

NEWSLETTER



11th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful start to the new school year we have had. Thank you so much for your support in ensuring that your child/ren are school ready and to all of you who were able to attend the welcome meetings and EYFS stay and play. We have been really impressed with their attitude, behaviour and hard work this academic year so far and are excited to continue to grow and learn together.

Parent/Carer Governor

We are looking for a new Parent/Carer governor. The details and application form will go out on Monday and if you would like any further information about what the role entails, please email Robert Envine, our Chair of Governors: renvine@longfields-primary.org

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We would love to see you at our Macmillan Coffee morning on Friday 25th September 9-10am in our school hall. All Parents/Carers and pre-school children are invited. If you are unable to make it then please feel free to donate a home baked (with ingredients listed) or shop bought cake. All left-over cakes will be sold in the staffroom at break time. We appreciate your support in working together to support people with cancer.

Emma Goodes
Head Teacher

Free School Meals

From the start of academic year 2026 to 2027, your child will qualify for free school meals if you receive Universal Credit, regardless of household income. Further information is available via the Oxfordshire County Council's website—[School meals | Oxfordshire County Council](#)

If you would like to apply for free school meals, please email the school office who will arrange the eligibility check for you. This applies to all children, even if they are in reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and entitled to universal infant free school meals.

Polite Reminders

- We ask all parents, carers and children to dismount their bikes/scooters when entering the school site and walk them at all times, including when travelling to and from the bike shed. This helps to keep everyone safe.
- We have received concerns regarding the use of the lane next to the school. Please could parents and carers ensure they stand to one side of the lane, leaving clear access for others who need to use it.
- Parents, carers and children should not use mobile phones anywhere on the school site at any time. We appreciate your support in helping us to maintain a safe and focused environment for everyone.
- We are a nut-free school. Please do not send your child into school with any food or snacks containing nuts or nut-based products.

- Jewellery (bracelets, necklaces, rings etc) is not permitted to be worn in school. Earrings (studs only) can be worn but must be removed for PE lessons. Children must be able to remove earrings themselves, if not, they should be removed by parents/carers before school. Moving forward, please be aware that if your child has a new piercing which cannot be removed, they will be unable to participate in PE lessons for the full six-week healing period. We therefore ask that new piercings are planned carefully to avoid impacting your child's participation in PE.
- Please park considerately and safely when dropping off and collecting children. Please do not park on double yellow lines, the zig-zag markings outside school, or in a way that blocks access to neighbouring properties. We have received concerns from our neighbours about inconsiderate parking, and this is not acceptable. We ask everyone to be respectful of our local community and to ensure that access is kept clear at all times. The school car park is for staff use only at all times, unless you have a prior arrangement with Mrs Goodes.
- Wherever possible, please arrange medical and dental appointments outside of school hours to minimise disruption to your child's learning. We understand that this is not always possible, particularly with GP and dental appointments. Where a daytime appointment is unavoidable, prior notice and confirmation of the appointment must be provided to the school office. We appreciate that sometimes appointments are arranged at short notice, but where possible, please provide the school with as much notice as you can.
- Please ensure that you have familiarised yourself with the school's Social Media Policy which can be found here—[Longfields Primary and Nursery School - Policies](#)

EYFS Garden

We are looking to redevelop our early years garden. If anyone has any relevant experience in landscape gardening or would be keen to be involved in a working party to look at new playtime equipment, please email Mrs Goodes—egoodes@longfields-primary.org

Harvest Festival

We will be holding a Harvest Festival Assembly in school on Monday 5th October and would be grateful for any donations which will be collected by Bicester Food Bank on Friday 9th October. A "shopping list" can be found on the next page with items that are in need. Thank you in advance for your support.



[September newsletter](#)

Harvest appeal

Help support your food bank this Harvest

In the three weeks leading up to Harvest, the food bank will provide over 150 food parcels for local individuals and families facing hardship.

Donate food



Donate an item or two from our shopping list, ensuring we can provide food for people facing hardship in your community.

Donate money



Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.



****No pasta or cereals are needed****

Shopping list

Tinned meat/fish

Tinned veg/fruit

Cooking sauces

Coffee

Milk (UHT)

Fruit juice (long-life)

Tinned puddings

Jam or peanut butter

Tinned soup

Hygiene products

info@bicester.foodbank.org.uk
www.bicester.foodbank.org.uk

Registered Charity in England & Wales (1132169)





STARS OF THE WEEK



4th September 2026



11th September 2026





SCHOOL DISCO

Wednesday 23rd September



14:15 – 15:00

Nursery and Reception

No charge (taking place during the school day).



15:20 – 16:20

Years 1, 2, 3 and 4



16:30 – 17:45

Years 5 & 6

£5

payable via
SCOPAY



**The price includes
a drink and a snack.**

Previous payments will be transferred over.





14.09.2026—Woodlands week for Year 6

23.09.2026—School Discos

25.09.2026—Macmillan coffee morning 09:00—10:00

28.09.2026—Kestrels Class Assembly (Woodlands)—parents are welcome to watch

05.10.2026—Red Kites Class Assembly (Woodlands)—parents are welcome to watch

05.10.2026—Harvest Festival Week

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

10.12.2026—Christmas Jumper Day

10.12.2026—Flu immunisations

18.12.2026—Last day at school before Christmas Holidays

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](#)

Notice Board

**Beezee
FAMILIES**



Ready to make new habits as a family?

Our free 12-week Beezee Families programme starts soon!

- Get healthy eating tips and free recipes
- Unlock the power of small changes
- Start moving more as a family



Monday 14th September 4:45 pm - 6:15 pm
@Bicester East Community Centre

Secure your **FREE** place today!

@HelloOxfordshire@maximusuk.co.uk

03332 208952



Our programmes are for children above their ideal weight, see our website for more information.

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**Beezee
ADULTS**



Want to feel supported on your weight-loss journey?

Date: **Every Thursday** Time: **10am-12pm**

Venue: **Bicester Library**
Wesley Lane, Franklins House, Bicester OX26 6JU

OR you can join us online instead!

Join our **FREE**, 12-week healthy lifestyle programme to help you lose weight and keep it off. No diets here, just small, realistic, changes. Our in-person group sessions start on:



@HelloOxfordshire@maximusuk.co.uk

03332 208 952

Sign up for your
FREE PLACE today

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Our programmes are for adults above their ideal weight, see our website for more information.

SHOW TEAMS BALLET TAP MODERN COMMERCIAL
STREET DANCE CONTEMPORARY HIP HOP DRAMA
MUSICAL THEATRE ACROBATIC ARTS

STARLIGHT
Dance & Musical Theatre School

ALL CLASSES FOR NEW STARTERS COMPLETELY FREE FOR SEPTEMBER!

SEPTEMBER SALE
2026

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01536 238535
www.starlightdance.net



MONDAY

16:45 - 17:30 allSTARS Show Team 2 - 6yrs
17:30 - 19:00 StarlightKIDS! Show Team 7 - 11yrs
19:00 - 20:30 Junior Dance Company: Sophomore Show Team 12+

TUESDAY

16:00 - 16:45 Velocity: Infants Dance Skills: Street 4 - 8yrs
16:45 - 17:30 Acro: Infant Dance Skills: Acrobatic Art 4 - 8yrs
17:30 - 18:15 Velocity: Juniors Dance Skills: Street 8 - 12yrs
18:15 - 19:00 Acro: Junior Dance Skills: Acrobatic Art 8 - 12yrs
19:00 - 20:00 Acro: Senior Dance Skills: Acrobatic Art 13+
20:00 - 21:00 Velocity: Elite Dance Skills: Street 13+

WEDNESDAY

16:00 - 17:00 Jazz Fusion Dance Technique Level 1
17:00 - 18:00 Contemporary Technique Dance Technique Level 1
18:00 - 19:00 Jazz Fusion Dance Technique Level 2
19:00 - 20:00 Contemporary Technique Dance Technique Level 2

THURSDAY

16:45 - 17:30 ISTD Classical Ballet Dance Technique Grade 2
17:30 - 18:15 ISTD Tap Dance Technique Grade 1
18:15 - 19:00 ISTD Tap Dance Technique Grade 3
19:00 - 19:45 ISTD Tap Dance Technique Grade 5
19:45 - 20:30 ISTD Classical Ballet Dance Technique Grade 5
20:30 - 21:00 ISTD Classical Ballet Dance Technique Pointe Training*

SATURDAY

09:00 - 09:30 ISTD Classical Ballet Dance Technique Pre-Primary
09:30 - 10:00 ISTD Tap Dance Technique Pre-Primary
10:00 - 10:30 ISTD Classical Ballet Dance Technique Primary
10:30 - 11:00 ISTD Tap Dance Technique Primary
11:00 - 11:45 ISTD Classical Ballet Dance Technique Grade 1

*These classes may be subject to audition, selection or have a waiting list.

ACROBATIC ARTS
Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing
Registered Member

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MARKET HARBOROUGH MILTON KEYNES RUSHDEN WELLINGBOROUGH

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The

Library

Oxfordshire

SHORT STORY COMPETITION

2027

Up to **3,000** words for adults & young adults
and up to **1,000** words for children.

The winning story in each category will
be published as an ebook for library
members to borrow!

ENTRIES OPEN: 14 SEPTEMBER
CLOSING DATE: 15 NOVEMBER

Adults: 18+
YA: 12-17
Children: 7-11

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/shortstorycompetition

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