

THE CLOCK

The weekly newsletter of Longford CofE Primary School

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This Week's News from Mrs Piper-Hadfield:

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our 150th birthday celebrations! It was a pleasure to welcome pupils past and present into school to celebrate with us. From current students, to students from the 1950s-60s and three generations (pictures above), it was a wonderful celebration of Longford over the years and a great opportunity to reminisce.

We had a lot of plaque sign ups but if anyone would still like one - please just email or pop in and I can sort that for you. £10 per plaque with wording of your choice (including dates, if desired). Some people have gone for family plaques, others individual plaques. These will be displayed on the front of school, next to the bell.

Sparkler Awards:

Leo YR for love of learning - nominated by Mrs Whitney

Nia YR for participation - nominated by Mrs Whitney

Theo E YR for effort - nominated by Edward S and Edward F

Darcie B Y1 for respect - nominated by Mrs Piper-Hadfield

Aiden Y2 for determination and enjoyment - nominated by Mrs Bates

Nel Y2 for participation - nominated by Mrs Riley

Martha Y2 for kindness, patience and commitment - nominated by Mrs Riley

Amelia Y3 for love of learning - nominated by Mrs Bates

Edward S Y3 for love of learning and helpfulness - nominated by Mrs Riley

Emily Y5 for effort and respect - nominated by Mrs Bailey

ParentHub - Year Group Channels

It was brought to my attention on Tuesday that a few parents weren't aware of the KS2 Cross Country event until I mentioned it in the newsletter and that they didn't know where to find the details for it. The information for this was posted on ParentHub a couple of weeks before the event under year group channels. The problem seems to be that a few parents aren't signed up to year group channels, only class and whole-school, and therefore hadn't seen the information. Please can you therefore check that you are subscribed to year groups as well. Any issues, please of course contact Leanne - l.holmes@longford.derbyshire.sch.uk. Thank you!

Parent Survey - Summer 2025

After analysis and discussions in last night's governor meeting, I am pleased to share the results of the parent survey that was carried out in the summer. Thank you to everyone who responded. The overwhelmingly positive response was wonderful to see and share with staff so thank you for your ongoing support.

25 parents responded, so 4% = 1 parent

	% Agree
My child is happy at this school	100
My child feels safe at this school	100
The school promotes good behaviour	100
Has your child been bullied at school?	8
If yes to the above, the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively	100
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year and lets me know how my child is doing.	96
I have raised a matter/concern with the school	32
If yes to the above, they have been dealt with properly	100
My child has SEND and the school gives them the support they need to succeed	100
The school has high expectations for my child: I feel that my child does well at this school	100
There are clubs and activities at this school that my child can take part in if they choose to.	100
I would recommend this school to another parent	100
The school supports my child's wider development	100
Are you aware that your child's school is part of the Embark Federation?	100
I think the school benefits from being a member of EMBARK Federation	96
My child is taking part in the EMBARK Award – 100 activities before they leave Primary School	84

Positive Comments:

It was a difficult job trying to narrow down the positive comments (thank you!) but here are a few:

- It's a wonderful, happy and safe environment to thrive and learn in.
- Children seem genuinely happy and appear to enjoy school here!
- Caring and nurturing environment. Lots of variety in learning experiences i.e. field trips, visitors.
- Fantastic ethos and values upheld by teachers, supporting staff and children alike
- Very supportive and allows our daughter to be herself and excel in what she loves.
- The school is a wonderful, nurturing environment that supports children as individuals to meet their full potential and thrive, whilst celebrating their achievements whether academic or not
- Nourishing environment and first-rate teaching
- Strong and compassionate leadership, heart of the community, family-focused
- It's a happy & safe learning environment & the teachers are very engaging.
- Big emphasis on love of learning and reading. Staff very responsive.
- Supports learners when needed but also able to stretch and challenge when appropriate, my child's confidence surrounding learning is good and her love of reading is lovely to see
- They try and get the children outside as much as possible
- The school creates a wonderful learning environment and meets the needs of all their children whatever they may be.
- Very caring and protect the children very well at. School and out of school.
- The school has consistently supported my son and pushed him to develop, learn and reach his full potential. When he has experienced difficulties the school has been willing to listen to his concerns and react appropriately.
- Treats my child as an individual
- The school is one big happy family

Development Points:

For 'How could the school be even better?' there were only a very small handful of comments, with the only trend being two comments mentioning that earlier notice of timings for events that require collection outside of school hours would be welcomed. I completely understand and appreciate this which is why we have shared sports events early so you can pencil them into the diary. We are however somewhat restricted here due to the fact that we have to wait for the information to reach us before we can then share it with parents - we will of course do what we can though to try and ensure information reaches you as early as possible.

Any other comments were stand alone.

One comment did mention that it would be useful to know what topics children are learning further in advance to support learning at home. Our long term curriculum plan is always on our website and so you can see exactly what your child will be learning for the full year ahead. (Learning > Our Curriculum). We are currently on cycle 2.

Another comment mentioned more music/instruments in school - we are currently seeking a 1:1 piano music teacher but there is very limited availability across Derbyshire and so it is something we continue to struggle with - but we will of course persevere!

UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

NEXT WEEK:

Tuesday & Wednesday - Parents' Evenings

THIS TERM:

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!

Tuesday & Wednesday
- Parents' Evenings

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