

# Longfields Latest News



## 27th June 2025

Dear Parents,

It's been another busy week here at Longfields making memories with an emphasis on learning outside the class-room.

### Reminder: Use of Photographs from School Events

As we celebrate the wonderful achievements and special moments at Longfields, we know many of you like to capture these memories with photographs and videos. We're delighted you want to cherish these times, but we kindly remind you that any photographs or recordings taken at school events are for **personal use only**.

### Why this is important

- **Safeguarding all children:** Some families have requested that their children's images are not shared publicly, for a variety of personal or legal reasons.
- **Data protection:** As a school, we must follow data protection laws, which means we cannot allow identifiable images of pupils to be posted online without specific consent.
- **Respecting privacy:** Not all parents or carers are comfortable with images of their children being shared on social media or public websites.

### What we ask from you

- **Please do not post images or videos from school events on social media e.g.,** Instagram, Facebook or other public websites.
- If you wish to share a photo with family or friends, please do so privately and with care for the privacy of others.
- If you see a photo of your child online that you would like removed, contact us and we'll do our best to support you.

Thank you in advance for helping us keep all our pupils safe and respecting everyone's privacy.

### Footwear to support activity in school

We have noticed that some children are coming into school in Crocs and sandals. We want all children to be active, comfortable and safe throughout the school day. To help us achieve this, we're updating our school footwear guidance.

### Please ensure your child comes to school in:

- Closed-toe shoes with secure fastenings (Velcro, buckles, or laces)
- Shoes or black trainers that provide good support and grip
- No crocs, sandals, flip-flops, open-toe shoes, or high heels.

### Sports Days

Sports day continues to be an emotive topic. At Longfields, we believe sports day should be a celebration of participation, effort, and achievement for all. By including both competitive and non-competitive elements, we aim to ensure every child can take part, build confidence, and experience the joy of physical activity. This approach helps us create a supportive, inclusive environment where all pupils can thrive—regardless of their sporting ability.

Some pupils feel anxious or excluded when events are only competitive, we previously had lots of children who didn't come to school for this reason. Non-competitive elements help boost self-esteem and encourage physical activity without pressure. By incorporating activities where every child can succeed, celebrate effort and teamwork, we can ensure everyone receives recognition for taking part. We believe that this blended approach allows children to develop a range of physical and social skills, not just those needed for traditional races.

Some children like to be competitive as a group, but not always in the spotlight in front of lots of people. We hope that this format allows all children to be competitive and those that like the spotlight still have their chance to shine.



# YEAR 4 - EVERDON



Year 4 had a 2 night residential trip to Everdon in Northamptonshire in May.

The children took part in walking, den building, orienteering fire lighting and toasting marshmallows. The children were amazing and enjoyed their stay away, making new friends and undertaking new challenges.





# HOGSHAW FARM

The children and adults from nursery and reception had a fantastic day out at Hogshaw farm. The children were so well behaved and loved meeting all the animals. The goats even wanted to come home with some of us!



## Year 3 and 4 Sports Day Results

Firstly, a massive thank you to all parents who attended for your support with the event.

As we mentioned on Wednesday, the team scores will be announced in Celebration Assembly on Friday, but we would like to share with you results of the Team Event in the Year 3 and 4 sports day:

1st place – Claydon

2nd place – Blenheim

3rd place – Stowe

4th place - Waddesdon

No matter what place their house came, all children gave 100% and it was a very close call. A massive well done to all the children.  
To be continued for other year groups.....

## A big congratulations to our Quadkids Team!

Last Thursday, 31 of our students from across Years 3-6 attended a Level 2 (multi-school) (Quadkids) competition at The Cooper School. They were competing against 8 other schools from across The Cooper Sports Cluster within Year3/4 and Year5/6 groupings. The children all had to complete a 60m sprint, 400m run, a standing long jump and a vortex throw.

Our children all performed brilliantly and should be extremely proud of themselves.

Year 3 team placed 4<sup>th</sup> overall

Year 4 team placed 5<sup>th</sup> overall

Year 5 team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall

Year 6 team placed 6<sup>th</sup> overall

Although our teams narrowly missed out on entering the finals, some of our competitors combined individual scores qualified them for the Level 3 Finals on 11<sup>th</sup> July at North Oxfordshire Academy. We will let these children know as soon as we know the logistics for the event. No matter where they placed at the event, all our pupils did amazingly in a very big field of competitors. They showed fantastic determination and really made us proud.

Apologies for the lack of photos, I was managing 2 teams and moving between events too quickly to snap any.

Mrs Davies



## Stars of the week!



### Dates for your diary:

- 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
- 09.07.2025—Nursery and Reception Pirates & Mermaids Day
- 10.07.2025—Year 1 Trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park
- 16.07.2025—Year 6 play performance to parents 14:00
- 17.07.2025—Year 6 play performance to parents 09:15
- 18.07.2025—Year 2 Trip to Windsor Castle
- 21.07.2025—Year 6 leaver's assembly
- 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**

# Notice Board




**BICESTER**  
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**THE GOONIES**

26TH JULY | SCREENING @ 3PM |  
GARTH PARK, LAUNTON ROAD,  
OX26 6PS

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I carried a watermelon

I've had the time of my life

**Dirty Dancing**

Hungry Eyes

Nobody puts Baby in a corner

26th July | Screening @ 7:30pm | Garth Park, Launton Road, OX26 6PS

**Volunteer Opportunity!**

Next training course: September 2025

- Could you brighten families' lives with your support and reassuring smile?
- Are you looking to gain new skills while making a difference to your community?
- Do you have parenting experience and would like to spend 2-3 hours a week engaging in something meaningful?
- Full training provided and expenses paid.

Volunteering has been incredible for my own mental health. When you are praising and encouraging another person it's difficult not to recognise your own self worth.

Volunteer

Find out more here

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Applicants will be subject to a DBS check and references will be required.

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