

#### 2nd May 2025

Dear families,

We are excited to announce that Longfields Primary and Nursery School will be commemorating Victory in Europe (VE) Day next Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May. VE Day marks the end of World War II in Europe, a significant moment in history when peace was restored after years of conflict.

To honour this day, we will be engaging the children in a range of activities to help them understand the historical importance of VE Day. These activities will include learning about the events leading up to VE Day, the celebrations that took place in 1945, and the impact of the war on people's lives. We aim to foster a sense of appreciation for the peace and freedoms we enjoy today.

We encourage families to discuss this important event at home and share stories or memorabilia from that era if available. We would like to invite the children to come into school dressed in red, white and blue on this day.

You have probably noticed that we have increased the number of educational visits this year. These visits are an integral part of our curriculum, designed to enrich our children's learning experiences beyond the classroom.

School visits offer numerous benefits, including enhancing children's understanding of various subjects, stimulating curiosity, and fostering a love for learning. They provide hands-on experiences and real-world context that bring classroom lessons to life. Additionally, these outings help develop critical social skills as children interact with peers and professionals in different environments.

We believe that these experiences are invaluable in supporting our children's academic and personal growth. We are committed to offering diverse and engaging opportunities that will inspire and educate our children.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about our upcoming visits, or indeed support any of our trips as a volunteer please let us know. We can offer what we know will be both a rewarding and an exhausting experience!

We would like to remind you that school will be closed on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May due to the bank holiday. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to enjoy some quality time together, and we hope you are able to make the most of it.

Best wishes Ms Abbott







#### Dates for your diary:

05.05.2025—Early May Bank Holiday (no school)

07.05.2025—Hares library visit

12.05.2025—SATS week for Year 6

14.05.2025—Otters library visit

12.05.2025—Year 4 to Everdon

20.05.2025—Year 5 Trip to Ashmolean Museum

21.05.2025—Year 2 play performance to parents— Goldfinches Class—14:15

22.05.2025—Year 2 play performance to parents —Robins Class—09:30

23.05.2025—Last day of school before half term

02.06.2025—Inset day (no school)

03.06.2025—First day back at school after half term

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

### Year 4's Trip to Hill End

On Monday, Year 4 went to Hill End for an Anglo Saxon Day. The day was filled with a range of great activities including village life as a farmer, grinding wheat to make flour, building shelters, battle practice and tactics, archery and axe throwing (these were special safety axes for children's use).

At the end of the afternoon the two classes battled against each other with shields and pretend spears . One class were Wessex and the other Mercia.

The children were all fully engaged and enjoyed being out in the open and the hot weather was a real bonus. The children were all well behaved and as always did Longfields proud.









# FOOTBALL

On Tuesday, our girls football team played their final match of the season against St Edburg's. The game was a great success with a 3-1 victory! The girls played brilliantly and put in so much effort and hard work. Not only that, but their communication and teamwork really stood out. With a brilliant line of defence and goals from both Laila and Gracie, the girls certainly did us proud.

As the league is coming to a close, I would like to take the time to thank all of the staff and parents who supported the girls team this year. This league is impossible without that level of support and the encouragement this year has been wonderful. I would also like to say a huge congratulations and thank you to all of the girls who played in the league this year. You have done an amazing job and improved week by week – I am very proud of you all. We will keep you updated with the league results and look forward to another great year of girls football next year! Miss Smith





What a season it has been for our boys football team,. we could not be prouder of their work ethic and achievements. All twelve boys involved have given everything in each training session and match, helping us to win multiple games in extraordinary fashion. We simply cannot pick one player as a standout and we will both miss coaching these players on a weekly basis. Every single player has represented the school in a sportsman like way which we simply could not be more proud of.

We also would like to thank all parents who have given up their time to take children to and from matches, as well as allow them to train each and every week with us. Mr Gonzalez and Mr Moyse.





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