



Week 5 term 1, 2nd October 2026

Welcome to October! The sunny warmth of August (40 degrees) somehow feels both a lifetime ago and also like only yesterday. Five weeks into the new school year, time is absolutely flying by; a sure sign of just how much fun and learning is happening in every classroom.

Although the children have a break **tomorrow (INSET day)**, our staff team will be hard at work with all sorts of learning; safeguarding update training for all, work on other school wide foci for the year, including how we help children remember and retain their learning. Hopefully **for families, this will be a well earned long weekend**! Thank you to all the parents who said how much they appreciated a midterm break for family time (and perhaps a slightly cheaper day trip to Legoland!). It was planned with your busy lives and tired children in mind. Please note we mix them up, so some INSETs are attached to holidays and some not, as different families prefer different approaches.

Even with a shorter week, the buzz around school has been incredible as always! Everyone looked so smart for **photo day**! These are such precious memories to keep and I know how much they mean to families.

EYFS celebrated Superhero WOW day, showing off real life superpowers like kindness, clever thinking, and some impressive dance moves! You can find out about Y1s WOW day last week, where they had a fab time as scientists. (The pic is Y1s making pizza. not related, just fun!)

A massive thank you to our amazing families for supporting Census Day. Our hall was humming with excitement as so many children tried new foods and some even discovered new favorites! Looking ahead we have World Mental Health Day (9th October). We also have disco after school this night (see inside and last week's newsletter for details)



As we did last year, we will be celebrating by asking children to wear something yellow (even something as small as yellow socks or a hairband!). Non-uniform should still be safe for running around the playground. As a quick reminder, you can check our day to day uniform guidelines here <https://www.longwellgreenprimaryschool.co.uk/uniform/>
Thank you, as always, for your partnership, and support. Have a wonderful long weekend, and we can't wait to see everyone on Monday!



Inside this week

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- Disco reminder
- Disco Friday 9th
- Helping your child read at home
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Parents' Evenings and Open Classrooms

Can you believe they have come around so quickly? This term, you'll know from the calendar, we have 2 different events that link to share your child's learning and progress.

First, **Open Classrooms. These are Tuesday 13th October and Thursday 15th October both 3.20 to 3.40pm.**

Children love this! This is your child's chance to proudly show you their classroom and their work. It's not a time for parent teacher discussions (that's the following week in Parents' Evenings) but it is a celebration of learning.

To stop over crowding, we ask you to sign up for one of the two slots. With 15 children plus 15 of their adults, classrooms fill up quickly, so spreading visits makes things more comfortable. Sign up sheets will be put on your class's nearest external door on Monday. If you're not sure where, just message your class teacher on Dojo and they'll help.

Parents' Evenings (online) More information will follow from the office about how to sign up for these. As per the calendar, they are **Tue 20th October – 3.30 to 6.00pm (all year groups) and Thurs 22nd October – 3.30 to 5.30pm (all year groups)**

Following parent feedback, these are online. Families said they like the certainty of a 10 minute slot, not needing to arrange childcare or travel back into school, and being able to step out of work briefly rather than taking longer time off to travel to and from school short meeting .

Parents also (kindly) told us they feel our school is always open and approachable, and that the online format means the time can be spent fully focused on their child's learning.

We can't wait to see you in school for these events and thank you for making both of these events such a special part of school life!

Do you have any knobbly bottoms you'd be happy to donate to school?

I never thought I'd find myself writing "knobbly bottoms" in a Friday newsletter, but here we are!

Our staff have affectionately given this name to a type of plastic bottle we need for a top-secret, exciting school event coming up soon. You know the ones, those with those five pointed feet on the base? Large or small will be fine.

If you have at home, could you please give them a quick rinse and send them in with your child between Monday and Wednesday next week? We'd be really grateful for your recycling contributions to help bring a little extra magic into school! And you will be able to see what for, in a short amount of time...



Y5 having fun and learning

"I said they were my friend. They are all my friends." A Y2 child describing how they see the new EYFS.

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:



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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)



Helping Your Child with Reading at Home

A simple guide for parents



Reading at home can make a huge difference to your child's confidence, fluency and enjoyment of books. You don't need to be a reading expert or plan complicated activities. **A little reading, done regularly and positively, can go a long way.**

1 Read it again!

Reading the same book or passage more than once helps your child become more familiar with the words. This makes their reading smoother, more accurate and more expressive.

Try:

- Ask your child to read a short section again and see if it sounds smoother.
- Read a sentence aloud first, then ask your child to read it.
- Take turns to read paragraphs or pages.
- Read together at the same time if your child lacks confidence.



Rereading isn't cheating – it's practising!

2 Talk about what you've read

Chatting about books helps your child remember what has happened and understand the story better. It doesn't need to feel like a test!

Before reading

- What do you think might happen?
- What makes you think that?



While reading

- What has happened so far?
- How do you think this character is feeling? How do you know?
- Was there a word you weren't sure about?

After reading

- Can you tell me what happened in one or two sentences?
- What was the most important part?
- What do you think will happen next?
- What was your favourite part? Why?

Encourage your child to explain how they know, using clues from the book.

3 Read lots of different things

Reading doesn't always have to mean a school book or a long novel. There are so many different texts that can help your child practise and enjoy reading!

- Comics and graphic novels
- Websites
- Magazines
- Leaflets and brochures
- Information books
- Newspapers or children's news
- Poems
- Books linked to their hobbies and interests (e.g. football, animals, gaming, cooking, space)
- Recipes
- Instructions



Use your child's interests to encourage reading – reading can be useful and fun!

4 Read aloud to your child

Children in KS2 are **not too old to be read to!** Listening to an adult read helps them hear fluent and expressive reading. It also gives them access to exciting books that may be difficult for them to read on their own.

Try:

- Read a chapter together before bed.
- Take turns reading pages.
- Listen to an audiobook together and discuss it.
- Let your child choose the family book.
- Stop occasionally to talk about an interesting word, character or event.

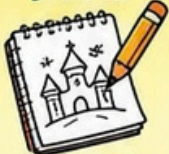


Even 10–15 minutes a day can make a big difference.

5 Make reading active and fun

Supporting reading doesn't always involve written questions. Try these simple activities:

Draw it!



Draw a scene, character or new word from the book.

Comic strip



Turn an important part of the story into a short comic strip.

Character connections



Draw the characters and show how they know or feel about each other.

Word detective



Choose an unfamiliar word and use the rest of the sentence to work out what it might mean.

A simple reading routine

You don't need a long session. 10–15 minutes of positive reading regularly is more useful than making reading feel like a battle.



Read

Read a page or short section together.



Talk

Ask one or two questions about what happened, interesting words or what might happen next.



Reread

Choose a short paragraph to read again, aiming for smooth, confident and expressive reading.

Most importantly... keep reading positive!

Praise your child's effort, enjoy the stories together, visit the library and let your child see that reading has a purpose beyond school. Every time you read, talk about a book or enjoy a story together, you are helping your child become a more confident reader.





YEAR ONE WOW DAY

Year One had a brilliant Wow day being scientists to launch their new topic 'All about me'. They spent the day carrying out lots of investigations linked to our five senses.



We went on a sound walk around the school and recorded what we could hear.



We took part in an investigation to see if we could guess what was in the cups - some were very smelly!



We tried drawing with our eyes closed which was very tricky!



And we were very good at predicting what we could feel in the socks!

POW!

EYFS Superhero WOW day

This Monday in EYFS was our superhero wow day. We started our day with a superhero themed dough disco, followed by reading "Supertato". The children shared their superpowers such as being kind, clever and strong.



In the afternoon, children enjoyed going on a superhero hunt in to find 'Evil Pea', by working out the answers to clues and using their mapping skills which we will be developing more throughout our Geography lessons.



The children then displayed their creativity by designing their own superhero masks, creating traps for villains and making superhero puppets.



Throughout the day we read superhero stories, discussed different superpowers and had fun dancing to superhero themed songs with actions to learn.

POW!



Following our AGM

we are introducing our new trustees
for the 2026/27 year

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OUR CLASS REPS

CLASS NAME

CLASS REP(S)

Squirrels (R)

Claire H

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Rachel C & Annabelle P

Blaze (Y1)

Laura M

Flame (Y1)

Rox S

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Emma C

Spark (Y2)

Emma C

Rockies (Y3)

Alex R

Himalayas (Y3)

Alex R

Alps (Y4)

Jen B

Andes (Y4)

Kay B

Nile (Y5)

Lisa M

Amazon (Y5)

Emma C

Thames (Y6)

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Mississippi (Y6)

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**FOLGs are now on Instagram
please give us a follow!!!**

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Message



OCTOBER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
Longwell Green Primary - Don't miss a thing!

FRI 2nd	INSET DAY - School closed
FRI 9th	Autumn Disco
TUE 13th	Open Classrooms: 3:20-3:40pm
THU 15th	Harvest Festival YR3/4/5: 1:00-1:15 / Y1: 1:00 / Y2: 2:30
THU 15th	Open Classrooms
FRI 16th	Harvest Festival YR3/4/5: 1:00-1:15 / Y1: 1:00 / Y2: 2:30
MON 19th	INSET DAY - School closed
TUE 20th	Parents Evening
THU 22nd	Parents Evening
FRI 23rd	Nasal Flu Vaccinations (if consent required)

Fundraising, fun & community for our amazing children
- Follow @friendsoflongwellgreenprimary

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SPONSORSHIP NEEDED!

Our children's lives are about to be changed. Fundraising events of this kind are unique and we need your help to make them a success. Please help us raise the money we need to make a difference.

RAFFLE SPONSORSHIP Please help us raise the money we need to make a difference. Your support is essential to the success of our fundraising events. Please help us raise the money we need to make a difference.	SANTA'S GROTTO SPONSORSHIP Please help us raise the money we need to make a difference. Your support is essential to the success of our fundraising events. Please help us raise the money we need to make a difference.	REFRESHMENTS SPONSORSHIP Please help us raise the money we need to make a difference. Your support is essential to the success of our fundraising events. Please help us raise the money we need to make a difference.
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In return, we can promote your business:

- to our weekly school newsletter
- on our social media
- on the event
- on the website

Interested or would like to find out more?
Please get in touch:
contactus@folgs.org.uk

HARVEST FESTIVAL

HURSDAY 15th OCT	FRIDAY 16th OCT
• 9:15 — EYFS	• 9:10 — Y4
• 10:00 — Y1	• 10:30 — Y5
• 11:00 — Y2	• 2:30 — Y6
• 2:30 — Y3	

FOLGs will have a table outside selling HOT DRINKS!
Please bring change - card machines available.
All proceeds raising money for FOLGs

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HELLO! WE ARE FRIENDS OF LONGWELL GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

Fundraising, fun & community for our amazing children.

Follow along for events, fayres & how to get involved!