

Long Melford Church of England Primary School and Nursery

Weekly Update – Friday 21st November 2025

Upcoming Dates for Week commencing 17th November

Monday 24th November	Choccy, our Therapy Dog is with Y2 Y4 Clarinet Lessons Band Academy Netball Club Colouring Club Library Club
Tuesday 25th November	Y4 Visit Sudbury Gymnastics Club Dance Club Lego Club Singing Club Building Club - CANCELLED
Wednesday 26th November	Y 3-6 Football Club Band Academy
Thursday 27th November	Y3 and 4 Ancient Greek Day Y6 Swimming Art Club Myth, Monster and Magical Creature Club Choosing Club Y1 and Y2 Football Club Y6 Writer's Club
Friday 28th November	Girls' Football Club Band Academy
Saturday 29th November	Festive Long Melford 11am – 4pm

Weekly Attendance

to 21/11/25

Reception	98% 
Year 1	93%
Year 2	95%
Year 3	90%
Year 4	91%
Year 5	97%
Year 6	92%

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:

Earth

Certificate Winners

Fox Class - Arthur, Ebenezer and Olivia
Simmonds Class – Whole Class!
Jemison Class – Whole Class!
Earhart Class – Finley and Bethany
Malala Class – Iris, William B and Omar
Attenborough Class – Daisy, Nelle, Jack and Cleo
Bowie Class – Aylah-Jo, Alfie and Jamie
Headteacher's Award – Olive and Jasper

Well done everyone!



Well done to everyone in Earth House!



Well done to our certificate winners!

Well done to our last group of Year 6 who successfully completed their Bikeability training.

Letters sent out this week:

Monday – Weekly Update

Thursday - Christmas Dinner letter

(Reply needs to be back at school by Friday 28th November)

Friday – Year 6 Hoodie letter (to Y6 only)

If you did not receive one of these letters, please contact the School Office.



Dinner Menu week commencing 24/11/25

	Core Menu	Allergen Free Menu
Monday	Cheese and Tomato Pizza or Baked Sweetcorn Fritters or Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo or Hot Pasta with Tomato Sauce	Tomato and Basil Chicken or Veggie Stir Fry or Crispy Skin Jacket Potato with Veggie Bolognese or Baked Beans
Tuesday	Meatball Marinara Pasta or Cheesy Pea Frittata or Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo or Hot Pasta with Tomato Sauce	Meatball Marinara Pasta or Roast Veg and Butter Bean Traybake or Crispy Skin Jacket Potato with Veggie Bolognese or Baked Beans
Wednesday	Roast Chicken or Roasted Vegetable Strudel 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	Bangers and Mash or Veggie Bangers and Mash or Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo or Hot Pasta with Tomato Sauce	Cottage Pie or Shepherdless Pie or Crispy Skin Jacket Potato with Veggie Bolognese or Baked Beans
Friday	Fish Fingers and Chips or Cheesy Bean Wrap 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

School Dinner issues

Last week, we were sadly unable to provide hot school dinners on Thursday and were only able to offer a limited option on Friday.

In the school kitchen, the extractor and supply fans need to be running in order for the gas to be able to be supplied to the ovens and hobs. Unfortunately, having run for about 45 minutes, the ventilation system registered a fault and cut the gas supply. Initially, the system was reset and worked, but then cut off again!

At 11 o'clock, the decision was taken to give up and provide a sandwich option for the children's dinners. We checked with every child and gave them options to pick, so that we knew that everyone would have a lunch that they would eat. The children had a sandwich (cheese, tuna and mayonnaise, Dairy Lea Spread, Marmite, strawberry jam or honey (the last two when all else had failed!); popcorn; cucumber, tomato and lettuce salad; jelly and yogurt. The children on the Allergen Free menu were able to have allergen free sandwiches as we have gluten free bread in the school freezer for children in Rainbow Club.

At 2.00pm, someone came in to look at the fans ... and they worked, eventually, they were turned off at 4pm!

On Friday, the fans were switched on at 6.30am, but registered a fault and cut the gas at 7.50am. At this point, we notified parents that we would be unable to offer the normal Friday menu and switched to our back-up plan which enables us to offer jacket potatoes and pasta with a tomato sauce. We let parents know so that they could choose if they wished to send their child with a packed lunch.

An engineer will be in school on Monday to look at the fan system ... if the system fails, then again, we will offer jacket potatoes and pasta with tomato sauce. If it fails before school, we will let you know.

Thank you to everyone for their understanding regarding the lunch changes at the end of the week. A special thanks to our kitchen team for their hard work making the sandwiches and being adaptable in order to be able to provide hot options on Friday.

Weekly Update – Delivery Issues

Several parents have expressed frustration this week that they have not received the Weekly Update.

Since mid-October, we have used the program that gives you the My Child At School app (Bromcom) in order to circulate the newsletter. Discussions with Bromcom, saw the company agree that this issue was due to their program and not anything that we were doing wrong. They sent their apologies to all parents and are working on a solution. In the meantime, I have been asked to send the Weekly Update out to a class at a time, and to send them out at a minimum of ten-minute intervals.

Thank you to all the parents who completed my poll on Facebook that showed an indication of the number of parents who had not received the Weekly Update – without this information, Bromcom kept telling us that everyone had received the newsletter!

This week, I will send it out on Sunday. I will also put another poll on Facebook. I would be grateful if you could complete it and let me know if you have received the Weekly Update.

Each week, I send the Weekly Update out via email, I post it on the Facebook group and put it on the school website. Mrs Brown or I also print it out on paper for people to collect from the Office.

Santa's Grotto

Come visit Santa and his Elves!

Location: Long Melford Village Hall

Date: Saturday 29th November

Time: 10:30am - 3.30pm*

Book now for £5 per child

***10:30- 11:00 SEN Bookings Only**



🎁👶 Our Santa's Grotto Booking List for Festive Long Melford is officially OPEN! 🌲🎁

Secure your spot now by clicking the link below: 🖱️ or use the QR code

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/flumps/index.cfm?event=event...>

As Santa is very busy at this time of year, booking is essential!

📅 Dates: **Saturday 29th November**

🕒 Time: 10.30am to 3.30pm (SEN 10.30-11)

📍 Location: Long Melford Village Hall

Each child will receive a special gift from Santa! 🎁❤️

👶👶👶 Meet Santa & his Elves and enjoy festive activities!



Festive Long Melford

Saturday 29th November 2025 11am - 4pm

Sponsored by @BreakoutForBusiness



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Saturday 29th November 2025 11am - 4pm

Programme of events

11am Punch and Judy at Cock & Bell

11am - 12pm Elsa and Ana at Brown Sugar

11am - 1pm Boxted Silver Band at Blackwells

12pm Morris Dancers at Clark & Son Butchers

12pm - 1pm Christmas Elves at Little Gems interiors

12pm - Balloonist at Little Gems Interiors

12:30pm Punch and Judy at Cock & Bell

1pm Morris Dancers at Clark & Son Butchers

1pm - 2pm Christmas Elves at Long Melford Saddlery

1:30pm - 3:30pm Long Melford Silver Band at Long Melford Tea Rooms

2pm Punch & Judy at Cock & Bell

2pm - 3pm Christmas Elves at KLR Beauty

3pm - 4pm Belle character at Nutmeg and The Swan

3:30pm Choir around Christmas Tree

3:45pm Tractor parade through the village

4pm Carols and Christmas Tree light-up

Breakout

Enterprise Stalls

Our children are working on enterprise tasks, creating or designing things to sell or games to play at Festive Long Melford next Saturday. The enterprise tasks are part of the Design Technology curriculum.

Our classes have a competition, the class that makes the most profit, gets to keep their money to spend on a treat. Last year, Year 3 raised the most money and, for their treat, they went to Rainbow Fun (not Colchester Zoo as I said last week!).

Staff will be on the stalls next Saturday, but will be relying on their classes to help them. Class teachers will ask children to help on the stalls in the Village Hall between 11am and 4pm.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Village Hall, supporting our classes.

Good luck to all our classes – may the best stall win!



APPEAL FOR PRELOVED TOYS

WE'RE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF PRELOVED TOYS IN GOOD CONDITION — SPECIAL ENOUGH TO GO UNDER THE CHRISTMAS TREE — FOR OUR "TAKE WHAT YOU NEED" TABLE AT FESTIVE LONG MELFORD ON SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2025.

ALL ITEMS WILL BE GIVEN AWAY FOR FREE ON THE DAY TO HELP BRING A LITTLE EXTRA JOY THIS CHRISTMAS. DONATIONS CAN BE BROUGHT INTO THE SCHOOL OR WE CAN COLLECT FROM YOU.

IF YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE SPEAK TO A MEMBER OF FLUMPS OR EMAIL US AT

**FLUMPS@LONGMELFORDPRIMARYSCHOOL.CO.UK
THANK YOU FOR HELPING US SPREAD SOME FESTIVE CHEER! ☀**



A gift, a smile





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

Elliot's Sponsored Walk – Mouth Cancer Foundation

This weekend, Elliot Fisher and his family are taking part in a 10km walk to raise awareness of mouth cancer and to raise money for the Mouth Cancer Foundation. Elliot will be walking in memory of his Nanny. Good luck Elliot – I know that you will do brilliantly.

If you would like to sponsor Elliot and his family, see the link to their Just Giving page below:

https://www.justgiving.com/team/dhdent?utm_medium=TE&utm_source=CL

Amazing Karate from Noah

A huge well done to Noah who, last weekend, won second place in his group at the SEFKA Karate Competition.

That is amazing Noah - I am full of admiration for people who can show all the control needed in Karate. Congratulations on your success, we are very proud of you!



Another successful season for Alfie

As Alfie's second season comes to a finish, he will also say goodbye to The Saturday meetings of the Rolling Thunder Show in East Anglia. This year he has come second in East Anglia and has the second highest points total for the season. He has also come fourth in the Gold Roof competition. Next year, Alfie will be competing in the 1 litre Hot Rods. Well done Alfie, we are very proud of you.

