

Long Melford Church of England Primary School and Nursery

Weekly Update – Friday 9th January 2026

Upcoming Dates for Week commencing 12th January

Monday 12th January	Choccy, our Reading Dog, with Nursery Y4 Clarinet Lessons Band Academy Netball Club Colouring Club Y6 Maths Club
Tuesday 13th January	Y3 Visit Sudbury Gymnastics Club Dance Club Lego Club Singing Club Building Club
Wednesday 14th January	Y 3-6 Football Club Band Academy
Thursday 15th January	2pm FLuMPS meeting Myth, Monster and Magical Creature Club Choosing Club Art Club Y1 and Y2 Football Club Y6 SPAG Revision Club
Friday 16th January	Girls' Football club Band Academy

Weekly Attendance

to 9/1/26

Reception	97%
Year 1	96%
Year 2	94%
Year 3	98% 
Year 4	95%
Year 5	96%
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

This week's House Winners:

Water

Dinner Menu week commencing 12/1/26

	Core Menu	Allergen Free Menu
Monday	Cheese and Tomato Pizza or Greek Pitta Pockets or Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo or Hot Pasta with Tomato Sauce	BBQ Chicken and Wedges or Green Veg and Butter Bean Stew or Crispy Skin Jacket Potato with Veggie Bolognese or Baked Beans
Tuesday	Lasagne or Veggie Lasagne or Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo or Hot Pasta with Tomato Sauce	Beef Bolognese with Spaghetti and Broccoli or Veggie Bolognese with Spaghetti and Broccoli or Crispy Skin Jacket Potato with Veggie Bolognese or Baked Beans
Wednesday	Roast Gammon or Cheddar and Broccoli Quiche or Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo or Hot Pasta with Tomato Sauce	Roast Gammon or Mushroom and Sweet Potato Sausages or Crispy Skin Jacket Potato with Veggie Bolognese or Baked Beans
Thursday	Burger and Chips or Baked Bean and Cheese Wrap or Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo or Hot Pasta with Tomato Sauce	Mild Chilli Con Carne or Vegetable Bean Chilli or Crispy Skin Jacket Potato with Veggie Bolognese or Baked Beans
Friday	Fish Fingers and Chips or Veggie Wrap 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 – Memphis, Isla and Binky

Simmonds Class – Rowan and Charlie

Jemison Class – Chloe, Clark and Jasper

Earhart Class – Joseph, Henry H and Blake

Malala Class – Charlie, Zenon and Olivia

Attenborough Class – Verity, Charlotte, Emily and Milly

Bowie Class – Billy, Ben and Henry

Headteacher's Award - Hattie

Well done everyone!



Letters sent out this week:

Year 4 - Suffolk Youth Music Ensemble letter from Suffolk Music Team

Year 6 – Yearbook letter from Mrs Gamble

Whole School – New School Dinner menu from Mrs Brown

If you have not received a letter, please see Mrs Brown



Congratulations to our certificate winners this week and to everyone in Water House!

School Census Day – Thursday 15th January 2026

Thursday 15th January is our most important **School Census Day**. The information that we gather on this day, impacts our budget for the next school year.

If your child is in **Reception, Year 1 or Year 2**, they are eligible for **Universal Free School Meals**. Our school gets funded depending on how many children have school dinners in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 on Census Day. The DfE take the average number of school dinners eaten on the Census Day in the Autumn Term and the Census Day on Thursday – this number is the amount of funding that I am given to pay for Universal Free School Meals during the next academic year.

This is exactly the same if your child is eligible for **Free School Meals based on family income**.

If your child is in Fox Class, Simmonds Class or Jemison Class, or your child is eligible for free school meals based on family income, we plan to provide your child with a free school meal on 15th January, unless you notify the school you would like to opt out. An alternative, would be to book a school meal on that day, however if you think that your child will not eat it, to send a packed lunch with your child as well.

Note, opting out from a free school meal on that day, reduces the amount of income the school receives from the Government, regardless of whether you would like your child to receive a free meal, or not, on an ongoing basis.

Diary Dates - updated

Please find below the Diary Dates that we have laid out for the year. Please note that some of these dates may need to change during the year for reasons beyond our control – if this happens, we will let you know.

We have added dates this term for Class Assemblies. During the Class Assembly, your children will share with you what they have been doing in class this term and after the assembly, you will be invited to share some of their work. They will start at 2.30pm.

More dates will be added as the year goes on.

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
5th Return to School 6th Year 3 to Sudbury Gym 13th Year 3 to Sudbury Gym 15th Stargazing Walk at Stoke by Nayland for Year 5 5pm 15th Closure of Applications for Reception Primary Places 19th Year 6 Parent Meeting 20th Year 3 to Sudbury Gym 27th Year 3 to Sudbury Gym	3rd Year 3 to Sudbury Gym 4th Class Assembly Y5 9th Learning Conferences Years 3 and 4 10th Learning Conferences Years 1 and 2 10th Tractor Visit 10th The Robot and the Bluebird Performance 10th Safer Internet Day 11th Learning Conferences Year 5 and 6 12th Learning Conferences Nursery and Reception 13th School Photographer in 13th Break up for Half Term 23rd Return to School 24th Year 2 to Sudbury Gym	2nd National Offer Day for Secondary Places 3rd Year 2 to Sudbury Gym 4th Class Assembly Y4 6th World Book Day 9th Planetarium Visit – Year 5 pupils to Stoke by Nayland 9th Closure of Y6 Yearbook photo collection 10th Year 2 to Sudbury Gym 11th Class Assembly Y3 18th Open Door Afternoon 3.15 – 4.15pm 18th Class Assembly Fox Class 20th Decorated Easter Eggs due in 23rd – 25th Year 6 Residential at Thorpe Woodlands 25th Class Assembly Y2 26th Class Assembly Y1 27th Easter Service at Holy Trinity Church 1.45pm 27th Break up for Easter
APRIL	MAY	JUNE
13th Return to School 14th Year 1 to Sudbury Gym 16th Year 3 Swimming 17th Primary National Offer Day for Reception 2026 21st Year 1 to Sudbury Gym 23rd Year 3 Swimming 28th Year 1 to Gymnastics 30th Year 3 Swimming	4th May Day Bank Holiday 5th Year 1 to Sudbury Gym 7th Year 3 Swimming 11th to 14th KS2 SATS (Y6) 12th Year 1 to Sudbury Gym 14th Year 3 Swimming 19th Year 1 to Sudbury Gym 21st Year 3 Swimming 21st Children Break Up for Half Term 22nd PD Day – Staff training so no children	1st Return to School 2nd Year 6 to Sudbury Gym 3rd Meeting for New Reception Parents 6pm 4th Transition Visit 1 for new Reception Children 4th Year 3 Swimming 8th Year 1 Phonic Check week 8th – 19th Year 4 Multiplication Check 8th Year 6 to Sudbury Gym 11th Transition Visit 2 for new Reception Children 11th Year 3 Swimming 16th Year 6 to Sudbury Gym 15th Year 5 and 6 Production Dress Rehearsal 1.15pm 15th Year 5 and 6 Production 6pm 17th Year 5 and 6 Production 6pm 18th Year 3 Swimming 18th Transition Visit 3 for new Reception Children 23rd Year 6 to Sudbury Gym 23rd Children's University Graduation 6.00pm 24th Y2 Celebration of Learning 25th Transition Visit 4 for new Reception Children. Children stay for lunch 26th Y3 Celebration of Learning
JULY		
1st Sports Day 9.15 – 12noon 2nd Year 3 Swimming 2nd Y5 Celebration of Learning 3rd Y6 Celebration of Learning 7th Year 6 to Sudbury Gym 7th Y4 Celebration of Learning 8th Reserve Sports Day 9.15 – 12 noon 9th Year 3 Swimming 9th Y1 Celebration of Learning 11th Long Melford Village Fete 16th Year 6 Leaver's Party 17th Nursery Visit to Rainbow Fun		

17 th Year 6 Leaver's Service 10am 17 th Family Picnic 17 th Break Up for Summer		30 th Year 6 to Sudbury Gym
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Thank you to everyone who has returned lists of clubs that their children attended outside school during the second part of the Autumn Term.

Currently, at least fifty children are on track to graduate at the end of June.

It is not too late, you can still send me a list of the clubs that your child has attended. I have lists of everyone who has attended a school club already.

Stargazing Evening – Year 5

The Ogden Trust, a Science organisation that we work with, were organising a Stargazing Event at Stoke-by-Nayland CE Primary School. Sadly, this has been cancelled next week due to the weather. It will take place in a couple of weeks time, when the weather is, hopefully, drier!