

# THE CLOCK

The weekly newsletter of Longford CofE Primary School

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## This Week's News from Mrs Piper-Hadfield:

I have just arrived back from a wonderful bowling trip with the Y6s as their end of Longford treat. It won't be long until we say goodbye and wish them all the best for the future. To do this, we invite you all to 'line the red carpet' at the end of the day (3.15pm) on Wednesday. We of course also have the leavers' service for Y6 families and friends, at 2.30pm.

On Wednesday, the children enjoyed taking part in 'Longford Games' again this year, run by Primary Stars, where they had the opportunity to try out a range of activities. It was great to see them cooperating in their four teams: water, fire, air and earth.

We look forward to seeing you all next week at Speech and Sparkle at 2pm on Tuesday and/or the whole-school walk at 2pm on Monday.

### Sparkler Awards:

**Holly Y1** for kindness - nominated by Elley

**Olly Y1** for kindness and love of learning - nominated by Sophia B and Nel

**Nel Y1, Sophia B Y2 and Alice Y2** for kindness - nominated by Holly

**Nico Y3** for love of learning - nominated by Mrs Clarke

**Eva Y4** for enthusiasm and contributions within lesson - nominated by Mrs Clarke

**Amy-Leigh Y5** for kindness - nominated by Leyla

**Thomas and Herbie Y6** for positive behaviour and attitude towards learning - nominated by Mrs Riley

**Reuben Y6** for kindness - nominated by Alexander and Oliver

**Grace and Delilah Y6** for friendship - nominated by Georgia



## 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

Come and join us to celebrate our 150<sup>th</sup> birthday!

That's right, the school was opened in 1875 and we thought it only right to mark the occasion.

On 8<sup>th</sup> October, we will therefore be opening up the school between 3-5pm to celebrate.

Details are on the poster but please help us to spread the message.

Further information regarding the children's time capsule will follow closer to the time.

'Place a plaque' is open to anyone who would like to mark their connection to the school. Sign ups are welcome in advance (just email me at [headteacher@longford.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@longford.derbyshire.sch.uk)) and will also be taken on the day.

## Additional Inset Day - 2025/26

An extra trust inset day has been added to the school calendar, on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November.

All inset days are available on the school website (Parent Information > Term Dates)



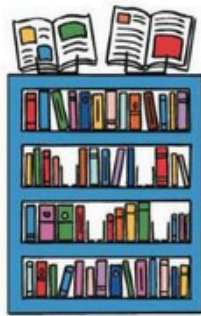
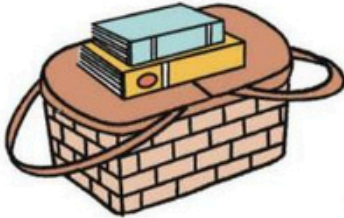
## FPTA Barn Dance

A huge well done and thank you to our fabulous FPTA and any of you who attended the recent barn dance.

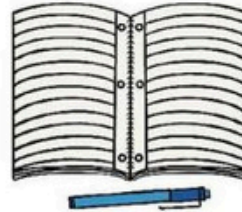
You raised an incredible £1,850! This money of course greatly enhances the resources and opportunities available to our children so thank YOU!



**Go on a reading picnic.**



**Keep a summer journal.**



**Read out loud to stuffed animals.**

**Read and watch book-inspired movies.**



**Explore a new library section.**

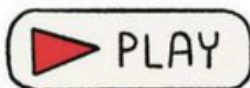


**Start a family book club.**



**Subscribe to a kids' magazine.**

**Record video book reviews.**

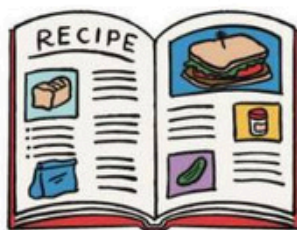
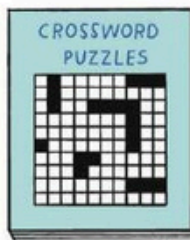


# 15 FUN WAYS TO READ THIS SUMMER



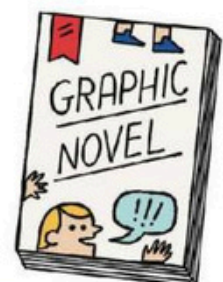
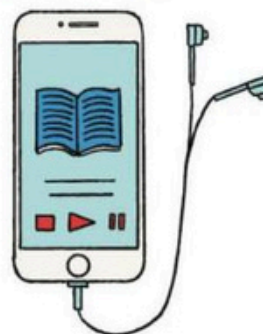
**Dress in costume to read.**

**Do crossword puzzles.**



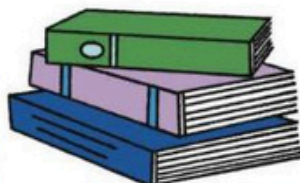
**Cook using a recipe.**

**Read along to audiobooks.**



**Read a new genre.**

**Join a summer reading program.**



**Play word games.**



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TEACHERS**

# UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

## NEXT WEEK:

**Monday** - whole school walk, 2pm (families invited to join us)

**Tuesday** - Speech and Sparkle, 2pm (family event)

**Wednesday** - Y6 Leavers' service (Y6 parents invited)

## NEXT TERM:

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July** - whole-school walk (families invited), 2pm

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** - Speech and Sparkle, 2pm

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July** - Y6 Leavers' Service, 2.30pm + last day of term

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**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September** - Inset days

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September** - Start of the Autumn term for pupils

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September** - Harvest Festival at St Chad's, 2.30pm

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November** - 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, 3-5pm

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November** - Inset Day

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December** - Whole-school Panto Trip

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December** - School Plays at Wyaston Village Hall

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December** - Christingle Service at St Chad's, 2.30pm

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:

**Monday** - TBC until 4.15pm

**Tuesday** - TBC (Primary Stars\*) until 4.30pm

**Wednesday** - Creative (Miss Beresford) until 4.30pm

**Thursday** - TBC (Primary Stars) until 4.30pm

**Friday** - Games (Miss Beresford) until 4.15pm

\*Booked directly with Primary Stars



## Reminders!

Monday - sensible shoes for school walk and rain coats!