

Longfields Latest News

20th June 2025

On Monday, as part of Rail Safety Week, we held a special assembly to help all our pupils learn how to stay safe near railways, stations, and level crossings. The safety of our children is always our top priority, and with the railway network being such an important part of our community, it's vital that everyone understands the potential dangers and how to avoid them.

In our Assembly we looked at:

- The dangers of trespassing on railway lines and why tracks are for trains only
- How fast and quietly trains can travel
- The risks of electricity from tracks and overhead wires
- The importance of using proper crossings and following safety signs
- Key steps children should take if they're ever near a railway

We encouraged pupils to always stay behind the yellow line on platforms, only cross at designated places, and never play near the tracks or stations. We also discussed how important it is to tell an adult if they ever see something unsafe.

How You Can Help at Home:

- Talk to your child about what they learned in the assembly and reinforce the key safety messages.
- Remind your child to never go near railway lines or crossings without a trusted adult.

For more information and resources on railway safety, you can visit:

[Useful Resources & Links for Communities & Schools – Rail Safety Week](#)

Supporting all children to do the right thing

Here at Longfields, we are committed to ensuring that all our pupils feel safe, valued and respected. If you ever have concerns about the behaviour of other children towards your child, please speak to the school in the first instance. This allows us to listen to your concerns, investigate the situation fully, and take appropriate action where needed. By working together in this way, we can resolve any issues promptly and support all children in having a positive experience at school.

Recently, we have become aware of a number of instances where parents have confronted other parents, and in some cases children, before we have been able to fully investigate concerns. We understand that these situations can be upsetting, but addressing matters directly can sometimes make things more difficult for everyone involved, particularly the children. We kindly ask all parents and carers to bring any concerns to the school, so we can handle them fairly, confidentially and in line with our policies.

Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us maintain a positive and respectful school community.





Stars of the week!

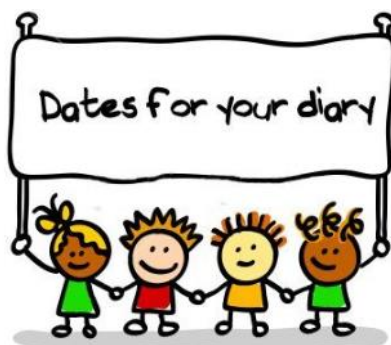


NHS Guidelines—illness

Unfortunately there are times when children are ill and are better off at home recovering. We wanted to confirm that as a school we follow the NHS guidelines around ill health for children. Please take a moment to familiarise yourselves with these guidelines to help us keep our school a healthy environment for both pupils and staff.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

If your child has any underlying health conditions that negate these guideline please speak to their class teacher in the first instance.



Dates for your diary:

27.06.2025—Year 6 Trip to Bletchley Park
 01.07.2025—Year 4 play performance to parents 13:45
 02.07.2025—Year 4 play performance to parents 16:30
 03.07.2025 & 04.07.2025—Whitelands Academy Transition Days
 07.07.2025 & 08.07.2025—Cooper School Transition Days
 08.07.2025—Bicester School Transition Day
 08.07.2025—Longfields move up day
 10.07.2025—Year 1 Trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park
 18.07.2025—Year 2 Trip to Windsor Castle
 22.07.2025—Year 3 Trip to Science Oxford
 22.07.2025—Last day of school before the summer holidays
 01.09.2025—Inset Day
 02.09.2025—Inset Day
 03.09.2025—First day back at school after the summer holidays

Please see School Life Calendar/school website for full dates



Nursery and Reception—

Monday 23rd June at 14:15

Year 1 & 2—Tuesday 24th June
after registration

Year 3 & 4—Wednesday 25th
June after registration

Year 5 & 6—Thursday 26th June
after registration

Extra day in case of rain earlier
in the week—Friday 27th June



Week 1: Throwing
 Goal: Build accuracy, control and coordination in throwing

Day	Daily challenge (10 minutes)	Additional activity (to reach 60 minutes)
1	Throw a ball against a wall and see how many times you can catch it in 60 seconds (try 10 times)	Play a throwing relay with friends during break or after school
2	Throw a ball underarm into a target (e.g. bucket) from 3m away and see how many times you can do it in 60 seconds (try 10 times)	Challenge a friend to a game, try using different objects.
3	Throw a ball overarm to a partner and see how many times you can catch it, as a pair, in 60 seconds (try 10 times)	Play a small game of rounders or cricket.
4	See how many times you can clap before catching a ball thrown in the air.	Try throwing and catching while moving (e.g., walking, jogging).
5	Throw a beanbag into a target and increase the distance by 3 steps each time you make the shot.	Set up a game of tic-tac-toe at break and play with friends.
6	Throw and catch with your non-dominant hand. See what your highest score is without dropping, resets each time you drop	Play a throwing challenge against a family member or friend.
7	Throw a frisbee as far as you can and measure the distance (in steps).	Set up a game of softball/dodgeball.

Find out more:
youthsporttrust.org/NSSW
 #NSSW2025 | #YSTAlwaysActive

National Sports Week 2025 – Always Active

We're proud to be taking part in National School Sports Week 2025 (17–21 June), a celebration of the role sport and play have in helping children thrive. This year, we'll be joining thousands of schools across the country to promote 60 minutes of movement a day. It's all part of the Youth Sport Trust's 30th anniversary campaign to help every child be Always Active.

Due to the heat in the afternoons, we have kept activities focused in the mornings. Year 3 classes have been enjoying active morning tasks and Mrs Davies has had various activities out at playtime breaks including Hockey shoot outs in KS1 and team ski challenges in KS2. If you would like to get involved in being Always Active, National sports week have created a 30 day challenge.

Notice Board

ARMED FORCES DAY



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SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

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JUNE 2025

AM ONWARDS

PINGLE FIELD, OX26 6AU



LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
DELICIOUS FOOD STALLS
LANCASTER BOMBER FLYBY AT 2:19PM
MILITARY VEHICLES
FUN ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:
ASSAULT COURSE
FAIRGROUND RIDES
FOOTBALL DARTS
ZORPING



SCAN TO BOOK

Thrive

Aerial Kids

WHITELANDS FARM & SPORTS GROUND OX26 1AJ

SUMMER CAMP



AUGUST 5th, 6th & 7th

AGES 5-15YRS

9AM - 12 NOON

AERIAL SLING, AERIAL HOOP, ACROBATICS, CIRCUS SKILLS & LOTS OF GAMES.

£40 EACH DAY OR £100 FOR ALL 3.
BOOK BY JUNE 30TH FOR £90!

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— A once-in-a-generation opportunity —

Help shape proposals for two unitary councils for our area

The government has asked councils across the country to bring forward proposals for new unitary council structures to be around a population size of 500,000 and following existing boundaries as a guide.

Five local councils are working together on a proposal for two unitary councils that meet the government criteria and deliver for residents and businesses. Councils that are big enough to be financially secure but small enough to support local communities.

You can help shape this proposal. Find out more by visiting

twocouncils.org

or attend one of our drop-in events below:

Monday 23 June at Exeter Hall, Oxford Road, Kidlington, OX5 1AB from 3pm to 7pm

Tuesday 24 June at John Paul II Centre, The Causeway, Bicester, OX26 6AW from 3pm to 7pm

Monday 7 July at Banbury Town Hall, Bridge Street, Banbury, OX16 5QB from 3pm to 7pm



Two new councils. One better future.





PLAYERS NEEDED CHESTERTON U11's (25/26)

Chesterton U11's are looking for 4-5 additional boys or girls for the new season as we move up to 9 a side. If your team has changed to Sunday and you are looking for a Saturday team get in touch

- Training Monday Evening
Whitelands 6:30pm

- Matches Saturday
Witney & District Youth League

Anyone interested please feel free to reach out to
Gary Hodgins 07869215868
Martin Shaw 07970310924

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