

NEWSLETTER

9th October 2026



Message from Mrs Goodes

Hi Parents and Carers,

We have had another busy week in school and with two weeks left we are not slowing down!

We have a second EYFS open afternoon this Tuesday at 1.30pm if you know of any local families who want to come and see our amazing Nursery and Reception. We have spaces available in both Nursery and Reception for this year and are looking ahead to September 2027 spaces so please help us to spread the word.

A big thank you to our new PTA who are organising some fantastic events. Look out for their posters and messages. We are having a non-school uniform day on Friday 23rd October, please bring along a gift for the present room, if you can, rather than a payment. The PTA are also holding a cake sale that day for funds towards the Year 6 leavers events next summer.

We are excited that clubs are starting this week, if your child has a place, please collect from the carpark entrance at 4.20pm.

Have a nice weekend!

Best wishes

Mrs Goodes

Woodlands, November 2027 (Current Year 5 Children)

A reminder to parents and carers that the Woodlands trip is now open on SCOPAY for payments. The payment deadline is October 2027, we have opened the trip for payment to give families plenty of time to spread the cost. You can choose to pay the full amount in one payment or make smaller instalment payments throughout the year. We hope this flexibility makes it easier for families to manage the cost of the trip.

Year 6—Secondary School Applications

Please remember to apply for your child's secondary school place for September 2027. The deadline is 31st October 2026. If you miss this deadline, your application will be processed later in the year, and you are far less likely to secure a place at your preferred school. It's very important for you to submit your application by the deadline. .

Footsteps

Oxfordshire County Council offers [Footsteps](#), a free road safety programme for parents and carers of primary-aged children. The programme helps families support safe travel to and from school, as well as during everyday journeys.

Footsteps encourage adults to involve children in thinking about road safety decisions for themselves, helping them to develop the awareness and confidence they will need as they grow older and become more independent. The programme can be used during everyday journeys, such as walking to school, and requires no special equipment or training.

We would be grateful if you could help us raise awareness by sharing the attached information with parents and carers through your usual communication channels, such as ParentMail, newsletters, or your school website.

Footsteps Parent Guide:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/sites/default/files/file/fire-and-rescue/Footsteps-Parents-guide.pdf>

Labelling jumpers

Please label your child/rens things, we will be popping initials in labels in biro if jumpers are unnamed, as we have so many outside Cabin now!

Bikeability

Year 6 will be partaking in Bikeability next week so there will be extra bikes in the bike sheds.

Early finish, end of full terms

This is a reminder that we will finish at 1.30pm on the last day of term for Christmas, Easter and the summer holiday. There will be no Cabin on those days

Peripatetic music lessons

We are delighted to have some music lessons starting after half term, please visit <http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/musicinterest> if your child is in Key stage 2 and has an interest in learning an instrument.

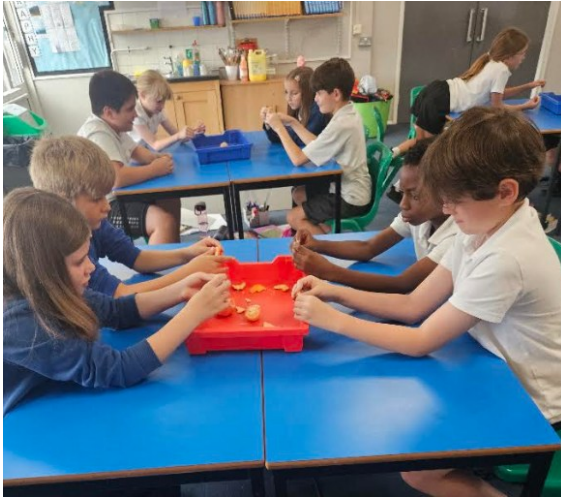
KS2 Cross Country at The Bicester School

On Thursday 24th September, 31 KS2 children represented Longfields at a Cross Country event. There were 14 schools at the event so there was lots of competition for our children! They exceeded all expectations with three out of our four teams qualifying for the next event. A huge shout out to Harper, Rocco and Rainha who finished in the top 10 places in their races! The children performed and behaved extremely well and we are extremely proud and excited for the next round of the cross country competition.



Year 5

Year 5 became food scientists this week as we explored natural polymers, inspired by the work of Kiara Nirghin. By investigating a satsuma, children identified pectin, a naturally occurring polymer that helps give fruit its structure. Children were fascinated to see science come to life through a simple piece of fruit.



KS1

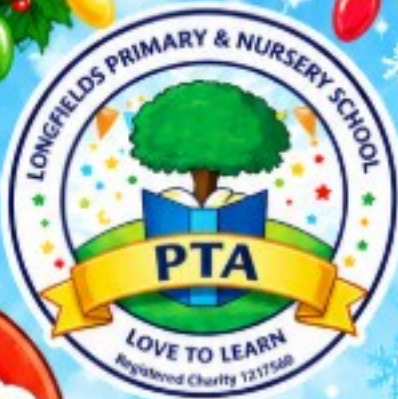
KS1 had a "wild" Thursday morning! Whilst some children enjoyed taking part in a football tournament, the rest of KS1 explored Forest School, searching for natural materials to inspire their creativity. They then used clay to create their very own "Wild Thing" characters, inspired by the much-loved story *Where the Wild Things Are*.



Key Stage 1 Football

Some of our Key Stage 1 children had the opportunity to take part in a football festival at Cooper School on Thursday. The children had a great time and learned some new skills, which they used effectively in a mini tournament at the end of the session.





Christmas FUN DAY

PTA First Non-School Uniform
in exchange for small presents for our

SECRET PRESENT ROOM

♥ at our Christmas Fun Day! ♥

Friday 23rd October

♥ We would be so grateful for any of the following
donations, big or small: ♥

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|  Socks |  Shaving foam |
|  Smellies - Gift sets |  Candles |
|  Mugs |  Travel mugs / Flasks |
|  Chocs |  Packs of playing cards |
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Wed 30 Sep 2026

What to expect from the CAMHS NDC Service

Fri 23 Oct 2026

Parent carer burnout and looking after yourself

Wed 18 Nov 2026

Parenting neurodivergent young people as a
neurodivergent parent

Wed 09 Dec 2026

Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA)

Wed 20 Jan 2027

Making sense of distress

Wed 24 Feb 2027

Understanding masking

Wed 17 Mar 2027

Supporting neurodivergent young people to stay safe online

Wed 21 Apr 2027

Understanding eating difficulties in neurodivergent
young people



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welcome!



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www.oxpcf.org.uk/events



All sessions are recorded and a summary will be shared on our website.

You can watch the recordings, slides, Q&As and other useful resources
on our website under the Resources section.



STARS OF THE WEEK



2nd October 2026



9th October 2026



Important Dates



12.10.2026—Bikeability begins for Year 6

13.10.2026—Clubs start today running for 5 weeks (last one 17.11.2026)

23.10.2026—Non-uniform day—please can we ask for a donation towards the PTA Christmas event

23.10.2026—Last day of school before half term

02.11.2026—First day back at school after half term

09.11.2026—School photographs

18.11.2026—Parents Evening

25.11.2026—Parents Evening

05.12.2026—PTA Christmas Fun Day 11am

10.12.2026—Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children

10.12.2026—Flu immunisations

17.12.2026—School Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

18.12.2026—Last day at school before Christmas Holidays—school finishes at 13:30

04.01.2027—INSET day

05.01.2027—First day back at school after Christmas Holidays

The school calendar can be found on our website—[Longfields Primary and Nursery School - Diary - Calendar](#) and [Longfields Primary and Nursery School - Term Dates](#)

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