

Long Melford Church of England Primary School and Nursery

Weekly Update – Friday 14th November 2025

Upcoming Dates for Week commencing 17th November

Monday 17th November	Choccy, our Therapy Dog will be with Year 1 Y4 Clarinet Lessons Band Academy Netball Club Colouring Club Library Club - CANCELLED
Tuesday 18th November	Y4 Visit Sudbury Gymnastics Club Dance Club Lego Club Singing Club Building Club
Wednesday 19th November	Y 3-6 Football Club Y1 and 2 Visit Gainsborough's House Band Academy
Thursday 20th November	Y6 Swimming Art Club Myth, Monster and Magical Creature Club Choosing Club Y1 and Y2 Football Club Y6 Writer's Club
Friday 21st November	Flu Immunisations 2 nd Visit Girls' Football Club Band Academy

Weekly Attendance

to 14/11/25

Reception	98%
Year 1	100% 
Year 2	91%
Year 3	92%
Year 4	93%
Year 5	97%
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
Compassion

Dinner Menu week commencing 17/11/25

	Core Menu	Allergen Free Menu
Monday	Cheese and Tomato Pizza or Vegetable Ratatouille 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	Lasagne or Veggie Lasagne 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 Pork or Mushroom and Sweet Potato Sausages or Crispy Skin Jacket Potato with Veggie Bolognese or Baked Beans
Thursday	Chicken and Sweetcorn Pie or Root Vegetable and Bean Stew 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



On Friday we all took part in our Children In Need TT Rockstar Challenge Day 2025!

The 2025 theme for BBC Children in Need is "Challenge Yourself to 25," encouraging schools to hold events based on the number 25. Our challenge was to encourage all our children to undertake TT Rockstar Challenges – for our KS2 children, there are at least 25 questions in an online TT Rockstar Quiz! Our younger children all took part in other maths challenges. Our TT Rockstar Day is the day that we launch TT Rockstars for the year and encourage Years 3 and 4 to practice regularly. Our data shows that it has very positive impact on both the reduction of anxiety and the improvement in children's results during the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC).



At school, we use TT Rockstars to make practicing times tables fun, to improve children's multiplication and division fluency, and build their confidence in maths. The program uses gamification, with a rockstar theme, to motivate children and help them achieve speed and accuracy in recalling multiplication facts.

The benefits of using TT Rockstars are that it:

Improves speed and accuracy: The games are designed to build fluency in multiplication and division, which is essential for tackling more complex calculations.

- ✓ **Increases confidence:** By mastering basic facts, children build confidence in their overall maths ability.
- ✓ **Motivates through gamification:** Colourful characters, leader boards, and through earning game coins, make practice enjoyable and engaging.
- ✓ **Personalizes learning:** The system adapts to a child's individual needs and allows teachers to track their progress, providing targeted practice.
- ✓ **Allows for practice anywhere:** It can be accessed on various devices, so students can play at school or at home.
- ✓ **Prepares for assessments:** The platform includes games that mirror the format of the statutory Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) at the end of Year 4.





On Friday, Hartest CE Primary joined Long Melford for the day that saw the children working in groups to celebrate Children In Need Day and to complete number challenges. During the afternoon, we held a Grand Rock Slam to find the fastest TT Rockstars in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6, as well as the fastest TT Rockstar across the two schools.



Earlier in the week, the classes had found the three fastest children in each of the participating year groups. Those children then took part in the Grand Rock Slam.

Year 3

Noah L
Finley
Luna

Year 4

William B
William W
Josh

Year 5

Lily
Charlie
Wilfred

Year 6

Finley
Yacob
Noah F
Olivia

The Long Melford Year Group Champions were:

Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

Year 6

Finley
William B
Charlie
Noah F

***Congratulations to
all our Year Group
winners!***

The TTRockstar Grand Slam Champion 2025, answering each question in 0.71 seconds, was Charlie! In total, four children answered every times table question in less than a second – Charlie, Noah F, Lily and Wilfred. Well done to the four of you! Huge congratulations to Charlie, our Champion 2025!

Thank you to everyone for their hard work with maths activities and times tables.

There are more photos of children on our Secret Facebook Group.

If you would like to join our Secret Facebook Group, please see the School Office and let them have the email address that is linked to your Facebook account. Alternatively, a friend who is already a member will be able to join you.



MUMFIT

Looking to buy good quality
second-hand toys for Christmas?

Need Christmas jumpers and
outfits?



Pre-loved Toy & Clothing Market Long Melford Village Hall

Sunday 23rd November

10am - 12pm



FREE
ENTRY

CASH
EVENT



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<https://bookwhen.com/jtdmumfit>



Parking - This week I have had several complaints about parking on school grounds at the start and end of the school day. Please note that if people continue to park without considering others or move their cars whilst children are walking on the drive, I will ask them to park outside of the school gates.

Year 6 Hoodies

We have had a request regarding ordering extra Year 6 Hoodies.

For a parent to order an individual hoodie, the cost will be £45.45 which includes postage and packaging.

If we can get an order together for 10 items, the hoodies can be delivered to school for free. The cost of the hoodies are:

Adults: £27.75

Childrens: £23.20

If you are a Year 6 parent, you may have taken part in the poll that we put on the Facebook page this week.

We currently have seven people interested in ordering a new hoodie out of the fourteen who took part in the poll. If you have not taken part in the poll, but you are interested in placing an order, please email Mrs

Gamble at louise.gamble@longmelfordprimaryschool.co.uk.

If we have at least ten interested people, we will open the Hoodie Shop for orders.



FLUMPS AGM

A huge thank you to everyone who came to the FLuMPS AGM last week.

The outgoing committee reported on how the events had gone and how much money had been raised last year.

Thanks was expressed to the committee and to everyone who had helped FLuMPS during the year.

FLuMPS announced that they had raised £6,691.69 (before any deductions had been made).

In 2024/25 FLuMPS have worked on:

- *Restoring and improving the Wildlife Garden to make it a usable educational space for the children
- *Creation of Bug Trail
- *Introduction of the school planters - purchase of planters and compost sponsored by local businesses
- *Fence contribution £5k
- *Men's Shed contribution - bird boxes, standing planters for year 1 and 2, repaired noticeboard, repaired and sanded benches
- *Bench paint sponsored by Brown Sugar
- *Perrywoods vegetable sets for all children
- *50th Celebration for the school
- *1x Year 6 residential trip subsidised



FLuMPS Committee 2025-2026

Following the FLuMPS AGM on Wednesday, the new FLuMPS committee for this school year are:

Chair - Harriet Gardiner

Secretary (and co-chair) - Frances Minns

Treasurer - Soley Latif

Committee members - Ebru Sami-Taylor, Sue Green.

The new committee have exciting plans for this coming year including some different events and fundraising plans. More information coming soon!

If you would like to be involved in FLuMPS please speak to one of us around school or email us at flumps@longmelfordprimaryschool.co.uk

FLuMPS Coin Collection!

We are collecting donations of old and foreign currency, including notes and coins from around the world which we will trade in at the end of the school year for funds for the school.

If you have any leftover currency from past travels, such as Euros, US dollars or other foreign currencies, please bring them to school for the children to put in our collection pot!

What to donate

- Any currency, any age.
- Foreign coins and foreign banknotes.
- Old British and Irish currency.
- All world coins and notes.
- Pre-euro currency.
- Pre-decimal currency.
- Obsolete coins and notes.
- Damaged and rusty currency.
- Gold and silver coins.

Any queries please email us flumps@longmelfordprimaryschool.co.uk



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
www.pta-events.co.uk/flumps

*10:30- 11:00 SEN Bookings Only

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LONG MELFORD
PRIMARY SCHOOL

The poster features a festive background with a string of lights at the top, a small Christmas tree on the left, and a cartoon Santa Claus holding a mug at the bottom. A small illustration of a grotto is also visible.

The QR code below will link to
www.pta-events.co.uk/flumps



 **Our Santa's Grotto for Festive Long Melford is officially OPEN!**  

  Meet Santa and his Elves and enjoy festive activities!

 **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!  

Use the QR code or this link to book:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/flumps/>

✨ As Santa is very busy at this time of year, booking is essential! Secure your spot now to ensure you don't miss out!



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





Christmas Dates

Saturday 29th November – Festive Long Melford

During Festive Long Melford, each class from Year 1 upwards will run their own stall, selling things that they have designed and made, or running competitions that they have put together. At the end of the day, the class who makes the biggest profit will get to keep the money and to spend it on a treat.

Last year, Earhart Class were the winners and they spent their money on a trip to Colchester Zoo.

This activity is part of the Design Technology curriculum. Many of our children (and staff!) are very competitive and I am looking forward to seeing what people take to the Village Hall at Festive Long Melford!

Friday 5th December – Dress Rehearsal for Year 1 and 2 Christmas Production 1.30pm

Tuesday 9th December – Year 1 and 2 Christmas Production 1.30pm

Wednesday 10th December – Year 1 and 2 Christmas Production 6.00pm

Thursday 11th December – Aladdin

A visiting Theatre Company will present their pantomime, Aladdin, to our children.

Tuesday 16th December – Fox Class Nativity 9.30am

Wednesday 17th December – Nursery Christmas Assembly 9.30am

Wednesday 17th December – School Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 17th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 19th December – School Carol Service at Holy Trinity Church 1.45pm

Parents, grandparents and siblings are welcome to join us at Holy Trinity Church for our Carol Service.

If parents attend the service, they can take their child(ren) home from Church at the end of the service.

Friday 19th December – Break up for Christmas!

Sponsored Walk – Mouth Cancer Foundation

Next Sunday, 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, a link to their Just Giving page will be put on the Facebook page during the next few days. Alternatively, please speak to Becky Fisher.