

Long Melford Church of England Primary School and Nursery

Weekly Update – Friday 11th September 2026

Upcoming Dates for Week commencing 14th September

Monday 14th September	Choccy the Reading Dog with Year 5 2.30pm Meet the teacher Yr 5 and 6
Tuesday 15th September	Year 5 visit Sudbury Gymnastics Club 2.30pm Meet the Teacher Yr 1 and 2 Jenny Pendrill's Dance Class
Wednesday 16th September	2.30pm Meet the Teacher Yr 3 and 4
Thursday 17th September	Year 6 Swimming Phillippa Gunn's Art Club Tom Potter's Music Lessons Band Academy
Friday 18th September	

Weekly Attendance

to 11/9/26

Reception	85%
Year 1	95%
Year 2	98% 
Year 3	97%
Year 4	97%
Year 5	96%
Year 6	97%

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
Perseverance

This week's House Winners:

Fire

Dinner Menu week commencing 14/9/26

	Core Menu	Allergen Free Menu
Monday	Beef Burger or Veggie Burger or Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans or Hot Pasta and Tomato Sauce	Beef Tacos or Veggie Cheeseburger or Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans or Hot Pasta and Tomato Sauce
Tuesday	Bolognese Pasta Bake or Cheese and Potato Pasty or Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans or Hot Pasta and Tomato Sauce	Beef Bolognese Pasta Bake or Veggie Bolognese or Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans or Hot Pasta and Tomato Sauce
Wednesday	Roast Chicken or Quorn Fillet or Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans or Hot Pasta and Tomato Sauce	Roast Chicken or Veggie Patty or Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans or Hot Pasta and Tomato Sauce
Thursday	Chicken Pitta or BBQ Veggie Pitta or Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans or Hot Pasta and Tomato Sauce	BBQ Chicken or BBQ Veggie or Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans or Hot Pasta and Tomato Sauce
Friday	Fish Fingers or Cheese and Tomato Pizza or Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans or Hot Pasta and Tomato Sauce	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 – Leo, Ralph and Lilly N

Simmonds Class – Kanen, Terry and Finn

Jemison Class – Dylan and Milo

Earhart Class – Chloe, Myumi and Hattie

Malala Class – Oisin, Chester and Toby

Attenborough Class – Olivia, Jesse and William B

Bowie Class – Charlotte, Pippa and Jack

Headteacher's Award - Carter



Well Done Everyone!



Congratulations to all our certificate winners.

Letters sent out this week:

1. Year 6 Secondary School Application letter
2. Year 6 Child Measuring Programme letter

If you did not receive the letter, please see Mrs Brown.

Congratulations to everyone in Fire House, including Martha and Logan, our new Fire House Captains.

Photographs of our House Captains and Head Boy and Girl will be in next week's newsletter.



Out of School Achievements

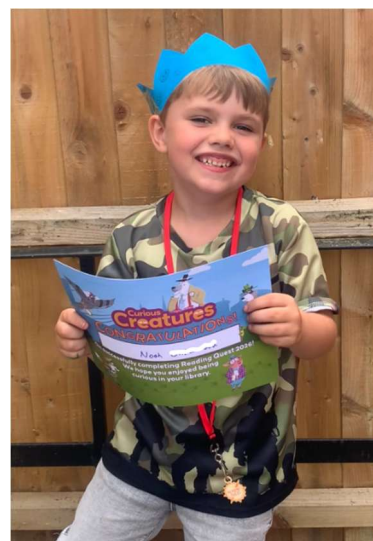
If your child achieves something outside school, we would like to celebrate it! Please send the information and a picture to the school office – office@longmelfordprimaryschool.co.uk

Awesome Reading Challenge!

Noah successfully completed the Reading Challenge over the summer holidays with the library. There was a party to celebrate everyone who took part, and they all received a medal and certificate. Noah's family were all very proud of him.

We are very proud of Noah U, Logan M-W, Pippa, Martha, Cleo, Henry H, Noah M-W and Tobias who have all told me that they completed the Library Reading Challenge. Congratulations to you all.

Everyone who completed the Library Reading Challenge will receive 5 hours of time credits for the Children's University.





**Ormiston
Sudbury
Academy**

OPEN EVENTS

Parents/carers of children in Years 5 and 6 are invited to our open events

Open Evening – Thursday 24 September 2026, 5.30pm – 7.00pm.

Principal's talks at 5.30pm and again at 6.15pm.

Feel free to tour the school before or after the talk.

Open Mornings – Tuesday 29 September – Thursday 1 October 2026.

Tours available at 9.15am and 11.45am, please call 01787 375131 to pre-book.

Visit our website www.ormistonsudburyacademy.co.uk for further information.



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Excellence: for each, for all

OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2026

WELLS HALL ROAD, GREAT CORNARD, SUFFOLK, CO10 0NH



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EVENT TIME

4.00PM – 7.00PM

HEADTEACHER'S TALKS

4.00PM | 4.45PM | 5.30PM



Join Us for Our Year 6 Open Evening

We are delighted to invite Year 6 pupils and their families to our **Open Evening on Thursday 1 October 2026 from 6.00pm to 8.00pm.**

This is a wonderful opportunity to explore our school, meet our dedicated staff and students, and discover all that we have to offer as you begin considering the next stage of your educational journey.

Throughout the evening, visitors will have the chance to tour our facilities, visit a range of subject areas, and learn more about the exciting opportunities available both inside and outside the classroom. Members of our leadership team, staff and students will be on hand to answer any questions and provide an insight into life at our school.

We look forward to warmly welcoming Year 6 pupils and their families to our school and sharing what makes our community such a special place to learn, grow and succeed.

Date: Thursday 1 October 2026

Time: 6.00pm to 8.00pm

Location: Stour Valley Community School

Children's University

The Children's University (CU) is a charity that works in partnership with schools to develop a love of learning in children. They do this by encouraging and celebrating participation in extra-curricular activities in and outside of school.

In order to reward engagement in activities, there is a 'time credit' for all the learning that the children do and all the clubs that the children attend, eg swimming club, Squirrels, Beavers, Football etc. Once your child has collected 30 hours of 'time credits' they will be able to graduate from the Children's University.



Last year, I signed up all our after school clubs (except Rainbow Club as it does not count), as Learning Destinations, so many of our children gained learning credits towards a graduation. In June, over a hundred children attended a Graduation that we held at Holy Trinity Church.

This year, we are again collecting time credits towards a Graduation. If your child collected time credits last year, they will continue to accumulate them and add them to the total they had last year.

Every time your child attends a club outside of school, I would ask that you keep a log of the time and date on the Children's University form. If you could complete one for September and one for October and return them to the School Office or to send it to me at office@longmelfordprimaryschool.co.uk by the 14th November. I will collect the forms and log the 'time credits' on a copy of the Children's University passports. On a second form, if you can log the date and times for November and December, I would ask these to be returned by the 15th December.

Children's University is a great way to celebrate children being engaged with their learning in lots of different areas that we might not cover in school. Children of all ages are able to take part.

In addition to the time credits that can be earned through attending clubs or activities, time credits can be achieved through carrying out activities. For this half term we have set four activities that our children can complete. For each activity, the children can bring what they have made into school to show me, or you can send me an email with a photo or video showing what they have done.

Activities:

Make a Bird Feeder: 2 hours of Learning Credits

This challenge idea comes from the RSPB. They have described it as sticky fun for you and a warming, winter treat for the birds!

For more information and ideas about how to make a bird feeder, please follow the link:

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/helping-nature/what-you-can-do/activities/food-and-water-for-wildlife>

Optical Illusion: Up to 2 hours of Learning Credits

An optical illusion is something that deceives (tricks) the eye but appearing to be something other than it is. The challenge is to create an optical illusion using:

- white cardboard (check the recycling),
- pencils or colouring pens,
- glue or tape and
- a straw or a pencil.



Instructions from Science Sparks can be found if you follow the link below:

<https://www.science-sparks.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Optical-Illusion-A4.pdf>

Once you have made it, share your results with us.

Using the information that you have learned, the second part of the challenge is to create your own optical illusion and share this with us for an additional hour of learning credit.

Activity: Leaf rubbing



Step by step guide

1. Collect 5 different leaves from your garden, local park or school playground. Look at the texture and features of each leaf. Can you identify what type of tree, plant or bush each leaf has come from?
2. Place 1 leaf on a hard surface and place a white sheet of paper over the leaf.
3. Using a crayon, pastel pencil or marker on its side, gently rub over the paper and leaf. Notice that you will be 'drawing' the leaf on the paper.
4. Repeat with the other leaves that you have collected. Use different colours for each leaf.
5. Turn your 5 different leaf rubbings into one leaf masterpiece.

Evidence

Stick your masterpiece on the next page.

CU Category

Social, Community & Environment

This activity is worth

1 Learning Hour



Activity: Write a short story



What do you have to do?

Are you a budding author? Write a one page story. Think of an idea and let your imagination run wild! Plan your story and create your characters. Think about the setting and what will happen. Break it down into start, middle and end. Don't forget you will need to think of an interesting title that will engage your readers. Have fun and good luck!

Evidence

Once you have written your story take it into school for your teacher to read. You may be able to read it out in class. For an extra learning hour, design a front cover for your story on the next page. Don't forget to include the title of your book and your name as author.

CU Category

Academic

This activity is worth **2 Learning Hours**

You can earn an additional

1 Learning Hour

for designing a front cover



Good luck with the activities. I look forward to seeing the results!

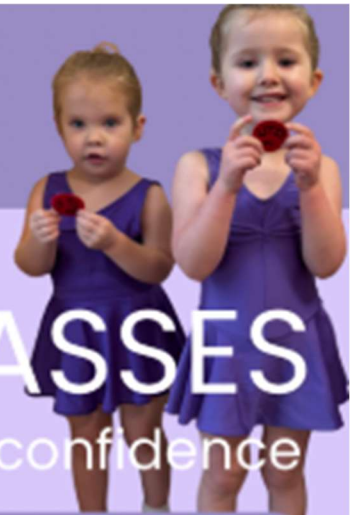
Mrs Woolmer



SUDBURY AREA

DANCE & ACRO CLASSES

Learn new skills | Make friends | Grow confidence



TUESDAY

Stevenson
Centre,
Great Cornard

1:30pm – 2:15pm
Preschool Tap,
Ballet & Modern
(age 2 ½ – 4)

WEDNESDAY

Long Melford Old
School
Community
Centre

Tap, Ballet & Modern
4:45pm – 5:30pm EYFS & YEAR 1
5:15pm – 6:00pm YEARS 2 – 4
6:00pm – 6:45pm YEARS 5 & 6

WEDNESDAY

Long Melford Old
School
Community
Centre

Acro Dance
5:30pm – 6:00pm EYFS & YEAR 1
6:00pm – 6:45pm YEARS 2 – 4
6:45pm – 7:30pm YEARS 5 & 6

THURSDAY

Long Melford
Primary School

7:30pm – 8:15pm Adult
8:15pm – 9:00pm Beginner Tap
Adult
Contemporary

FREE TRIAL
CLASS

info@elizabethschoolofdance.com

  @elizabethschoolofdance

After School Clubs

We have had a delay in confirming the After School Clubs as we were awaiting confirmation of Mr Potter's music lessons. The letter will now come out on Tuesday and clubs will start on Monday 21st September.

School Council

School councillors are pupils elected by their classmates to represent student views and help improve school life.

Their key responsibilities are:

Represent Classmates: Gather ideas, concerns, and suggestions from their peers and share them during council meetings.

Feed Back Information: Report meeting results back to their class and lead class discussions or votes on new actions.

Run Projects: Help to organise charity fundraisers, plan school events, or improve playground and library equipment.

Work with Staff: Meet regularly with teachers or the headteacher to discuss topics like school lunches, behaviour, and our school environment.

Simmonds Class



Jemison Class



Earhart Class



Malala Class



Attenborough Class



Not all our Year 6 School Councillors were in school on Friday. We will take photographs of them when they return to school.

“Meet the Teacher” Sessions

"Meet the Teacher" meetings are introductory sessions held at the beginning of the academic year to help parents and carers understand classroom expectations, daily routines, and the curriculum ahead.

Key Purposes of the Meeting

- **Understanding routines:** Teachers explain daily timetables, drop-off and pick-up procedures, and expectations for school uniform and equipment.
- **Outlining the curriculum:** Parents learn what subjects, topics, and key milestones their children will cover during the year.
- **Explaining homework routines:** Schools clarify how homework is set, how often it is collected, and how parents can best help at home.
- **Building a connection:** Families get a chance to put a face to a name, see the physical classroom environment, and establish a positive home-school relationship.
 - **Monday 14th September @ 2.30pm: Years 5 and 6**
 - **Tuesday 15th September @ 2.30pm: Years 1 and 2**
 - **Wednesday 16th September @ 2.30pm: Years 3 and 4**

Please do not worry if you are unable to come to the meetings, we will send a copy of the information home.

Coming up:

Tuesday 22nd September – Individual and Family Photographs

Wednesday 23rd September- Flu Immunisations

A Dates List for the year will come out this week.

