Longwick C of E Primary School

Grow · Flourish · Fly

Newsletter 7

From small beginnings, great things grow Matthew 13:31–32

Curiosity · Perseverance · Curiosity. Responsibility

Dear Families,

This is term as we head towards Christmas, we recognise **world faith celebrations** that bring 'light into the world' and some children in our school and in our community celebrated Diwali at the weekend.

Celebration	Faith	When	What	Web Link
Diwali	Hindu, Sikh, Jain and some Buddhist communities.	Just before half term	Celebrates the victory of light over darkness and good over evil.	Diwali 
Hanukkah	Jewish communities	Evening of Friday 4th December – 12th December	Celebrates rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem and the miracle of the oil lasting eight days	Hanukkah 
Christmas	Christian communities	Friday 25th December	Celebrates the birth of Jesus as the 'Light of the world'.	Christmas 

On Sunday, Miss Craker and I were accompanied by Hollie and Theo to lay a wreath at the Risborough War commemoration service. Thankyou to the many parents who were able to attend. This Wednesday, we will attend the Longwick service. All children in school will hold a minute's silence in the playground at 11 o clock.



As we mark Remembrance Day, the poppy placed at our local war memorial is much more than a symbol. It is a reminder of the courage, sacrifice and service of those who gave their lives and of all those whose lives have been affected by war and conflict.
For our children, Remembrance is not simply about looking back at history. It is about understanding the importance of peace, appreciating the freedoms we enjoy today and recognising that these should never be taken for granted.
At Longwick, Remembrance also provides an opportunity to reflect on our school values of **Respect, Responsibility, Curiosity and Perseverance**. We want our children to grow into thoughtful, compassionate individuals who understand that even small acts of kindness, understanding and respect can make a difference.
As we pause to remember, we encourage our children to think not only about those who served before us, but also about the part they can play in building a more peaceful and caring world.
We will remember them.

Ms Collinson

Attendance

Big Thank You!

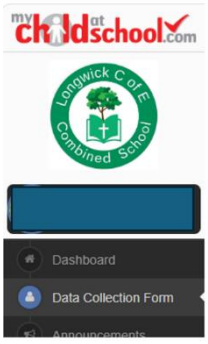
A very big thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support in ensuring that children arrive at school on time and attend regularly. Our attendance figures are looking positive and this is something we can all celebrate!
Being in school every day and arriving on time makes such a difference to children's learning, friendships, confidence and sense of belonging.

We will shortly be sending home **Attendance Certificates** **to recognise and thank families** for their commitment and support. **Look out for yours!!**

We are also sharing the **NHS poster, *'Is my child too ill for school?'*,** to help parents make informed decisions when their child is feeling unwell. Please remember that we will always monitor children carefully during the school day and contact you if we feel they are too unwell to remain in school.



Thank you once again for working in partnership with us. Every school day matters, and together we are helping our children to Grow, Flourish and Fly!



Pupil Information

It is important that we have the correct information for all pupils and would be grateful if you would check your child's record on your MCAS Account > Data Collection Form. If any details need to be amended, please contact the school office.

What have we been learning in school?

Reception – Learned about 2D shapes up to shapes with 6 sides, and the celebration of Diwali.
Year 1 – Began to explore numbers greater than 10.
Year 2 – Learned about the story of The Good Samaritan and giving to others.
Year 3 – Learned about the countries of the United Kingdom and their capitals.
Year 4/5 – Created Autumnal descriptive writing.
Year 5/6 – Practised sewing stitches for bookmarks.

Longwick Primary School Attendance week ending 6th November 2026

Overall school attendance	Government Target:
95.8%	**95%**

Congratulations! This week's Attendance Award goes to Year 1.



Value Champions of the week:

Reception	Mia and Myles
Year 1	Amelia and Roman
Year 2	Blayke and Hendrix
Year 3	Dylan
Year 4/5	Owen & Mollie
Year 5/6	Darcy and Josh

The JR Sports Group

Making each day brighter for every child

Fun first Inclusive Safety Quality

A Great Start to the 2nd half of the term with lots for the children to be kept busy doing! The firework activity went down so well that they did it twice!



News From Friends of Longwick PTA

Contact us! Email friends@lgw.odbst.org or message Alicia on 07804 620414

PTA meeting calendar
Here are our meeting dates for the rest of the year. We would love to see some new faces. If you would like to have a chat to find out what goes on, please feel free to speak to/message Alicia. The meetings are held on Teams using the link below. You can join on your mobile phone or laptop etc.

Mon 16th Nov 7.45pm
Mon 18th Jan 7.45pm
Mon 8th March 7.45pm
Mon 26th April 7.45pm
Mon 21st June 7.45pm.

Friends PTA Teams meeting link:

https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/3737990202108306?p=zn5YSlvX7XFK1LYnZY

Meeting ID: 373 799 020 210 830 6 Passcode: BD2Ss3NG

Urgent Call for a Secretary
We are desperately seeking someone to take on the role of PTA Secretary. The PTA cannot run without a full committee, please get in touch if you can help or would just like to have a chat to find out more. You will be given full support and guidance.

Doing any Christmas shopping?
Whether it's Argos, M&S, Boots or thousands of other brands, you could be raising free donations for Friends of Longwick C of E Combined School with easyfundraising! It's free to use, and we even get £2 when you join through the app! It only takes 2 mins to register.

Here's the link:

https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/longwickschool/2OZI17/2pae/9NkZC5EM/2PA02/sharetext/

Fundraising Campaign 2026-27: £3,000 for new school furniture

Don't forget to use the Go Fund Me page for your ad hoc donations. We'd like to replace the desks and chairs and every penny helps.

https://gofund.me/9eb15540d

Dates for your diary

Wreath Making Workshop Friday 4th December 7-9pm £45 including a drink and mince pie.

Info and tickets here: https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsoflongwickschool/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=123667

Christmas Fayre Friday 11th December

Our much-loved Christmas Fayre will be back this December and we're already looking forward to a fun-filled afternoon for the children and families. To make it a success, we're looking for volunteers to help on the day. If you can spare some time, we'd love to hear from you.

Friends is now online!

Please follow us on Facebook to keep up with all our latest news and share our events with your friends and family. Help us to build an online community to support the school.

https://www.facebook.com/share/19YnsFYYSw/?mibextid=wwXIfr

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of the PTA.