

NEWSLETTER

19th September 2025



Message from Mrs Goodes

First and foremost, a huge thank you for welcoming me into the Longfields school community. I feel blessed to have joined a school with such wonderful parents, children and staff. You have all made me feel a part of the school family already on the playground and in welcome meetings and as you may have noticed, I have an open door policy and wish to listen to you all and strive to make Longfields Primary the best it can be for our amazing children.

Please can you take 5 minutes to complete this parent/carer questionnaire: <https://forms.gle/iki9pG7L6kpdcm44A> I welcome your honest feedback so that I can work with our governors to build an action plan for the school. Positive feedback is also welcome and appreciated!

Finally, thank you to the PTA, staff, former staff, governors, emergency services, former pupils and current pupils for making the 60 years of Longfields celebration such a wonderful community event to begin our school year.

Have a restful weekend, especially Year 6 as they prepare for their residential adventure next week!

Mrs Goodes
Headteacher

Fire and lockdown drills and procedures

We had our first announced fire drill last week, your children were sensible and calm and we cleared the site quickly.

We are now speaking to the children about lockdown procedures in school and will carry out our first announced drill next week. The purpose of a school lockdown drill is a practice exercise designed to prepare staff and students for emergencies where the school building needs to be secured to protect everyone inside. Similar to a fire drill, the practice run simulates a situation where a threat, such as an intruder or a local civil disturbance, requires people to stay inside, lock doors, and hide. The drill ensures everyone knows what to do to remain safe, with students instructed to hide quietly and teachers to secure classrooms until an "all clear" signal is given by the school.

If you have any questions about either drill please contact our school office.

Parent Governor Vacancy

If you would like to apply for the role of parent governor, please return the candidate form to the school office by Friday 26th September. If you have any queries about this process or would like to find out more about the role, please contact office@longfields-primary.org

Safeguarding



Please can we remind all adults that the use of mobile phones on site is prohibited. This is standard school safeguarding protocol.

Please keep your phones in your pockets until leaving the school premises.

Thank you

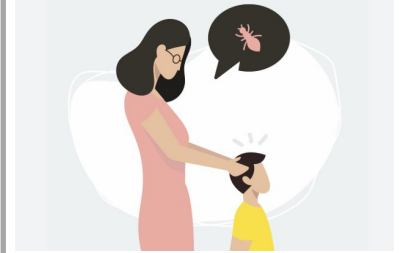


Polite reminder—bikes and scooters must not be ridden on the school site.

Thank you

Head lice

NHS



Please see the link below on how to treat head lice and nits:

[Head lice and nits - NHS](#)



Dear Parent / Carer

As Autumn approaches and the mornings and evenings get darker, parents and children walking to and from school need to be even more aware of the potential dangers they face as pedestrians and the importance of wearing bright or reflective clothing to make it easier for other road users to see them.

It is never too early to start talking to your child about road safety as, having a good understanding of road safety skills, could one day save their life.

Our **Footsteps** guide will give you some ideas of how to begin to support your child in developing the decision-making skills that will help them become a pedestrian able to keep themselves safer when they eventually walk to school or a friend's home independently.

If they are ill-prepared, children are more likely to be killed or injured in a road traffic incident, as seen by the fact that the number of child pedestrians injured rises significantly around 10 -12 years of age – the time at which they begin to go out unaccompanied by adults.

The **Footsteps** programme is simple to use as it can be carried out in normal everyday situations such as walking to school or to the local shops. Rather than *telling* children what to do, you are encouraged to *ask* lots of open questions to make the children think about the decisions they are making. Making these decisions safely, while in the company of a supporting adult, will mean they will be better prepared for dealing with roads and traffic once they begin going out on their own.

Learning to cope with traffic is a practical skill, which cannot be learnt in the classroom. As parents / carers, you are the best people to help your child develop this knowledge as you spend the most time out and about with them.

Please follow the link to the **Footsteps** guide [Footsteps](#) and start giving your children the skills and knowledge they will need to stay safer on our roads.

Remember – Be Bright Be Seen.

Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service Road Safety Team

Oxfordshire County Council



STARS OF THE WEEK (1 & 2)



Longfields 60th Anniversary Celebrations



We would like to say a huge thank you to the PTA, Longfields staff past and present, helpers and to all of you and your families for coming on Saturday. It was a wonderful afternoon of celebrations and we were so lucky with the weather.

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BICESTER
St Edburg's School
Ludlow Road site
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OXFORD
Centre for Music
Wednesdays, 14:00 - 14:45

THAME
Thame Library
Thursdays, 16:05 - 16:50

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Mondays, 16:00 - 16:45

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