

THE CLOCK

The weekly newsletter of Longford CofE Primary School

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This Week's News from Mrs Piper-Hadfield:

Today, we wish Mrs Clarke all the best and send her our best wishes as she heads off on maternity leave! Mrs Riley will take over her teaching commitment from Wednesday.

We're looking forward to welcoming families, old and new, as well as members of the community, to school on Wednesday for our 150th birthday. Please remember that collection is at 2.45pm as the event is 3-5pm. There will be pictures to reminisce upon, cake, a table for the children to write a letter/draw a picture to add to the time capsule and also a table for plaque sign ups (names and dates can be added - £10 each, all funds to go to school). See you there!

Parents' Evenings are fast approaching - Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th October. Sign up sheets for these will be in reception from drop off on Monday. Slots are available from 3.20-5.20pm on both nights.

Sparkler Awards:

Theo R YR, Alfie Y6 and Faris Y6 for kindness and friendship - nominated by Amy-Leigh

Sydney YR for respect and concentration - nominated by Mrs Whitney

Everley Y1 for participation and resilience - nominated by Mrs Whitney

Alfie Y1 for love of learning - nominated by Mrs Whitney

Sarlett Y2 for love of learning - nominated by Mrs Piper-Hadfield and Mrs Clarke

Amelia Y3 for respect & focus - nominated by Mrs Piper-Hadfield and Mrs Clarke

Chloe Y3 for kindness - nominated by Miss Beresford

Billy Kent-Pearce Y4 for effort - nominated by Mrs Bailey

Inaya Y5 for friendship - nominated by Jake

Faris Y6 for friendship - nominated by Leyla Y5

Alfie Y6 for organisation and thoughtfulness - nominated by Miss Beresford

Amy-Leigh Y6 for kindness - nominated by Miss Beresford

Mrs Sessions for helpfulness (taking all of the food donations to Ashbourne Food Bank) - nominated by Mrs Piper-Hadfield

Peacock Award - **Ted Y4** for effort with reading, nominated by Ted

Upcoming Sports Events 2025 - 2026

Date	Event
Tuesday 7 th October	Y3, 4, 5 & 6 Cross Country (PM)
Tuesday 11 th November	Y5 & 6 Tag Rugby (PM)
Tuesday 18 th November	Y3 & 4 Tag Rugby (PM)
Tuesday 18 th November	Y1 & Y2 - Cross Country (AM)
Tuesday 20 th January	KS2 Gymnastics (Waterhouses) (PM)
Tuesday 3 rd February	Y5 & 6 Sportshall Athletics (PM)
Tuesday 10 th February	Y3 & 4 Sportshall Athletics (PM)
Tuesday 24 th March	EYFS, Y1 & Y2 – Team Challenge (AM)
Tuesday 19 th May	KS2 Cricket (Parwich) (PM)
Tuesday 16 th June	EYFS, Y1 & Y2 – Sports Day (AM)
Tuesday 16 th June	Y5 & 6 Rounders (PM)
Tuesday 23 rd June	Y3 & 4 Rounders (PM)

Primary Stars Events

QEGS Events

Please see a list of the sports events we plan to attend this year. A couple of parents mentioned it would be helpful to have earlier notice of these events, as they often require collection outside of school hours, so hopefully this will help with planning.

Please note however that as we are providing them for the year ahead, they are subject to change and we don't have exact timings yet - they are sent to us closer to the date and unfortunately mean we are often not able to give a lot of notice.

For any Y2/3/4 events that fall on a Tuesday afternoon until the end of February, we will make a judgement as to whether swimming will still run that afternoon or not (depending upon how many children are attending the event etc).

UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

NEXT WEEK:

Monday - Owls' topic workshop

Wednesday - 150th birthday celebration, 3-5pm

THIS TERM:

Monday 6th October - Owls' topic workshop

Wednesday 8th October - Celebrating 150 years of Longford, 3-5pm

Tuesday 14th October & Wednesday 15th October - Parents' Evenings

27th - 31st October: Half Term

Friday 7th November - Inset Day

Wednesday 12th November - Individual & sibling school photos + Longford Little Ones

Monday 8th December - Show and Share morning

Tuesday 9th December - Whole-school Panto Trip

Thursday 11th December - Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 12th December - School Plays at Wyaston Village Hall

Tuesday 16th December - Longford Little Ones

Friday 19th December - Christingle Service at St Chad's, 2.30pm + last day of term

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:

Monday - Lego Club until 4.15pm

Tuesday - Dodgeball (Primary Stars*) until 4.30pm

Wednesday - Creative (Miss Beresford) until 4.30pm

Thursday - Tennis (Primary Stars) until 4.30pm

Friday - Games (Miss Beresford) until 4.15pm

*Booked directly with Primary Stars



Reminders!

Wednesday - collection at 2.45pm