

# NEWSLETTER

24th October 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic first half term we have had! My highlights have been the following:

- Year 6 impressed us all with their courageous attitude and bravery at Woodlands
- EYFS have settled in brilliantly and have enjoyed themed weeks such as birthday week and Diwali week
- The class assemblies for Year 6 showcased the amazing learning and fun this half term has brought
- Year 5 began swimming lessons and the pool teachers and members of the public have praised their responsible behaviour
- Ukeleles have been introduced to Year 4 as whole class music lessons and the children (and teachers!) are enjoying them
- The Cross Country tournament was a huge success and we have many from Years 3 to 6 attending the finals in November- best of luck to them
- Key stage 1 have been rocking the hall with their amazing Drumba lessons in PE, a fantastic combination of drumming and dance

I hope that everyone enjoys a well deserved rest so that we can enjoy all of the fun and learning heading our way before the Christmas holidays!

Happy half term,

Emma Goodes  
Headteacher



## **RBL Poppy Appeal 2025**



From 3rd to 11th November, children from Year 6 will be on the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds after school with poppies and other merchandise for you to purchase. Payments will be cash only.

## **Footwear for Autumn/Winter**

Please can all children have a pair of outdoor shoes, for example wellington boots or old trainers that can be left in school and changed into for break and lunch time.

## **Toys and Games**

Please can we remind parents that toys and games from home are not permitted in school.

## **Parent/Carer Evenings**

Parent/Carer evenings will be taking place on Wednesday 12th and 19th November. Bookings can be made via the School Life app from today and will close on 7th November. When you arrive at school for your appointment, please enter via the school office ensuring that you sign in when you arrive. Please contact the school office if you have any questions or need access to your School Life account.

## **Year 6—Secondary School Places**

Just a reminder for Year 6 parents and carers that the deadline for applications for secondary school places is Friday 31st October. Offers will be sent out on 2nd March 2026. It's important to note that applications received after the deadline will be processed later in the year and are far less likely to secure a place at a preferred school.

[Year 7 - secondary school applications | Oxfordshire County Council](#)

## **Polite Reminder**

Please can we ask all parents and carers to be mindful of our local community at drop off and pick up times, this includes parking considerately and respecting their property (not sitting on walls etc). Please also ensure children are closely supervised when crossing the road at busy times.

## **Longfields Open Morning**

Following on from the success of the open morning earlier this month, we have decided to hold another event on Wednesday 12th November, please share this information with any friends or family members looking for a nursery or reception place in September 2026.



**Longfields  
Primary School &  
Nursery  
Open Morning**

**Wednesday 12th  
November 2025**

9:30 until 11:00

Are you looking for a Reception or Nursery place for September 2026?

Come and discover what makes Longfields Primary and Nursery a fantastic place to learn and grow!

- \* Meet our passionate teachers
- \* Explore our classrooms and facilities
- \* See our children in action
- \* Meet the Head Teacher, Mrs Goodes



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The poster includes several small images on the right side showing children playing on a playground, children in a classroom, and a view of the school building.

## **Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Members Needed!**

We are looking for new members to join our Longfields PTA. Whether you can offer support at specific events, or can commit to attending meetings through the year- we need you!

Please contact the office if you are interested in becoming involved and we will plan the first meeting around the majority's availability.

## **Attendance**

You may have received a letter regarding your child's attendance, this is a statutory letter we are required to send to parents when attendance falls below 90%.



24.10.2025—Last day of school before half term

03.11.2025—First day back to school after half term

10.11.2025—14.11.2025—Anti Bullying & Friendship Week

10.11.2025—14.11.2025—Nursery and Reception Nursery Rhyme Week

10.11.2025—Individual school photos

11.11.2025—Kingfishers Class Assembly—parents are invited to attend (09:00—09:30)

12.11.2025—Nursery Rhyme dress up day for Nursery and Reception children

12.11.2025—Longfields Open Morning for September 2026 intake

12.11.2025—Parent/Carer Evening

17.11.2025—Woodpeckers Class Assembly—parents are invited to attend (09:00—09:30)

19.11.2025—Parent/Carer Evening

21.11.2025—Wear something that makes you happy day - £1 cash donation please

24.11.2025—Badgers Class Assembly—parents are invited to attend (09:00—09:30)

01.12.2025—Foxes Class Assembly—parents are invited to attend (09:00—09:30)

08.12.2025—Otters Class Assembly—parents are invited to attend (09:00—09:30)

10.12.2025 = Longfields Winter Fete (after school—more details to follow)

11.12.2025—Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

11.12.2025—Nursery & Reception Winter Play at 09:30

15.12.2025 = Hares Class Assembly—parents are invited to attend (09:00—09:30)

17.12.2025, 18.12.2025 & 19.12.2025—children can wear festive jumpers to school

17.12.2025—Christmas songs on the playground for Years 1, 2 & 3 at 14:30

18.12.2025—School Christmas Lunch

18.12.2025—Christmas songs on the playground for Years 4, 5 & 6 at 14:30

19.12.2025—Last day of school before Christmas Holidays

05.01.2026—Inset Day

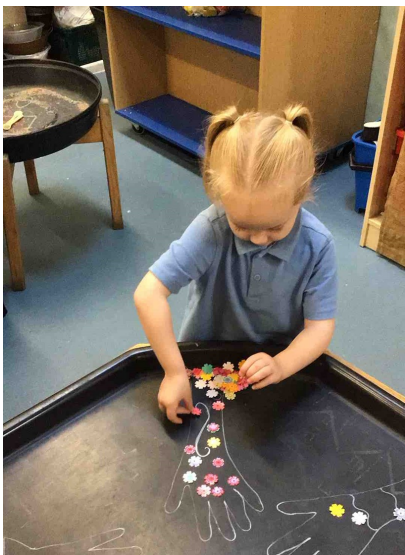
06.01.2026—First day back at school after Christmas Holidays



# STARS OF THE WEEK



## Celebrating Diwali



This week, children from EYFS celebrated Diwali. Nursery have made salt dough, Diya lamps and traditional Diwali sweets called Coconut Barfi!