all our children.

As a team we understand that some of the most impactful learning experiences for our pupils happen outside the traditional classroom setting. Engaging in extracurricular activities not only complements academic learning but also fosters essential life skills such as teamwork, communication, and problem-solving.

We are pleased to announce the return of our football fixtures, which provide an excellent opportunity for children to engage in physical activity, develop their athletic abilities, and learn the value of sportsmanship and collaboration. Additionally, our Y6 children attended a Junior Citizen event offering pupils hands-on experiences to develop their understanding of community roles, safety awareness, and social responsibility.

These opportunities are designed to enrich our pupils' educational journey and help them become well-rounded individuals. We encourage all children to participate and take advantage of these experiences, which are crucial in preparing them for future challenges. We are in the process of putting together an offer of more Extra Curricular Activities both in and outside of the school day.

As we approach the holy month of Ramadan, we want to acknowledge and support the diverse community here at Longfields. In our assembly this week we looked at Ramadan and how it is a significant period for our Muslim families and involves fasting from dawn to sunset, reflection, and prayer. We recognize the importance of this time and are committed to accommodating and supporting our pupils who are observing Ramadan. We encourage open communication between families and our staff to ensure we can provide the necessary support and understanding during this period. Please feel free to reach out to us if there are specific ways we can assist your child during Ramadan.

We're excited to announce that we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 6th March! This special day is dedicated to promoting a love of reading among our pupils and encouraging them to explore the magical world of books.

To make the day memorable as a school we are promoting the theme of the Mr Men and Little Miss, a focus that has been very successful here in the past. Whilst it would be lovely to have a common theme across the school children are also welcome to come to school dressed as their favourite book character or indeed in school uniform.

We understand that creating costumes can sometimes be a challenge. To help make this day enjoyable and stress-free, we've put together some simple and cost-effective costume ideas using items you might already have at home:

1. **Mr. Happy** - Dress your child in all yellow, and create a big smiley face on a piece of yellow cardboard or paper to wear as a badge.
2. **Little Miss Sunshine** - Use a yellow dress or T-shirt, and add a sun-shaped badge made from yellow paper or cardboard. Use felt or paper to create a sunshine headband.
3. **Mr. Bump** - Dress your child in blue clothes and wrap some bandages or strips of white cloth around their head and body to mimic Mr. Bump's look.
4. **Little Miss Naughty** - Use a purple outfit and create a headband with felt or paper to make Little Miss Naughty's distinctive bow. You can draw her mischievous grin on a piece of paper to pin on the outfit.
5. **Mr. Tickle** - Dress in orange, and use orange socks or long gloves stuffed with newspaper to create Mr. Tickle's long, tickly arms.
6. **Little Miss Giggles** - Use a light blue dress and create a red paper or felt ribbon to attach to the front. Add a big smiley face on a badge to complete the look.
7. **Matilda** - A blue dress and a red ribbon for the hair are all you need for this classic character. Your child can carry a book as a prop.
8. **The Cat in the Hat** - A white T-shirt, black trousers, and a red bow tie. You can make a tall hat out of paper or cardboard and paint it red and white.
9. **Charlie Bucket from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory** - A simple outfit with a golden ticket made from a piece of cardboard wrapped in gold foil.
10. **Where's Wally?** - A red and white striped top, a pair of jeans, and a red hat. Add some black round glasses if available.
11. **The Gruffalo** - A brown top and trousers, with paper or felt cut-outs for ears and a nose, can create a fun Gruffalo costume.

Throughout the day, we will have a variety of activities planned, including storytelling sessions, book-themed games, and a special assembly to celebrate the joy of reading.

We encourage you to join in the fun by reading together at home and discussing your child's favourite books.

We look forward to seeing all the imaginative costumes and celebrating the joy of reading together!

Thank you for your support.

Warm regards

Ms Abbott



★ Stars of the week! ★



Dates for your diary:

04.03.2025—Year 5 Woodlands Meeting 15:30 in the school hall

06.03.2025—World Book Day—Mr Men & Little Miss theme

11.03.2025—Year 3 Trip to Oxford Toy Museum

20.03.2025—Class group photos

21.03.2025—Red Nose Day

03.04.2025—Year 2 to Hatton Country World

04.04.2025—Last day of school before Easter holidays

21.04.2025—Easter Monday (Bank Holiday)

22.04.2025—First day back at school after Easter Holidays

05.05.2025—Early May Bank Holiday (no school)

12.05.2025—SATS week for Year 6

12.05.2025—Year 4 to Everdon

23.05.2025—Last day of school before half term

Please see School Life Calendar/school website for full dates



Year 6 Football



On Tuesday the boys football team had a match against Southwold Primary School. Mr Moyse and I could not have been more impressed with the effort of the team and the boys did brilliantly to come away with a 6 - 0 win! - Mr Gonzalez



Vacancy

Position—Lunchtime Supervisor

Start date—As soon as possible

Hours—11:45 am -13.15 pm, 5 days per week

For further information, please visit our website [Longfields Primary and Nursery School - Vacancies](#)

Completed applications should be emailed to: office@longfields-primary.org

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ST JOHN'S CHURCH, KIDLINGTON, OX5 1DD

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SATURDAY 10TH MAY | 10:30AM & 1PM
CUTTESLOWE PAVILLION, CUTTESLOWE PARK, OX2 8ES

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