

*A school family at the centre of its village community, with a big outward looking heart, where All are enabled to shine as unique individuals, using their well of abilities to flourish as global Citizens. (Isaiah 58:11)*



Longborough CofE Primary School

Newsletter Date: 26.10.2023

Key Dates:

26.10.23 – End of Term 1 (3:20pm)

27.10.23 – INSET day (staff only)

06.11.23 – Start of Term 2  
Children return 08:45am)

08.11.23 – School Photographs

13.11.23 & 14.11.23 – Parents  
Evenings (further details to follow)

17.11.23 – Children in Need Day

08.12.23 – Cinderella Pantomime

21.12.23 – Nativity

22.12.23 – End of Term 2 (1:30pm)

08.01.24 – INSET day (Staff only)

09.01.24 – Start of Term 3  
(Children return 08:45am)

10.01.24 – Young Voices Concert  
Birmingham (Years 5 & 6 only)

09.02.24 – End of Term 3 (3:20pm)

19.02.24 – Start of Term 4  
(Children return 08:45am)

22.03.24 – End of Term 4 (1:30pm)

08.04.24 – Start of Term 5  
(Children return 08:45am)

06.05.24 – Bank Holiday (School  
closed)

24.05.24 – End of Term 5 (3:20pm)

**This term we are celebrating all of our Christian Values.**

**Please complete and return the Values Postcards so we can celebrate your children's achievements!**

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy term 1 we have had. I'm sure all the staff and pupils are looking forward to a restful half term holiday.

Class 2 and 3 have already been on their first school trips of the year and School Council have organised two fundraising events, a coffee afternoon and a fancy dress disco. Thank you to everyone who has supported these events.

Our worship committee are preparing to lead their first worship and our Head Pupils are ready to lead celebration worship next term.

We are very pleased to announce the launch of the new Longborough C of E Primary School website. We hope you enjoy exploring it at the link below. [www.longboroughprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.longboroughprimaryschool.co.uk)

Do keep watch for important dates next term to include Parents' Evening, Class 2 worship, Children in Need, Christmas services and, of course, our nativity. We look forward to welcoming you into school. Please do not hesitate to contact Miss Tanswell in the office with any queries or should you wish to discuss anything with me.

Thank you for your continued support.

Wishing you all a happy half term,

Jayne Pryor  
Acting Head of School

**Parents Evening – 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> November**

Parents Evening will be taking place on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> (5:00 – 7:30pm) and Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November (3:30 – 5:00pm). Appointments are to be booked through the online Parents evening booking system as per last term. Emails and texts were sent out yesterday for you to book your appointments. If anyone has any problems booking their appointment/s then please let Miss Tanswell know.

**Absence Requests**

Please can we remind parents that if you are planning on taking your child/ren out of school, an absence request form **must** be completed. These are available from Miss Tanswell in the office. Please note that leave will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances.

03.06.24 – Start of Term 6  
(Children return 08:45am)

04.06.24 – 07.06.24 – Year 6  
Residential, Condoval Hall

19.07.24 – Term 6 ends (1:30pm)

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[www.northcotswoldschools.co.uk](http://www.northcotswoldschools.co.uk)  
Click the link above to go to our  
website



### Illnesses and Absences

We appreciate that there are lots of ailments that go around during the colder winter months, which has a knock on effect on attendance levels. Below is a link to the NHS Website which you can use as a guide to determine when children should not be in school as a result of illness. <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>  
Rest assured, we will contact you if your child is not well enough to be at school.

### Breakfast and After School Club

There are spaces available in both breakfast and after school club throughout the week. If you need to book a space, please do so via Parentpay in the same way as you book lunches. For any late/emergency requests please contact the office. Thank you.

### Class News:

#### Class 1

What a lovely week to finish our first half term!

We have been busy in our phonics lessons, we have learnt graphemes 'h', 'f', 'ff', 'l' and 'll'. We have also been introduced to 2 new HRS words 'as' and 'his'.

In mathematics we have continued with our topic 'It's me! 1, 2, 3.' The children are becoming subitising experts (when you see the quantity without counting). We have also been looking at 1 more and 1 less with numbers up to 3. We finished the week by consolidating our understanding of the composition of numbers 1-3.

We have finished our focussed book, 'On Sudden Hill'. It is brilliant to have witnessed the children's confidence develop in literacy. I am very proud of you all!

We have also painted our clay leaves, the children chose the colours red, yellow, brown and orange. Very autumnal!

The pre-schoolers have been creating their very own body percussion as well as going on a sound walk around the school. They have also been getting creative by decorating their clay hedgehogs. They are building up their fine motor skills in our play doh disco sessions, and they are growing their gross motor skills in our yoga sessions.

Please can all YR parents email into the office a photo of your child in each of the following life stages **before** we return to school:

- Newborn
- Infant
- Toddler
- Preschooler

Next term we will be investigating different life stages, and we will create a timeline in our class with all of the photos.

Have a great break!  
Miss Woodward

#### Class 2

Even though it has been a short week we have still managed to pack a lot in.

In English we finished learning how to write a biography by writing about Malala Yousafzai's life. Then equipped with these new skills we interviewed each other and wrote a fantastic biography about our friends life!

In maths we have continued to use the addition and equals signs to write different addition sentences.  
In History we celebrated Black History month by learning about Wangari Maaathai a Kenyan environmentalist, who along with two other amazing women, Mother Theresa and Malala Yousafzai, was also awarded a Nobel Peace Prize.

We have also finally filled our pompom jar and so now need to think what treat we would like after half term!  
We finished the week with great excitement at the thought of the school disco!!

Have a fantastic half term break and I look forward to seeing you all in November!

Mrs Hourihan

### Class 3

A super week to end the half term!

I was so disappointed to miss the class trip to Greystones, however, the children did a great job of telling me what they got up to, it was as if I was there myself! What a great experience for them to travel back in time and live a day of stone age life. They were enthralled with some of the activities - wattle and daub wall building (minus the cow manure), flint striking and bread making to name but a few. I was especially proud to hear how they had represented the school in such a positive way.

In **maths** we have been counting in 50s (Y3) and 25s (Y4) as part of our place value unit. In **English** we have been writing our independent pieces based on the Stone Age Boy text, with some beautiful language being used to describe a stone age camp.

In **art** we have looked at how different shades of colour can make us feel, discussing the art pieces of Paul Klee to explore how feelings can be shown in abstract paintings.

Wishing you all a super break over half term.

Miss Ryan



### Class 4

Class 4 have been working really hard this week. They have had an introduction to long division and a recap of multiplying by 10, 100 and 1000.

In Art they have been developing their skills, using foil to experiment with form and creating their own sculptures using clay. In Science, Class 4 looked closely at a rose and dissected it to identify all of the parts of the flower.

Class 4 also had an unexpected PE lesson with Mr Hughes this week as Mr Chillingworth's wife went into labour. Please say hello to baby Beatrice who arrived safely last night. Sending Mr Chillingworth and his wife our best wishes, we look forward to meeting Beatrice after half term!

Have a lovely half term break  
Mrs Pryor



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If something is getting you down it really helps to talk to a family member, friend, someone you can trust or someone at school.

You can also talk to someone at:

TIC+ - chat 0300 303 8080 a free anonymous phone line

- Text 07520 634063

Samaritans – ring 116 123 or email [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)

Childline – ring 0800 1111

Youngminds – text YM to 85258

Kooth – <https://kooth.com>

Mindful – <https://www.mindful.org/>

NSPCC – [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)