

Long Melford Church of England Primary School and Nursery

Weekly Update – Friday 2nd October 2026

Upcoming Dates for Week commencing 5th October

Monday 5th October	Choccy, the Reading Dog with Year 2 Multi-Sports Club Puzzle Club Colouring Club Library Club
Tuesday 6th October	Year 5 visit Sudbury Gymnastics Club Jenny Pendrill's Dance Class Sewing Club Girls' Football Club Singing Club CANCELLED
Wednesday 7th October	Harvest Festival 2.30pm Flumps AGM Year 1 and 2 Football Club
Thursday 8th October	Phillippa Gunn's Art Club Band Academy Lego Club Year 3 and 4 Football Club Year 5 and 6 Football Club Year 6 Revision Club
Friday 9th October	Boys' Football Tournament MAT Ambassador's Visit Bench/Dodgeball Club
Sunday 11th October	Messy Church – 4pm to 6pm

Weekly Attendance

to 2/10/26

Reception	87%
Year 1	99% 
Year 2	97%
Year 3	97%
Year 4	93%
Year 5	95%
Year 6	98%

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

Our Christian Value is

Perseverance

This week's House Winners:

Air

Dinner Menu week commencing 5/10/26

	Core Menu	Allergen Free Menu
Monday	Beefburger or Veggie Burger or Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans or Hot Pasta and Tomato Sauce	Beef Tacos or Veggie Cheeseburger or Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans or Hot Pasta and Tomato Sauce
Tuesday	Bolognese Pasta Bake or Cheese and Potato Pasty or Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans or Hot Pasta and Tomato Sauce	Beef Bolognese Pasta Bake or Veggie Bolognese or Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans or Hot Pasta and Tomato Sauce
Wednesday	Roast Chicken or Quorn Fillet or Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans or Hot Pasta and Tomato Sauces	Roast Chicken or Veggie Patty or Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans or Hot Pasta and Tomato Sauce
Thursday	Chicken Pitta or BBQ Veggie Pitta or Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans or Hot Pasta and Tomato Sauces	BBQ Chicken or BBQ Veggie or Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans or Hot Pasta and Tomato Sauce
Friday	Fish Fingers or Cheese and Tomato Pizza or Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans or Hot Pasta and Tomato Sauces	Chicken and Chips or Cheesy Onion Potato Cakes or Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans or Hot Pasta and Tomato Sauce

Certificate Winners

Fox Class - Una, Phoebe and Elsie

Simmonds Class – Sid, Memphis, Binky and Jack

Jemison Class – Joseph and Charlie

Earhart Class – Clark, Ezra and Tara

Malala Class – Ivy, Finley and Oscar B

Attenborough Class – Sam, Bobbie

Bowie Class – Reuben, Emily and Wilf

Well done everyone!



Congratulations to all our certificate winners and to everyone in Air House for winning the House Pont Cup this week!

Letters sent out this week:

Boys' Football Tournament letter

Girls' Football Tournament letter

The letters were sent out by the Office to those people invited to be on the team.

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



Awesome Reading Challenge!

Iris successfully completed the Reading Challenge over the summer holidays with the library.

Unfortunately, Iris was not on the original list that I put in the Weekly Update and to make matters worse, I then forgot to put her in.

Iris, we are very proud of all your hard work with the Reading Challenge and I am very sorry that you have had to wait in order to appear in the Newsletter.

Amazing Allotment Success!

Pippa, Iris and Henry have worked incredibly hard this year on their allotments. This month they have even found time to write an article for the Melford Matters magazine – you can read the article on the next page.

Pippa, Iris and Henry, your parents are very proud of how you have developed your allotments, and so is everyone at school. We look forward to hearing more of your news and all have our fingers crossed that your plum tree has fruit next year. Well done to all of you!

Nature Matters

Allotment Diary Throughout Our 2nd Year

Amazing, absolutely amazing! It's been another year for us and our allotment. Good and bad things have happened this year and we have experienced many changes, so let's start at the beginning.

In spring, we started out by sowing a selection of seeds, such as tomatoes, pumpkins, courgettes and a variety of beans; runner, broad and climbing beans and many more. We were so excited to see the little seeds sprout into flowers or vegetables. Meanwhile we happily took on a new allotment, it was full of weeds but hidden among the fruit cage was rhubarb, asparagus and a selection of berry bushes.

At the end of April we knew it was going to be a tough summer. So then we decided to make some ollas (unglazed clay terracotta pots with a hole in the bottom, which has a cork and a terracotta lid on the top that are buried in the ground and are filled with water). These have worked really well! When you fill them up with water, they slowly drain through the pot into the soil (this lasts for 4 to 5 days).

Due to the dry weather our precious, prize plum tree has had a rough time and has not produced any fruit. It has made us all very sad; we all enjoyed picking the plums last year, and Iris's dad was unable to make some delicious jam.

As we look at our allotment, it looks lifeless, most of our plants have turned brown. But hiding in the beds we have found a little greenery. Such as onions, tomatoes, rhubarb, asparagus, peppers, chillies, squashes.

Last year you heard about our gooseberry bush, it had been eaten (we think) by pesky pigeons. Since then we have learnt our lesson, and we have covered it up. Surprisingly it actually worked! We are happy to say we have GOOSEBERRIES. This year blackberries have grown earlier and that means there will be less food for the birds in winter.

Now we have started to plant a selection of foods for our Christmas dinner. Such as potatoes, carrots and Brussels sprouts. We are all looking forward to our dinner on Christmas day!

Hope you enjoy reading this diary.

From Iris, Pippa and Henry.



OUR TOP TIPS:

1. On the lids of our ollas, we put some water and placed tiny rocks to encourage wildlife to stop and have a drink.
2. If you can, can you please put out birdseeds this winter.



Pippa, Henry and Iris with some of the produce from their allotment

Sunday 11th October 2026

4 – 6 pm

Long Melford C of E Primary School

Children to be accompanied by an adult

For more information contact Pam: melfordfamilyworker@gmail.com

Or see: www.longmelfordchurch.com

You're invited to:



Free event for all ages!

SUDBURY STOREHOUSE Foodbank

GETTING READY FOR AUTUMN/ WINTER '26

We will be preparing for the Autumn/Winter season from September for members of our community who are experiencing food poverty.

- Tinned Meals:
- Chicken curry
- Chicken in white sauce
- Stewed steak
- Chilli con carne
- Minced Beef and Onion
- Frey Bentos Pies
- Irish stew
- Tinned Hot dogs
- Tinned meatballs in tomato sauce
- Tinned Sausages in Beans
- Tinned Potatoes
- Tinned Carrots
- Tinned Peas
- Tinned soup
- UHT Milk
- Pasta Sauce Jars
- Snack/Cereal Bars
- Mens and Womens
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Deodorant spray/roll-ons
- Shower gel

Thank you and blessings from the
Storehouse Team

This coming Sunday, Messy Church will be coming to school. There will be lots of crafts, lots of fun and lots of food – it is all free (though we do accept donations!). **Pam Tonks**

School Harvest Festival – Wednesday 7th October

Rev Lawson and Pam Tonks will be coming to lead our Harvest Festival in school on Wednesday 7th October.

For Harvest, we would like to collect food that we can send to Sudbury Storehouse in order to help support those people who may need help from the Food Bank. If you are able to donate any of the opposite items we would be very grateful.



🌟 Join us at the FLuMPS AGM! 🌟

We warmly invite all parents and guardians of children at Long Melford Primary School to our Annual General Meeting.

Wednesday 7th October
2.30 -3.00

Come along to:

- ✓ Hear about the amazing work FLuMPS has done this year
- ✓ Find out how you can get involved to support our school



FREE tea, coffee & cakes will be served!

FLuMPS is a friendly team, raising vital funds to enrich our children's learning. Whether you can spare a little time or a lot, your support makes a big difference.

Diary Dates

October 2026

2nd – Y5 and 6 World War 2 Workshop
 2nd – Y5/6 Cake Sale
 5th – Anna and Choccy in Y2
 5th – Y4 Clarinets
 6th – Y5 to Sudbury Gym
 7th – Harvest Festival
 7th @ 2.30pm – FLUMPS AGM
 8th – School Nurse to do Y6 Heights and Weights checks
 9th – MAT Pupil Ambassador Day
 9th – Boys' Football Tournament
 10th – Anna and Choccy in Y1
 10th – Y4 Clarinets
 13th – Y5 to Sudbury Gym
 16th – Girls' Football Tournament
 19th – Y5/6 Learning Conferences
 19th – Anna and Choccy in Fox Class and Nursery
 19th – Y4 Clarinets
 19th – Y6 Bikeability
 20th – Y3/4 Learning Conferences
 20th – Y5 to Sudbury Gym
 20th – Y6 Bikeability
 20th – NSPCC Speak Out and Stay Safe Assembly
 21st – Y1/2 Learning Conferences
 21st – Y6 Bikeability
 22nd – Y6 Bikeability
 Y6 - Swimming
 22nd @ Band Academy Assembly with Tom Potter
 23rd – Break Up for Half Term

November 2026

2nd – PD Day Conferences
 3rd – Children return to school
 3rd – Y4 to Sudbury Gym
 4th – Y1/2 trip to Chapel
 5th – TT Rockstar Day
 5th – Y6 Swimming
 9th – Anna and Choccy in Y6
 9th – Y4 Clarinets
 10th – Y4 to Sudbury Gym
 11th – Remembrance Service
 12th – Y6 Swimming
 13th – Children in Need
 13th – Y3/4 to Colchester Castle
 16th – Anna and Choccy in Y5
 16th – Y4 Clarinets
 17th – Y4 to Sudbury Gym
 19th – Y6 Swimming
 23rd – Anna and Choccy in Y4
 23rd – Y4 Clarinets
 26th – Y6 Swimming
 28th – Festive Long Melford
 30th – Anna and Choccy in Y3
 30th – Y4 Clarinets

December 2026

1st – Y4 to Sudbury Gym
 3rd – Y6 Swimming
 4th @1.30pm – Dress Rehearsal KS1 Christmas Production
 7th – Anna and Choccy in Y2
 7th – Y4 Clarinets
 8th – Y4 to Sudbury Gym
 8th @1.30pm – Y1/2 Christmas Production
 9th @6pm – Y1/2 Christmas Production
 10th – Pantomime visiting the school – 2 performances
 10th – Y6 Swimming
 14th – Anna and Choccy in Y1
 14th – Y4 Clarinets
 15th @9.15am – Nursery Christmas Assembly
 15th – Y4 to Sudbury Gym
 16th @9.30am – Fox Class Nativity
 16th – School Christmas Dinner
 17th – Band Academy Christmas Assembly with Tom Potter
 17th – FLUMPS Disco
 18th @1.40pm Christmas Carol Service
 18th – Break Up for Christmas

These dates will be added to as the year progresses.

At the start of each Half Term, the most up-to-date list will be published in the Weekly Update.

January 2027

4th – PD Day
5th – Children return to school
5th – Y3 to Sudbury Gym
11th – Anna and Choccy to Fox Class and Nursery
11th – Y4 Clarinets
18th – Anna and Choccy in Y6
18th – Y4 Clarinets
19th – Y3 to Sudbury Gym
25th – Anna and Choccy in Y5
25th – Y4 Clarinets
26th – Y3 to Sudbury Gym
27th – 29th – Children's First Aid Training

February 2027

1st – 5th – Children's Mental Health Week
1st – Anna and Choccy in Y4
1st – Y4 Clarinets
2nd – Y3 to Sudbury Gym
8th – Anna and Choccy in Y3
8th – Y4 Clarinets
9th – Y3 to Sudbury Gym
12th – Break Up for Half Term
22nd – Children return to school
22nd – Anna and Choccy in Y2
22nd – Y4 Clarinets
23rd – Nursery and Reception Learning Conferences
23rd – Y2 to Sudbury Gym
24th – Y1/2 Learning Conferences
25th – Y3/4 Learning Conferences

March 2027

1st – Anna and Choccy in Y1
1st – Y4 Clarinets
1st – Y5/6 Learning Conferences
2nd – Y2 to Sudbury Gym
8th – Anna and Choccy to Fox Class and Nursery
8th – Y4 Clarinets
9th – Y2 to Sudbury Gym
15th – Anna and Choccy in Y6
15th – Y4 Clarinets
16th – Y2 to Sudbury Gym
19th – Red Nose Day
22nd – 24th Y6 Residential
22nd – Anna and Choccy to Y5
22nd – Y4 Clarinets
23rd – Y2 to Sudbury Gym
25th – Easter Service at Church
25th – Break Up for Easter

April 2027

12th – Children Return to School
12th – Anna and Choccy in Y4
12th – Y4 Clarinets
13th – Y2 to Sudbury Gym
19th – Anna and Choccy to Y3
19th – Y4 Clarinets
20th – Y1 to Sudbury Gym
26th – Anna and Choccy in Y2
26th – Y4 Clarinets
27th – Y1 to Sudbury Gym

May 2027

3rd – Bank Holiday
4th – Y1 to Sudbury Gym
10th – 13th Y6 SATS Week
10th – Anna and Choccy in Y1
10th – Y4 Clarinets
11th – Y1 to Sudbury Gym
17th – Anna and Choccy in Fox Class and Nursery
17th – Y4 Clarinets
18th – Y1 to Sudbury Gym
24th – Anna and Choccy in Y6
24th – Y4 Clarinets
25th – Y1 to Sudbury Gym
26th – @9.15 – 11.30am: Sports Day
27th – Children Break Up for Half Term
28th – PD Day

June 2027

7th – Children Return to School
7th – Anna and Choccy in Y5
7th – Y4 Clarinets
7th – New Reception Class Meeting for Parents
8th – Y6 to Sudbury Gym
8th – Transition Visit 1 for new Reception Children
11th – Y5/6 Production Dress Rehearsal
14th – Anna and Choccy in Y4
14th – Y4 Clarinets
14th @6pm: Y5/6 Production
15th – Transition Visit 2 for new Reception Children
15th – Y6 to Sudbury Gym
16th @6pm: Y5/6 Productions
21st – PD Day – School Closed
22nd – Transition Visit 3 for new Reception Children
22nd – Y6 to Sudbury Gym
28th – Anna and Choccy in Y3
28th – Y4 Clarinets
29th – Y6 to Sudbury Gym
29th – Transition Visit 4 for new Reception Children

July 2027

5th – Anna and Choccy in Y2
 5th – Y4 Clarinets
 6th – Y6 to Sudbury Gym
 12th – Anna and Choccy in Y1
 12th – Y4 Clarinets
 19th – Anna and Choccy in Fox Class and Nursery
 19th – Y4 Clarinets
 20th – Y6 Leaver's Party
 21st – Nursery to Rainbow Fun
 21st – Leaver's Service at Church
 21st – Family Picnic
 21st Break up for Summer



A huge thank you to everyone who donated cakes or who bought cakes on Friday afternoon. Year 5 and 6 have so far raised £240. They will be selling the remaining cakes on Monday after school.

Long Melford Church of England Primary School						
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School Holidays

Teacher Training Day (No school for children)

Bank Holiday