

Long Melford Church of England Primary School and Nursery

Weekly Update – Friday 18th September 2026

Upcoming Dates for Week commencing 21st September

Monday 21st September	Choccy the Reading Dog in Year 4 Andy Rowe – Year 4 Clarinets
Tuesday 22nd September	a.m. - Individual and Family Group photos with Happy Days, our school photographer (Family Groups with pre-nursery children at 8.30am) Year 5 visit Sudbury Gymnastics Club 1.30pm – Mr Watts to visit Years 1 and 2 with old cars. 3.15am Jenny Pendrill's Dance Class
Wednesday 23rd September	a.m. - Flu Immunisations R-Y6 children
Thursday 24th September	Year 6 Swimming at Halstead Pool 3.15pm - Phillippa Gunn's Art club Tom Potter's Music Lessons 3.15pm - Band Academy
Friday 25th September	

Weekly Attendance

to 18/9/26

Reception	93%
Year 1	96%
Year 2	100% 
Year 3	97%
Year 4	91%
Year 5	94%
Year 6	99%

If your child is ill, please ring the school and leave a message **even if your child is in Nursery**. Thank you.

This week's House Winners:

Fire

Our Christian Value is
Perseverance

Dinner Menu week commencing 21/9/26

	Core Menu	Allergen Free Menu
Monday	BBQ Chicken or Veggie Cobbler or Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans or Hot Pasta and Tomato Sauce	BBQ Chicken or Winter Veggie Stew or Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans or Hot Pasta and Tomato Sauce
Tuesday	Ham Pizza or Cheese and Onion Slice or Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans or Hot Pasta and Tomato Sauce	Ham and Cheese Pasta Bake or Veggie Bolognese or Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans or Hot Pasta and Tomato Sauce
Wednesday	Roast Chicken or Roast Quorn Fillet or Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans or Hot Pasta and Tomato Sauce	Roast Chicken or Roast Veggie Patty or Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans or Hot Pasta and Tomato Sauce
Thursday	Cottage Pie or Mac 'n' Cheese Pasta Bake or Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans or Hot Pasta and Tomato Sauce	Cottage Pie or Mac 'n' Cheese or Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans or Hot Pasta and Tomato Sauce
Friday	Fish Fingers and Chips or Margherita Pizza or Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans or Hot Pasta and Tomato Sauce	Grilled Chicken and Chips or Cheesy Onion Potato Cakes or Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans or Hot Pasta and Tomato Sauce



Certificate Winners

Fox Class – Ivy, Millie and Cooper

Simmonds Class – Amber, Theodore and Arthur

Jemison Class – Lily, Margo and Arthur

Earhart Class – Lyra and Ezra

Malala Class – Ruby, Joseph, Holly and Jorgie

Attenborough Class – Darcie, Charlie and Iris

Bowie Class – Nelle, Logan and Alylah

Well done everyone!



Well done to all our certificate winners and to everyone in Fire House!

Letters sent out this week:

No letters were sent out by the Office this



School Photographs – Tuesday

On Tuesday, Happy Days who are the company that take all our school photos, are in school to take Individual and Family photos. During the morning every child from Nursery to Year 6 will have an individual photograph as well as one with their siblings.

You are welcome to bring in children who are pre-Nursery to have their photos taken with your child(ren) who are in school. If you would like to do this, we ask that you bring your children into the school hall at 8.30am.

Year 5 and 6 need to ensure that they wear their School Uniform in the morning and that they bring their PE Kit with them on that day.

Breakfast Club will continue as normal on Tuesday morning.



Swimming - Thursday

Following the sudden closure of the Kingfisher Pool on Thursday, I am pleased to be able to say that we have managed to secure swimming lessons (as well as transport) for Year 6, at Halstead Pool.

The lessons will take place on Thursday mornings (so as not to interfere with Band Academy). The children will return to school during lunchtime and will have their school dinner between 12.45 and 1.15pm.

Hopefully, next week we will have some information about our booking for Year 3 which was due to take place during the Summer Term.

School Trips

I feel that school trips are a very important part of the primary school curriculum. They give children learning experiences that cannot be fully replicated in the classroom. Visits to places such as museums, castles, farms, nature reserves, and historical sites help children see and experience what they are learning about – they help bring the curriculum to life.

As an Academy, our financial year ends at the end of August. The Multi-Academy Trust Finance Team have been in school during the last week to complete our end of financial year reports.

As part of this process, I am sad to say, that I have had to 'write off' debts of over £1,400 that came from parents not contributing to educational trips.

I appreciate that finances are tight at the moment – I have £34,000 to re-furbish toilets in Fox Class and Nursery, find ways of ensuring that some of our classrooms remain cooler in the event of further heatwaves next year (canopies outside classroom windows or film for the glass), and buy a new interactive whiteboard for a learning zone and three new laptops!

I am also aware that we are only supposed to ask for Voluntary Contributions for school trips, but I cannot afford to keep writing off money for school trips or school dinners from the school bank account. If finances are an issue for you, come and talk to me or your child's class teacher and we will endeavour to help you as much as we can. I can reassure you that no child will ever be left out for financial reasons if the rest of the class goes on a trip.

In the future, my staff will give you as long as possible to pay for school trips. If, by a week before the trip is due, 80% of the overall cost of the trip has not been collected, the trip will be cancelled.

My Year Group teams will try and support the cost of school trips by fund raising to try and reduce the cost. You can see that there is an advert within this Weekly Update for a Cake Sale that is being held by Years 5 and 6 to raise money to pay towards the transport for a visit to the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge.

I hope that we can work together to solve this problem.



Junior Padel Coaching Courses at Padel Evolution!

Dear Parents/Carers,
We're pleased to share details
of a new Junior Padel
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place at Padel Evolution in
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