



Week 4 term 1, 25th September 2026

As you can see within this week's newsletter, we were very lucky to be visited by an amazing troop of actors who delivered to us "The Wizard of Oz" right here in our hall! More images inside!

In talking with the FOLGs at their AGM on Wednesday night, we were musing over how quickly time is flying. Things you need to know (already on the calendar which is here, but as a reminder): **Next TUESDAY 29th is whole school individual photographs!**

Then this coming Friday is our first INSET day. As a reminder, these have not been taken out of teaching time, they are taken out of 'holiday' time, so no learning is lost (prior to INSET days, the October half term and often summer too were just longer holidays). So, **no school for children on Friday 2nd Oct (next Friday).**

The FOLGs did have a fantastic AGM this Wed, welcoming new parents into a great group of dedicated parents who want to help make Longwell Green even more amazing. Lots of fab FOLG things are already in the pipeline for this year, so keep looking out for adverts in the weekly newsletter! (Thank you FOLGs for all you do!) The first is a **disco on Fri 9th** (see inside) Next week we put up the stage in the hall, ready to start rehearsals for harvest, because in a

couple of weeks, we will be inviting you in to watch these **harvest assemblies (Thurs 15th for EYFS / Y1 / Y2 / Y3 and Fri 16th for Y4 / Y5 and Y6).** Remember you can see dates here <https://www.longwellgreenprimaryschool.co.uk/diary-term-dates/>. Also, that very same week, we have open classrooms (Tues 13th and Thurs 15th 3.20- 3.40) and then the following week is the final week with another **INSET day (Mon 19th**, shared with

other local primary schools) and **parents' evenings! (Tues 20th and Thurs 22nd).**

Remember: photographs on Tues, INSET on Friday.
See calendar for lots of other dates.



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FOLGs and a huge thank you to Claire Moon

I want to take a moment right on the front of this week's newsletter to share a very special thank you. After several brilliant years at the helm, Claire Moon has made the decision to step back from her role as Chair of the Friends of Longwell Green (FOLGs).

If you've ever watched your children's eyes light up at a school event or felt that wonderful community buzz on the playground, you'll know just how much love (and work) goes into making these moments happen. Driven by a desire to give wonderful things to our children and families, Claire has led the FOLGs with passion.

She is not the type of person who looks for praise, but I do very much think she deserves it! She leaves a fantastic legacy of happy memories for our school. Please join me in sending Claire our biggest, warmest thank you for everything she has done for the community of Longwell Green!



Help protect our school budget via Census Day lunch!

Our hall at lunchtime has an amazing buzz of laughter and children enjoying hot, (and nutritious) meals that fuel their learning. We proudly subsidise every single school meal from our main budget. The government gives us a grant to help, but there's a catch... (who said of course!?) they decide our funding based on how many children eat a school dinner on **just ONE day**, three times a year. called Census Day.

Our next Census Day is Thursday, 1st October.

If the number of children on THAT DAY dictates how many meals they will help us subsidise until the next Census Day. If the numbers are not high, then for the next four months we have to take even more from our main school budget to help subsidise lunches. This means we make up the difference from our main budget; taking money away from new library books, classroom tech, art supplies, playground equipment and all the things we *should* be spending school funds on!

How you can help:

Our kitchen team has cooked up a **Super Census Day Special Menu** packed with pupil favourites (see inside for details) ! Even if your child usually brings a packed lunch, please encourage them to try a school dinner on Thursday, 1st October. The food really is great, and it helps us get crucial funding for your child/ren. Thank you as always for your support!



"You're welcome!" The response to Glinda by TWO children after she said "Thank you for helping me" to the audience as part of the play!



"That theater was great! I have never been [to the theater]. I really loved it. Can we have another one?" A child literally bouncing with excitement after having watched our amazing Wizard of Oz today.



CENSUS DAY

Thurs 1st October

Chicken Nuggets

Or

Cheese & Bean Wrap

**(Wraps, Pasta or Jacket Potatoes
also available as always!)**

Followed by:

Sprinkle Cake

**Both main and pudding
options available on the
allergen menu too!**



Y2 were looking at the difference between globes, atlases and maps. Here they explored atlases and learnt how to use the contents page to find places they were looking for. They also looked at a map of the world and its flags.





Some of the amazing Mand M productions' amazing version of The Wizard of Oz (see next page)





We don't invite EYFS as this is an hour long and very exciting (but see the next page)

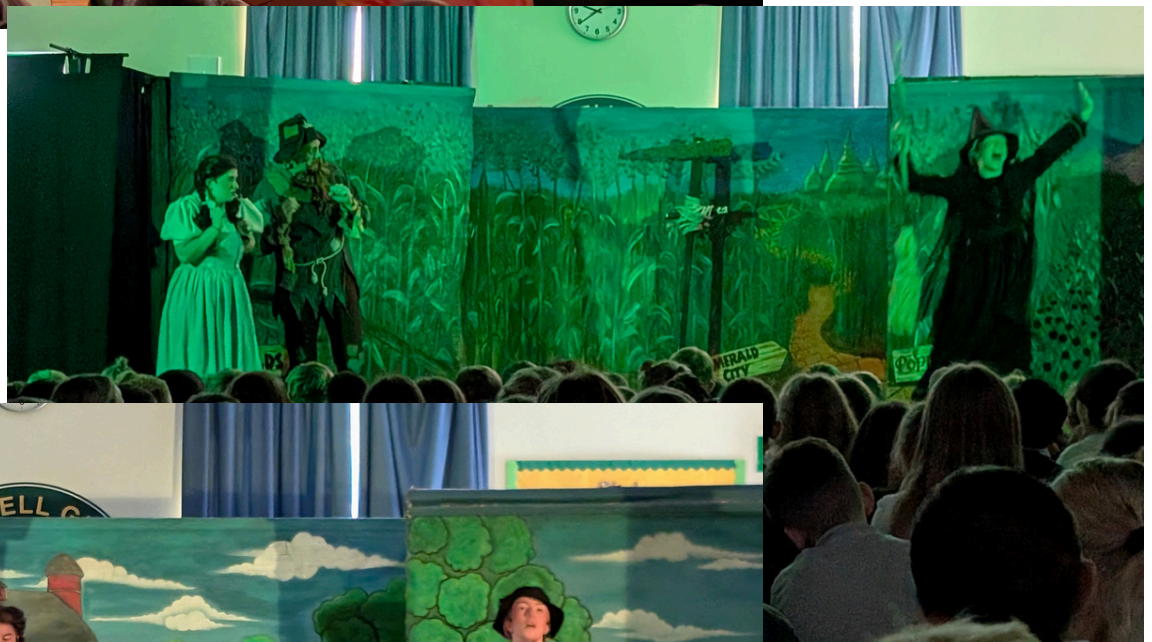


Everyone from Y1 to Y6 were in the hall, treated to an amazin Friday event!



The final few pictures, as you can see, it was an incredibly special event.

This was a troupe of 4 actors, playing all 20 parts, running the music, scenery and more.



...and blurred below as we don't have full photo permissions for all EYFS. We asked the actors to stay behind and meet both EYFS classes—they were suitably in awe!



Could you be the 'Friendly' Face at the gate?

Become a SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL

We are seeking a warm, community-minded individual to help keep children and families safe on their journey to and from school.

**We currently have vacancies within
the South Gloucestershire area.**

MORNING DUTY

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM

AFTERNOON DUTY

3:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Duty times subject to change

**Term time only – paid role.
Full training & uniform
provided. Meaningful way
to support your local
community.**



FOR FURTHER
INFORMATION
CONTACT:



**roadsafetyeducation
@southglos.gov.uk**



Drop-In SEND Support



Our Community Base,
Kingswood



Tuesday
10:00am - 1:30pm
Term Time Only



Children welcome
we have toys and games, an
outdoor area and sensory
room with hoist.



Speak with a friendly adviser
from SEND and You (SAY) each
month for free advice and
support.



Gympanzees Lending Library
Partner Hub

Here at South Glos Parent Carers we
are all parent carers, so we truly
understand the challenges and joys of
raising a child with Special
Educational Needs and Disabilities
(SEND).



The Kingswood
Centre, New
Cheltenham Road,
BS15 4FS



Are you feeling confused,
frustrated or isolated on your
child's SEND journey? Do you
need someone to talk to about the
challenges you are facing?

Come along to our relaxed and
friendly parent support drop-in.
Meet our Peer Support Team
who can:

- ✓ Help you become more
confident in identifying
and supporting your
child's needs
- ✓ Signpost you to services
that may be beneficial to
your family
- ✓ Provide a listening ear
over a cuppa

Your child does not need to
have a diagnosis for you to
access any of our support

Online Workshops



Understanding and
Supporting Sensory
Differences

Wednesday 30th September
10:00am - 1:00pm



Managing Emotions
Tuesday 13th October
7:00pm - 9:00pm



AuDHD (Autism and ADHD
combined)
Thursday 19th November,
6:30pm - 8:30pm



Understanding and
Supporting Communication
Wednesday 9th December
10:00am - 1:00pm



Understanding Masking
Thursday 14th January
7:00pm - 9:00pm



Understanding and
Supporting Behaviour
Monday 8th February
10:00am - 1:00pm



We are happy to say that
due to funding, we are able
to provide our workshops
free of charge.



Being a parent carer of a child or
young person with SEND can
bring extra situations which are
challenging to know how to
handle.

Our online workshops are here to
empower you on your child's
SEND journey.

- ✓ Confidence in
understanding and
meeting your child's
needs.
- ✓ Ideas, effective
strategies and
signposting to other
services.
- ✓ A chance to ask questions,
as well as receive extra
support if needed.

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Early Years Drop-In SEND Support



Patchway Children's
Centre



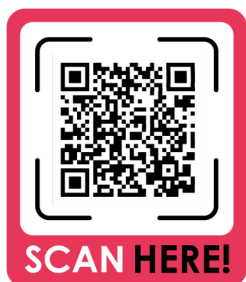
Wednesdays
10:00 - 11:30am
Term Time Only



For parents of
children aged 0 - 5
including children in
their reception year
Children welcome



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are all parent carers, so we truly
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Educational Needs and Disabilities
(SEND).



Set your satnav to
BS34 5TF and
park behind
Coniston Medical
Centre



Are you concerned about your
child's early development or need
help navigating your child's
disability?

Come along to our relaxed and
friendly parent support drop-in.
Meet our Peer Support Team
who can:

- ✓ Help you become more
confident in identifying
and supporting your
child's needs
- ✓ Offer useful information
around key transitions
such as starting school
- ✓ Provide a listening ear
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OPEN EVENTS



SBL
SIR BERNARD LOVELL
ACADEMY

OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER 5-8PM

This is always a popular evening which gives parents, carers and students the opportunity to walk around the school visiting each of our curriculum areas. There will be a variety of activities going on and experienced members of staff on hand in every room to answer any questions you may have. You do not need to book to attend our Open Evening however, if you would like to attend one of the Headteacher presentations being held at 5.15pm, 6.15pm and 7.15pm, you will need to book tickets. The booking link will be made available on our website from **Friday 4th September**. The presentation will last for approximately 30 minutes and include a speech from Dr Bassford as well as talks from our new Year 7 and older students which will give you a true insight into school life at SBL.

OPEN WEEK

MONDAY 14TH – THURSDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER

The sessions held at 9.15am and 10.15am give parents, carers and students the opportunity to walk around the school and experience a typical school day. You will also have the opportunity for a Q&A session with either the Headteacher or a member of our Senior Leadership Team. Due to limited spaces, these sessions need to be booked in advance via our website from **Friday 4th September**.

Futura
Learning Partnership



FREE


South Gloucestershire
Council

CAR SEAT SAFETY CHECK

Experienced and qualified staff
No appointment required
just drop in

1st October 2026

10:00 am - 2:30 pm

at Yate Fire Station

Station Road, Yate BS37 4AL



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FREE

Car seat safety check
make sure your children
are secured safely

Organised and delivered by South Gloucestershire Council's Road Safety Team and supported by Child Seat Safety Ltd



AUTUMN DISCO

FRIDAY 9TH OCT

EYFS/YR1/YR2 - 3.15 TO 4.15 PM
YR3/YR4/YR5/YR6 - 4.30 TO 5.30 PM
BUY TICKETS @ WWW.FOLGS.ORG.UK

£5 PER CHILD

(INCLUDES SNACK & DRINK)



Girls' Football Longwell Green v Barrs Court – Monday 14th September

A huge well done to our girls' football team who played their first friendly of the year last week against a very strong Barrs Court team. They played brilliantly and managed to go into half-time 1–0 up, thanks to a fantastic long-range strike from Ava!

At half-time, Barrs Court changed their entire team and despite our girls giving their all and working incredibly hard, they just missed out in the end. A fantastic effort from everyone involved and a great first outing for the team!

A big thank you to everyone who took part: Ava, Megan, Ruby, Gracie, Sofia, Bella, Molly, Olivia P and Olivia B.



Boys' Football Longwell Green v Barrs Court – Friday 18th September

On Friday 18th September, Longwell Green played Barrs Court in an exciting pre-season friendly. We all worked extremely hard to win this tough match at home.

The match kicked off with all the boys pressing to win the ball. Our hard work paid off as Koby ran down the wing and put a great cross into Cody, who smashed it past the Barrs Court keeper. 1–0 to Longwell!

Both teams were defending like their lives depended on it until Brandon unleashed a screamer that was impossible to save. 2–0! The first half ended 2–0 to Longwell!

The second half kicked off strongly, with both teams eager to score. It was end-to-end as Longwell's keeper, Brandon (who wasn't in goal when he scored!), saved many great shots.

The Longwell team kept a relentless lead and attacked to try to extend it. Then, Longwell launched a fantastic attack, with Jonny sprinting past many defenders. He slipped a brilliant pass into Reggie's path, and Reggie dribbled past two defenders and pelted it past the goalkeeper to score an insane goal! 3–0!!

The final whistle blew and Longwell celebrated after shaking the other team's hands. It ended 3–0 to Longwell. HOORAY!!!

Written by Koby and Austin.

