



Longwick C of E Primary School

Newsletter 1 Autumn Term 2026

Values: Respect, Responsibility, Perseverance, Curiosity

Vision: Grow, Flourish, Fly

Welcome to the New School Year – Longwick C of E Combined School

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to all our families — both those returning to Longwick and those joining us for the first time. The children have made an excellent start to the term. They look incredibly smart and we want to thank all parents who have sent children in the correct uniform and school shoes. It makes a real difference to how confidently and calmly the term begins.

We are delighted to welcome three new teachers to our staff team: **Mrs Wareing, Mrs Robinson and Mrs Deacon**. They have already made a positive impact and are looking forward to getting to know you and your children over the coming weeks.

Our School Vision – Grow, Flourish, Fly

At Longwick, our vision is for every child to **Grow, Flourish and Fly** — academically, socially and spiritually. We continue to draw inspiration from the **Parable of the Mustard Seed (Matthew 13:31-32)** reminding children that even the smallest beginnings can grow into something remarkable with care, nurture and perseverance.

Our values of **curiosity, responsibility, respect and kindness** will be woven throughout learning, outdoor learning and daily life this year.

Attendance is a key focus this year, and we appreciate your support in ensuring children arrive on time and ready to learn each day. Thank you for respecting the changes to the gate opening and closing times.

Enrichment Opportunities

We are excited to expand our enrichment offer this year. These opportunities help children develop confidence, curiosity, teamwork and real-world understanding.

Farm School

Each class will have the opportunity to visit Holly Green Farm twice this year. Dates and information will come out nearer the time. Please take time to re-read the attached information leaflet that was sent to families last term.

- **Years 5 / 6 – Autumn Term 1**
- **Years 4 / 5 – Autumn Term 2**
- **Year 3 – Spring Term 1**
- **Years 2 - Spring 2**
- **Year 1 – Summer Term 1**
- **Year R - Summer Term 2**

Forest School

We also hope to offer Forest School sessions this year — dates and year groups will be confirmed shortly. There will also be the opportunity for the Forest School location to be used for outdoor learning i.e. reading, maths, geography, science, art etc. For these sessions the children will not need to change their clothing unless asked to do so in advance.

Enrichment

We are fortunate to have a growing list of volunteers and partners who have offered to support our enrichment programme. So far this year, we have had offers from:

- **Ercol**
- **Hypnos**
- **Hearing Dogs for Deaf People**
- **The Repair Barn**

Opportunities will be allocated to year groups based on suitability and curriculum links. They are at no cost and will take place on school site.

Trips

Educational visits are currently being organised and will be shared with families as soon as dates are confirmed.

Website Updates

Since last week, further updates have been made to the school website. Coming soon:

- **Class Curriculum Maps**
- **Knowledge Organisers**
- **Home Learning Information**

Housekeeping & Daily Routines

A few important reminders to help the term run smoothly:

- **Uniform** Thank you again to families who have ensured children are in correct school uniform. This supports consistency, safety and readiness for learning. Already we have had to reunite unnamed items with children. Please check tonight that your child's uniform is labelled.
- **Packed Lunches** Please consider healthy choices when preparing lunches. We ask that no chocolate biscuits are included and that families reduce the number of times children bring crisps each week. We will be sharing some simple, child-friendly healthy recipes soon to support you with ideas. Please only provide enough food that your child will eat. Quite often there is too much food that is either taken home again. We ask that all food and packaging and uneaten food is returned home each day.
- **Drinks** Children should bring water only to school. Please ensure named water bottles are in school every day.
- **Medication** If your child requires medication in school, please make sure it is returned promptly and handed directly to a member of staff.

We are very much looking forward to the term ahead and all the opportunities it will bring for our children to grow, flourish and fly. Thank you for your continued support, positivity and partnership as we begin this new school year together. It has been a wonderful start, and we are excited for everything still to come.

Warm regards,

Ms Collinson