

Long Melford Church of England Primary School and Nursery

Weekly Update – Friday 15th May 2026

Upcoming Dates for Week commencing 18th May

Monday 18th May	Y4 Clarinet Lessons Netball Club Colouring Club - CANCELLED
Tuesday 19th May	Y1 and 2 visit Melford Hall Y6 to Sudbury Gymnastics Club Dance Club Singing Club Building Club Choosing Club
Wednesday 20th May	Y6 Crucial Crew Visit Y 3-6 Football Club
Thursday 21st May	Y3 Swimming Art Club Y1 and Y2 Football Club Lego Club Myth, Monster and Magical Club - CANCELLED
Friday 22nd May	PD Day - No School
Monday 25th May	FLuMPS Coffee and Cakes for the Long Melford Open Gardens day.

Weekly Attendance

to 15/5/26

Reception	94%
Year 1	97%
Year 2	98%* 
Year 3	93%
Year 4	98%*
Year 5	96%
Year 6	97%

If your child is ill, please ring the school and leave a message **even if your child is in Nursery**. Thank you.

**Year 2 had less Late marks*

Our Christian Value is

Responsibility

Dinner Menu week commencing 18/5/26

	Core Menu	Allergen Free Menu
Monday	Cheese and Tomato Pizza or Macaroni Cheese or Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo or Hot Pasta and Tomato Sauce	Loaded Beef and Corn Wedges or Potato Wedges with Veggies or Crispy Skin Jacket Potato and Veggie Bolognese or Baked Beans
Tuesday	Meatballs and Mash or Veggie Sausages and Mash or Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo or Hot Pasta and Tomato Sauce	Meatballs and Mash or Vegetable Ratatouille or Crispy Skin Jacket Potato and Veggie Bolognese or Baked Beans
Wednesday	Roast Chicken or Med Veg Wellington or Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo or Hot Pasta and Tomato Sauce	Roast Chicken or Vegetable Hot Pot or Crispy Skin Jacket Potato and Veggie Bolognese or Baked Beans
Thursday	Fish Fingers and Chips or Veggie Fingers and Chips or Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo or Hot Pasta and Tomato Sauce	Fried Chicken and Chips or Veggie Bean Patty and Chips or Crispy Skin Jacket Potato and Veggie Bolognese or Baked Beans
Friday	PD Day - No School	PD Day - No School



Certificate Winners

Fox Class – Sophie, Stevie and Amber

Simmonds Class – Evie, Margo and Noah

Jemison Class – Tara, Jasper and Nora

Earhart Class – George, Oscar B and Joseph

Malala Class – Zenon, Ida and Miles

Attenborough Class – Sophie, Alex and Whole Class

Bowie Class – Whole Class!



Well done everyone!



Letters sent out this week:

No letters were sent out this week.

Well done to all our certificate winners this week.

The House Points did not get counted this week due to Year 6 SATS. Instead, they will roll over to next week.

Out of School Achievements

If your child achieves something outside school, we would like to celebrate it! Please send the information and a picture to the school office – office@longmelfordprimaryschool.co.uk

Super dancing by Sophie!

Sophie took part in 'Elements' dance show with Elizabeth School of Dance over the bank holiday weekend. She performed two dances - tap and ballet, and performed in four shows! What an absolute superstar! Her family are all very proud of her and so is everyone at school! Well done Sophie!



SATS – Year 6

A huge well done to Year 6 for completing SATs this week. They approached each test calmly and applied themselves well. We were very proud of them.

On Monday, we were one of the schools chosen for a random check to see how the SATs were undertaken. Kim Cook, an advisor from Suffolk County Council stayed with us all morning and signed off what we were doing.

Thank you to Mrs Cameron for organising the week. Thank you to all the staff who were involved in the four days of testing. Thank you to Mrs Green and Mrs Matthews within our kitchen, for hosting the SATs Breakfast of bacon, sausage or veggie rolls, pain au chocolat or croissants.

On Friday, Year 6 relaxed by spending the day in Suffolk Police's Virtual Reality Workshop. The Police Officer said that our children were a credit to our school. Well done Year 6 and thank you to Mrs Cameron for organising the day and to Mrs Morgan (our Chair of Governors) for her help during the day.

Children's University

Thank you to the parents who have been sending me the lists of their children's out of school clubs. I have been amalgamating the lists that I have been sent with the club attendance lists from school.

Already, I have over fifty children who have over thirty hours of time credits and who will be able to graduate from the Children's University later in June.

If your child attends clubs outside school, eg Cubs, Swimming lessons, Football Clubs etc, please list the clubs that they belong to, the dates that they have attended as well as the start and end times, and send them to me.

Please can I have the lists by Thursday 21st May as I need to submit them all to the Children's University on Friday 22nd May.

If your child does not meet the thirty hours of credits this year, please do not worry as they can roll the credits over into the next school year.



Free School Meals

We have been told that Free School Meals will be changing. From September, all children from households in receipt of Universal Credit will be entitled to receive a free school meal.

From September, there will be two categories of benefits-based Free School Meals:

- Targeted Free School Meals
These continue to be based on the existing threshold, covering pupils who are in households in receipt of Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less.
- Expanded Free School Meals
A new category covering pupils who do not qualify for targeted free school meals, but who are in households receiving Universal Credit.

Since 1st April 2018, any pupil who has been eligible for free school meals under the benefits-based criteria have retained their entitlement, even if their household circumstances have changed. Their free school meal eligibility has been protected. This protection will end at the end of July 2026.

From the start of the Autumn Term (September 2026), households must meet the free school meal eligibility criteria from the start to the end of the school year, ie. September 2026 to August 2027.

The DfE has stated that checks and rechecks should be completed before September 2026 in order to allow all pupils to be ready to receive free school meals from September 2026.

Alongside the Weekly Update, you should receive a form that will enable us to check your eligibility for either Targeted Free School Meals or Expanded Free School Meals. The form requires you to add your National Insurance number. Please note, if you do not complete the form to allow us to check your eligibility and your child currently receives Free School Meals, this will STOP at the end of July 2026.

If you think that you are (or might be) eligible for either group, please return the completed form. A paper version will be sent out.



Myth, Monster and Magical Club

A huge thank you to Keeley O'Malley for all her help and support in running the Myth, Monster and Magical Club. Sadly, Keeley is unable to continue with the club due to work commitments.

During the last week, parents were informed that the club would no longer be running. If you need Rainbow Club next Thursday and am unable to book online, please see Mrs Brown.

Crucial Crew

On Wednesday 20th May Year 6 will be going to Crucial Crew in Sudbury.

The coach leaves at 8:45am so we would like the children to arrive in school by 8:20am please.

The trip is free. The Crucial Crew event in Sudbury is an important initiative aimed at enhancing the personal safety skills of Year 6 pupils.

The event is organised by the Rotary Club of Sudbury in collaboration with Suffolk Police and other partner organizations, and offers a chance to participate in interactive exercises representing real-life situations where our children might need to think and act quickly to keep themselves safe. These activities include learning about fire safety, basic first aid, road safety, protecting property, and how to make a 999 call.

Issues around criminal damage, theft, and anti-social behaviour are also covered, ensuring that our young people are equipped with the knowledge and skills to navigate their formative years safely.

We will return to school during lunch time.



If you can help FLuMPS by baking a cake, please let Harriet Gardiner know. We will be in the village on Monday 25th May, selling coffee and cake to raise money for the school.



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Are you aged 10-16 years old?

Our Teen Chill sessions are designed to give you the chance to get together with friends in a safe environment. Whether you want to play games, have a kick-about, or do nothing at all - you choose!

Wi-fi Available

Monday 06.30pm - 08.30pm

**The Stevenson Centre
Stevenson Approach, Great Cornard,
Sudbury CO10 0WD**

abbeycroft.org.uk

Turn up & pay

£1

a session



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Teen Chill - Year 6

Teen Chill is a project for which Abbeycroft has been funded by Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner to provide young people with a safe environment to socialise on Monday evenings. 'Teen Chill' provides a service for young people in Great Cornard, Sudbury and immediate surrounding areas - supervised and supported by Youth Workers. Teen Chill offers an informal, choice-based space where young people can simply hang out or get involved in a range of activities, including:

- Sports
- Music
- Computer Games Consoles
- Tuck Shop.
- Wi-Fi availability

The Teen Chill sessions take place:

Monday evening - 6.30 - 8.30PM [Weekly]

New Venue [Monday 11th May 2026]: The Stevenson Centre, Stevenson Approach, Great Cornard, CO10 0DW.

Ages: 10 – 16 years old [Year 6 – Year 11].

£1 entry fee

Turn up and pay!

The Daily Mile Challenge

This week, the children have, once again, been running the Daily Mile Challenge where they had to see how many laps of the field they can run in 5 minutes. They have continued to show great determination in their running. The class that completes the most laps receives a trophy for the week.

Congratulations to Malala Class who ran 727 laps this week!



