



Longwick C of E Primary School

Newsletter 2 Autumn Term 2026

Values: Respect, Responsibility, Perseverance, Curiosity

Vision: Grow, Flourish, Fly

A warm welcome to all our families as we move further into the term. The children have settled back into school routines with real positivity, and it has been wonderful to see classrooms full of focus, energy and curiosity.

What happened in school last week?

XYZ Music Academy Visit

The children enjoyed a fantastic performance from **XYZ Music Academy**, who showcased a range of instruments and styles. A letter has been sent home with details on how to **sign up** if your child would like to take part in lessons.

Year 5/6 Farm School

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils had a brilliant session at the farm:

- They learned about warm-blooded and cold-blooded animals, linking science to real-life examples.
- Picked seasonal blackberries and used them to make delicious muffins.
- Spent time with the calves — and a few children even witnessed a new calf being born, which was incredibly special.
- Walked there and back using the footpaths, giving everyone some excellent exercise and fresh air.

Learning Across the School

All children are continuing to settle into their learning and re-establish routines. Teachers are building strong foundations for the term ahead and it's lovely to see classes working with such enthusiasm.

11+ Update

The 11+ assessments have now finished. Well done to our Year 6 pupils for approaching the process with maturity and calm.

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils have already stepped up beautifully, taking on responsibilities with confidence and showing real leadership across the school. We look forward to seeing these roles grow as the term progresses.

Gate & Morning Routine Reminders

A few important points to help mornings run smoothly and keep the children safe:

- The **morning gate closes at 8:55am**. Please ensure children arrive on time.

- After 8:55am, families must enter via the **school office**, and children will be marked as **late**.
- Please **stand back from classroom doors** until teachers open them. Tape has been placed this morning to help guide where to wait.
- Thank you for supporting a calm and safe start to the day.

Enrichment

- We are looking forward to further **enrichment opportunities** this term, including farm school, and visits from Ercol, Hypnos, the Repair Barn and Hearing Dogs.

An email update with dates has been sent to those year groups involved so far.

Policies

Once again, our website has been updated.

The **Uniform policy** includes updates and an **ODBST Earring and Jewellery statement** has been added. Please read these carefully as the Earring section is important. I attach an extract for you here:

Guidance information:

1. Earrings and Jewellery during PE and Physical Activity

All earrings and jewellery must be removed for PE, school sports, active play, and physical extra curricular activities. Pupils unable to remove earrings cannot participate in practical PE. Safe keeping of removed items is the responsibility of the child.

2. Newly Pierced Ears

New piercings require approximately six weeks before earrings can be safely removed. During this period, pupils who cannot remove earrings will complete non-practical PE activities.

3. Taping Earrings

Taping earrings is not permitted.

*The British Association of Advisers and Lecturers in PE (BAALPE) guidance supports afPE and states that **earrings must be removed** and must **not be taped**, as taping "creates a perception of safety and is not recommended." The wearing of jewellery increases the risk of injury significantly.*

Ms Collinson

Longwick Primary School Attendance week ending 11th September.

Overall school
attendance

97%

Government Target:

95%

Congratulations! This week's Attendance Award goes to Reception with 100 % Attendance.

