

Long Melford Church of England Primary School and Nursery

Weekly Update – Friday 6th February 2026

Upcoming dates for week commencing 9th February

Monday 9th February	Years 1 and 5 Learning Conferences Y4 Clarinet Lessons Band Academy Netball Club Colouring Club Y6 Maths Club
Tuesday 10th February	Nursery and Year 4 Learning Conferences Nursery to Y2 Tractor Visit Y6 to Sudbury Gymnastics Club Y5 to Frozen at OSA Y1-4 Britten Sinfonia – The Robot and the Bluebird Dance Club Lego Club Singing Club Building Club
Wednesday 11th February	Years 3 and 6 Learning Conferences Y 3-6 Football Club Band Academy
Thursday 12th February	Reception and Year 2 Learning Conferences Art Club Myth, Monster and Magical Club Choosing Club Y1 and Y2 Football Club Y6 SPAG Club
Friday 13th February	School Photographer in School Girls' Football Club Band Academy Break up for Half Term

Weekly Attendance

to 6/2/26

Reception	95%
Year 1	95%
Year 2	96% 
Year 3	89%
Year 4	94%
Year 5	93%
Year 6	93%

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

Compassion

Half Term

Break up on Friday 13th February

Return to School on Monday 23rd February

Dinner Menu week commencing 9/2/26

	Core Menu	Allergen Free Menu
Monday	Cheese and Tomato Pizza or Veggie Nachos and Cheese or Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo or Hot Pasta and Tomato Sauce	Cajun Beef and Corn Wedges or Sweet Potato Wedges with Sweet Chilli Veggies or Crispy Skin Jacket Potato with Veggie Bolognese or Baked Beans
Tuesday	Beef Pasta Bolognese or Veggie Pasta Bolognese or Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo or Hot Pasta and Tomato Sauce	Garlic Chicken Rice Salad or Vegetable Ratatouille or Crispy Skin Jacket Potato with Veggie Bolognese or Baked Beans
Wednesday	Roast Chicken or Carrot and Stuffing Pastry Plait or Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo or Hot Pasta and Tomato Sauce	Roast Chicken or Mushroom and Sweet Potato Sausages or Crispy Skin Jacket Potato with Veggie Bolognese or Baked Beans
Thursday	Macaroni Cheese or Vegetarian Pie or Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo or Hot Pasta and Tomato Sauce	Chicken and Veg Meatballs or Root Vegetable and Bean Stew or Crispy Skin Jacket Potato with Veggie Bolognese or Baked Beans
Friday	Fish Fingers and Chips or Vegetable Fingers and Chips or Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo or Hot Pasta and Tomato Sauce	Southern Fried Chicken or Veggie Bean Patty or Crispy Skin Jacket Potato with Veggie Bolognese or Baked Beans

Certificate Winners

Fox Class – Ebenezer, Binky and Lottie
Simmonds Class – Martin, Roxy and Thomas
Jemison Class – Lyra, Freddie and Maisie
Earhart Class – Luis, Noah and Blake
Malala Class – Phoebe, Josh and William B
Attenborough Class – Charlie, Emma and Whole Class
Bowie Class – Alfie, Fern and Jamie

Well done everyone!

Letters sent out this week:

No letters were sent out other than Learning Conference appointments.

Attenborough Class Assembly

Congratulations to Attenborough Class for their very successful Parent Assembly last week.

Thank you to everyone who came to watch.

Choosing Club and Lego Club

After Half Term, 'Choosing' Club and Lego Club will be swapping days.

Choosing Club will be on a Tuesday

Lego Club will move to Thursday.

The change is due to other commitments that Mrs Grant and Mrs Russell now have.

Tractor visit to School

On Tuesday morning Hyde Parker Farms will be bringing a tractor down Cordell Road to our school as part of the Tractors In Schools initiative.

Please can everyone park as best they can so that the tractor can get through.

The school drive will be CLOSED from 8.55am.

If the tractor cannot get through, I will be sending one hundred upset children out to deal with parents!

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

Great Gymnastic Achievement by Olivia

On Sunday 1st February, Olivia attended a trial for the County Squad, where she was required to demonstrate her skills and be assessed for selection.

Olivia and her family were delighted to receive the news earlier this week— on her birthday — that she has been selected once again to train with the County Squad. Congratulations Olivia, just like your family, we are really proud of you achieving a place in the County Squad again. What a great birthday present that was! Well done and belated Happy Birthday!





Online FREE talk by Jane Keyworth

Anxiety Based School Avoidance

March 26th 7-8pm



Book online

www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk

go to PARENTS - Live Talks page

All 16 parent talks **FREE** with our School Membership

DARK SKIES PHYSICS EVENT

Stoke by Nayland Primary school

For primary school aged children and families

Hot chocolate/Tea/Coffee provided!

Tuesday February 24th - 5.30pm

You are invited to an exciting even designed to spark curiosity, encourage scientific thinking, and show children that Physics helps us understand the universe!



What will happen?

Short fun space talk/Chance to look through a telescope

Questions welcome!

Moon viewing (weather permitting) around 5.30pm

The moon will be half lit and high in the sky – perfect for learning and observing!

Dark Skies event at Stoke by Nayland Primary School

24th February 2026 at 5.30pm

We are working with a Science Charity called the Ogden Trust. The Ogden Trust works to support schools in developing and enriching the physics part of the curriculum.

As part of this work, they are holding a Dark Skies event in Stoke By Nayland on Tuesday February 24th at 5.30pm.

You are invited to an exciting evening designed to spark curiosity, encourage scientific thinking, and show children that Physics helps us understand the Universe!

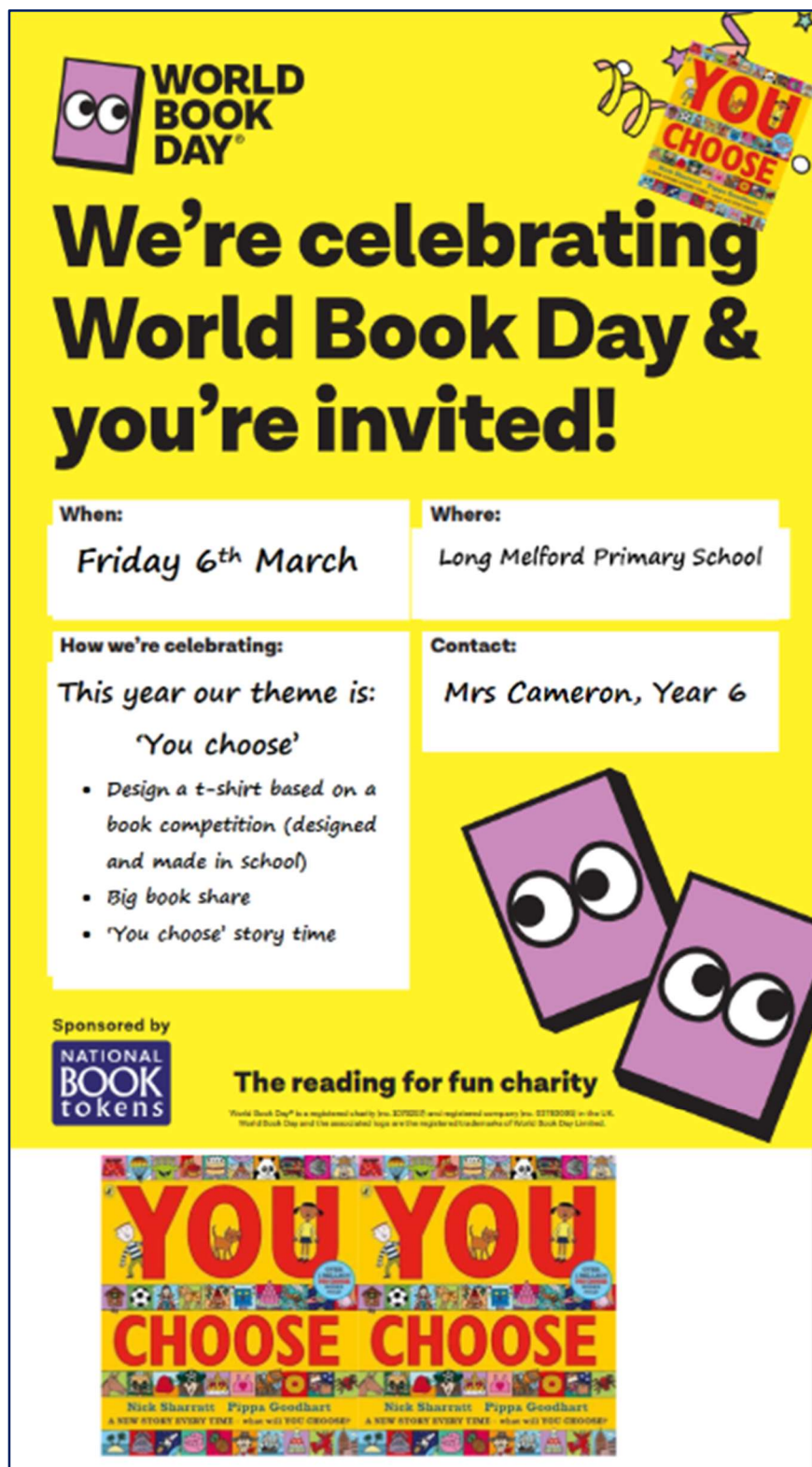
What will happen?

There will be a short, fun space talk and a chance to look through telescopes. Questions will be welcomed! Moon viewing (weather permitting) will be around 5.30pm. The moon will be half lit and high in the sky – perfect for learning and observing!

This is a family event for parents to take their children to, or for a parent to take a group of children to.

We have been sent an online booking form for you to complete if you are interested in taking part in this event. The form is to gauge interest only as it has been sent out to the six Ogden primary schools in our area. Completing it does not guarantee a place if capacity is limited.

The link can be found on the Facebook page or the email that brings out the Weekly Update.



WORLD BOOK DAY®

We're celebrating World Book Day & you're invited!

When: Friday 6th March

Where: Long Melford Primary School

How we're celebrating:

This year our theme is: 'You choose'

- Design a t-shirt based on a book competition (designed and made in school)
- Big book share
- 'You choose' story time

Contact: Mrs Cameron, Year 6

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YOU YOU CHOOSE CHOOSE

Nick Sharratt Pippa Goodhart
A NEW STORY EVERY TIME - when will YOU CHOOSE?

World Book Day – Friday 6th March

A huge thank you to FLUMPS who have agreed to provide everyone with a t-shirt to decorate and wear on World Book Day.

Mrs Cameron has chosen 'You Choose' as the theme for World Book Day and will provide more details in due course.

Learning Conferences

This week, we have Learning Conferences at school. Thank you to everyone who has already returned their form to arrange an appointment to see their child's class teacher – it is not too late to return it. Please contact the School Office if you do not yet have an appointment.

Monday 9th February –

Year 1 and Year 5

Tuesday 10th February –

Nursery and Year 4

Wednesday 11th February –

Year 3 and Year 6

Thursday 12th February –

Reception and Year 2

If you are unable to make the date for your child's class, please contact the school office or speak to your child's class teacher.

This week is Safer Internet Week and InternetMatters.org have sent information and links for parents

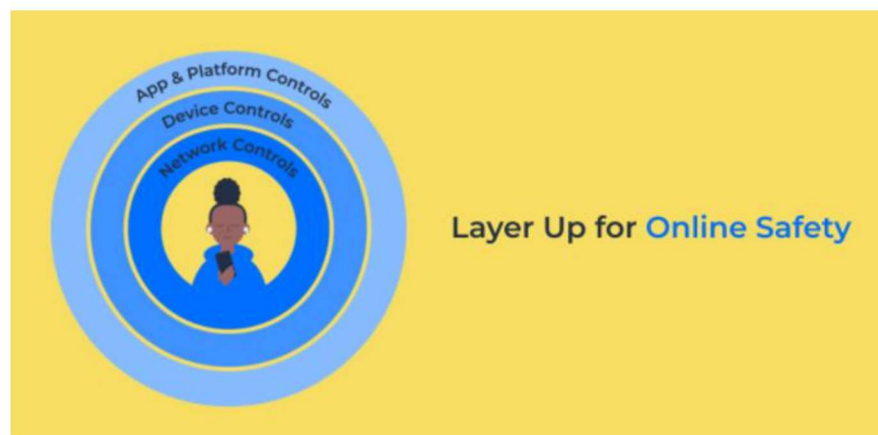
Free AI resources for families for Safer Internet Day

Artificial intelligence (AI) is becoming a regular part of children's online lives. Many pupils now use AI tools to help with schoolwork, answer questions, and explore new interests.

While AI can be helpful, it's important for parents and carers to know that most AI tools do not yet have parental controls or strong safety settings. Talking to your child about how they use AI – and how to use it safely – is an important part of supporting them online.

Online safety experts Internet Matters provides free, practical resources to help families understand AI. These include guides for parents and advice on how to start positive conversations with children about using AI responsibly.

You can find out more about Artificial Intelligence as well as the AI conversation guides using the links on our Facebook page or on the email carrying the Weekly Update.



New advice on "Layering Up" parental controls

Most families use at least one parental control for children's tech devices and platforms. Online Safety experts Internet Matters recommend that parents 'layer up' your child's online safety settings.

By using multiple layers of parental controls, like on broadband, mobile phones and different apps and platforms, you have given your child extra protection when they're online - whether that's at home or out on their mobile phones.

Internet Matters have updated their parental controls advice hub with new explainer videos and FAQs, to help parents and carers make the most of parental controls.

Visit Internet Matters Parental Controls Hub using the link on the school Facebook page or the email that delivered the Weekly Update.

Parking

Last week I had complaints regarding parking on the drive.

For the last three weeks, whilst the lights have been fitted, we have had two electrician vans and a skip extra on the drive. The lighting works have now finished. If parking does not become more considerate, I will lock the drive gates at 8.30am until 9.15am.

It has been suggested that I withdraw permits from some parents, please note, I am unable to make judgements and withdraw permits for some parents or children with mobility needs; under the Equalities Act we have given those people with mobility needs permits to park in the drive, we cannot take away some of the permits, either all people with mobility needs park there or none do.