

Long Melford Church of England Primary School and Nursery

Weekly Update – Friday 16th January 2026

Upcoming Dates for Week commencing 19th January

Monday 19th January	Choccy, our Reading Dog, with Yr2 Y4 Clarinet Lessons Band Academy Netball Club Colouring Club Y6 Maths Club 4.30pm Y6 Parents Meeting
Tuesday 20th January	Y3 Visit Sudbury Gymnastics Club Dance Club Lego Club Singing Club Building Club
Wednesday 21st January	Y 3-6 Football Club Band Academy
Thursday 22nd January	Art Club <i>No Myth, Monster and Magical Club</i> Choosing Club Y1-2 Football Club Y6 SPAG Club
Friday 23rd January	Girls' Football club Band Academy

Weekly Attendance

to 16/1/26

Reception	87%
Year 1	99% 
Year 2	96%
Year 3	97%
Year 4	94%
Year 5	98%
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

Dinner Menu week commencing 19/1/26

	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 with 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 with 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 with 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 with 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 with Tomato Sauce	Southern Fried Chicken or Veggie Bean Patty or Crispy Skin Jacket Potato with Veggie Bolognese or Baked Beans

Certificate Winners

Fox Class – Theodore, Kanen and Jack

Simmonds Class – Alfie, Dylan, Layla and Evie

Jemison Class – Sophie and Anya

Earhart Class – Ethan, Ivy and Oscar

Malala Class – Ida, Ben L and Miles

Attenborough Class – Lily and Logan

Bowie Class – Zoe, Finley and Jude

Headteacher's Award – Elliot



Well done everyone!



Letters sent out this week:

None

Congratulations to all our certificate and reading badge winners this week.

Year 4 Dodgeball Tournament

Huge congratulations to our Year 4 Dodgeball Teams, who entered a tournament at TGS on Friday.

The children were extremely enthusiastic and played brilliantly. Mrs Sandford was especially impressed by their sportsmanship, how they cheered each other on and how they were polite to the other teams that they played.

During the afternoon the results came through and our teams can 2nd and 3rd. The group that came second missed out on first place by just one point!

Well done to Albert, Arla, Bella, Bobbie, Darcie, Freddie, Iris, Jasmine, Josh, Olivia, Omar and Samuel, you were awesome and we are very proud of you! Thank you to Mrs Sandford for arranging the teams and the competition.



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 the most laps this week!

Rainbow Breakfast Club

In a couple of weeks, I am going to run another French Breakfast at Breakfast Club. I am looking for some members of Year 5 and 6 who would like to be Waiters! They do not have to do it every day, and would still be able to have breakfast.

Please let me know if you are interested!



Toilets

Your children may have come home and said that we had a funny smell in school last week. Sadly, one set of our sinks was smelling last week. Bleach, sink and plug hole cleaner as well as a spring clean of the u-bend did not help!

On Friday, a drainage company found that the issue was not the sinks, but the toilets! It appears that some children have been flushing hand towels down the toilets!

We have finally cleared the smell!

LED Lighting

For the next two weeks, we will be joined in school by some electricians. All of our lights will be replaced by LED lights.

With the help of the Multi-Academy Trust, we have been awarded a grant to update our lighting. We then had to save our premises money to be able to afford to change all the lighting.

We finally had enough money last summer, and, following the tender process, the work was all agreed at the end of November.

Over the next two weeks, your child will tell you that they have spent a day in the hall.

Tomorrow, we will start with Fox Class. Fox Class children will need to come in to school by the front door tomorrow and they will be taken to the hall. At the end of the day, they will come out through the Nursery door.

Year 5 - Mobile Phones

Whilst we do not encourage our children to bring mobile phones in to school, we do understand that for children who walk home, or who walk to a point outside of school where they meet their parents, it is reasonable for them to have a mobile phone with them in case of a problem or an issue.

In primary school classrooms, mobile phones are a safeguarding issue. For this reason, we will be asking your child to do the following:

1. To switch off their mobile phone when they enter school.
2. Give their phone in at the school office when they enter school in the morning.
3. Collect their phone from the school office at the end of the day.

If your child walks home or walks to a point outside school to meet you, please get a letter from the school office, and then return the permission slip. Unless the slip is returned, your child should not bring their phone to school.

Children below year 5, should not have a mobile phone in school unless parents have had a conversation with Mrs Woolmer.



Police Parking Visit

Last week, the Police visited the school during drop off time to monitor parking.

It appears that a member of the public rang the Police to inform them that a child was nearly knocked down during pick-up time on the previous evening. Normally, if there has been a near-miss, members of the public inform the school...but we still

have not heard anything.

I am aware that the local Facebook group had many comments regarding parking - but there was no mention of a near-miss taking place. I have spoken to the Police, but they did not have any description or any idea how old the child was.

One anonymous parent who commented on the village Facebook page, felt that they had many comments that they wanted to say to me - if it was you, please feel free to make an appointment. I am happy to talk to you about the parking situation.

If your child was nearly run over yesterday, as was reported to the Police, please can you let me know who it was so that I can get some extra road safety work done with the class.

The Police have told me that they will be back and that if parents are blocking junctions, paths or driveways, they will fine them.

