Week 1 term 2 6th November

If you thought Term 1 was action-packed, just wait until you see what Term 2 has in store! We have already hit the ground running with our usual buzz of excitement across the year groups, complete with some **brilliant WOW days and fantastic trips** that have already brought learning to life, and it is only week 1!

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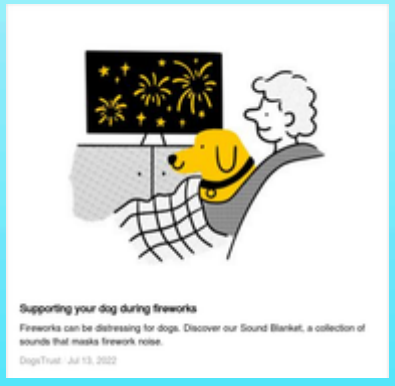
Ahead of National **Remembrance Day** on Wednesday, our school came together for what has become one of our most moving and loved new traditions. Th whole school were on the playground. with our youngest EYFS pupils at the front and our Year 6 role models (the whole school really are amazing role models) chronologically to the back, our children showed fantastic levels of respect during our 11am service.

You might have already spotted the **incredible transformation outside our school** ! Every single child made their own poppy and put it into our community display of over 400 poppies. It is a stunning piece of art that **shows our children's respect, and care for others.**
See inside for photos, and the learning that has happened to create this.
Reminder that **Children in Need is next Friday**, see the plan inside. Also, a reminder that it is none-uniform, all we ask is that the clothes are suitable and safe, and that you bring some money to donate to the competition for Children in Need.

To the right is the link to a sound blanket to stop your pets from becoming stressed about firework noises; click the image (the same as we shared on a text yesterday).



What a whirlwind of activity we have and will be having over the next few weeks. A huge thank you for your flexibility during this bustling season. Between exciting **WOW days** preparing for the legendary **Festive Fayre, Remembrance Day, Children in Need** and so much more, we know how packed family life gets!
We pack our **WOW Days** into the start of term to spark curiosity and get children hooked on their new learning. Our non uniform day (Children in Need for fun, and soon, for the Fayre) also give our tireless FOLGs time to sort all your lovely donations before the **Fayre on Saturday 28th November**. Thank you for your support with all the dressing up, that shared spirit is what makes our school such a fab place. Look inside for details on this year's Festive Tombola Competition...

Do also take a look at our **updated lunch menu, balancing great nutrition with the crowd pleasers** (and our daily wrap staples!). School dinners have certainly come a long way since my own primary school days.
Quick reminder, **school will be closed to pupils on Friday 4th December for our third INSET day**. As always, keep an eye on our live online calendar for all upcoming dates.
Thank you for being the most supportive community a school could ask for. Have a restful, fun filled weekend !



We won a competition!

Imagination Book Shop ran a Facebook competition for local schools to win a selection of books. Thanks to our wonderful school community, we had the most votes and won! Here are a few of the children accepting the books on the school's behalf. Thank you and we are very grateful to all that got involved!

Get ready for Children in Need on November 13th NEXT FRIDAY!
See inside and last week's newsletter for more details.





Parents vs staff netball match this Monday straight from school. Children & adults invited to watch and Folgs will be selling refreshments too

"That was a lump in the throat moment". A super proud staff member, reflecting on what was possibly one of the most beautiful Remembrance Day events I have ever seen. I almost had a tear myself!

BBC Children in Need

Reverse Penny Wars!

The Ultimate Flipped Game!

Get ready for a fun, competitive twist on Penny Wars! This year, the winning class is the one with the LEAST money in their jar (not number of coins, amount in value). The problem? Everyone will be trying to put money in *your* jar!

How to Play:

Bring coins to put into *other classes'* jars. Silver and pound coins quickly boost another class's total dropping them down the leader board, a great tactical move! Coppers (1p and 2p) barely make an impact.

No dipping back in once a coin is dropped!

Play! Be tactical! Think! £1, £2, 5p, 10p, 20p, 50p

When?
Friday, 13 November 2026

Where?
In the School hall throughout the day



Which class will outsmart the rest? There will need to be some tactical sabotaging of rival classes....

Send your child in with any spare coins to join the fun and help us raise money for this great cause. *Every single coin counts*! Remember, pennies (1p & 2p) barely dent the score. No coin removal once dropped! Final winner will be the year group with the lowest total!

BBC Children in Need

How we link the past to the future with Remembrance

If you have been past the front of the school today, you have seen the sea of red that has 'popped' (pun intended) up! Each year group took on the challenge of designing their own unique poppies, which may explain my plea for crinkly bottoms from a few weeks ago! Today, each child proudly carried their poppy outside and placed it into one of the 400+ pre-marked holes, creating, if I say so myself, a breathtaking display for LWG community. Seeing this all in one united garden of remembrance made me incredibly proud of our school family.

At 11am, the whole school gathered on the playground. There is something magical about seeing our tiny EYFS children, taking some of their their first steps in whole school life, standing so beautifully alongside the entire school. We were honored once again to welcome back our fantastic trumpeter, Des, alongside Malc, (Pastor of the Mustard Tree Community Church), who lead key parts of the service. While the traditional language of a formal Remembrance service can be quite complex, our children were absolute stars. They listened attentively and observed the silence with maturity and reverence.

To help our children understand the deep meaning behind each moment of the service, we explored the classic traditions in class beforehand:

Exhortation is from a famous poem written in 1914 called For the Fallen. Its a reminder that asks all of us to keep the memory of brave people alive. It asks us to remember their stories so that nobody ever forgets the sacrifices they made.

Last post is a traditional bugle call used by soldiers hundreds of years ago. Back then, it told troops that the working day was finished and it was time to rest. During a Remembrance service, it signals that a soldier's tough duty is finally done and they have found peace.

Reveille is a bright / cheerful tune played after the one minute silence. Its name comes from an old French word meaning to *wake up*. Historically, it woke soldiers up at dawn. In the ceremony, it breaks the quietness to represent hope, a brand new day, and looking forward to the future with courage.

(**Kohima;** I did not know it was called this) **Epitaph**, are powerful words written on a World War II memorial in India in 1944. It shares a touching truth, "For your tomorrow, we gave our today."

A huge thank you to Des, Pastor Malc, our dedicated staff team, and of course our amazing families for supporting our learning at home. Please do make sure you see the display in person; it really is beautiful and a reminder of the respect and togetherness that make our school so special!

If you want to attend one this weekend, look here for the locations. **https://beta.southglos.gov.uk/support-for-armed-forces/**









Poppies Now Grow There

Ben and Ray stood in the field,
Where their battle was but now they're healed.
Ben was the soldier Ray found,
Lying there alone and cold on the battle field ground.
They fought all day with all their might,
They slept with one eye open every night.
The rain would pour more and more,
And flood the barbed battleground floor.
Ben and Ray, Ray and Ben,
Were two of the brave army men.
They marched by the trenches used for cover,
That they once built to hide from eachother.
Ben and Ray would play all day,
Lets go the fields, they would say.
They fought two, Ben and Ray,
Were two of the children who liked to play.
Out in the fields where the poppies now grow.





We are so fortunate and thrilled to continue our special tradition of presenting every Year 4 child with a Bible of their own! Through the Bibles for Children scheme, we purchase Bibles for the children to use during their time at school and to keep and treasure when they leave us.

The Bibles stay in school to support RE lessons on Christianity, giving children the opportunity to explore the original source and deepen their understanding of Christian stories, beliefs and teachings. When they leave us at the end of Year 6, they take their Bibles with them as a lasting keepsake of their time at our school.



We enjoyed a lovely presentation, with the children thrilled to come forward and receive their own Bibles. It was a pleasure to share this special occasion with them.

Our heartfelt thanks go to Hanham Baptist Church, Longwell Green United Church, the Mustard Tree and Hanham Methodist Church. Their continued financial contributions make this possible, and we are very grateful for their generosity and support.

Our Wonderful Diwali Day

A wonderful whole-school assembly

On Wednesday, we had a whole-school assembly to learn about Diwali. It was a wonderful opportunity to come together and find out more about this celebration.

Afterwards, Year 4 stayed for Hindu workshops, enjoying a carousel of practical and creative activities. The children had an amazing time exploring the traditions we have been learning about in RE.



Exploring Hindu traditions



Our whole-school assembly



Festival lights and patterns



Instruments and decorations

Turn over for our Year 4 workshop highlights

Year 4's Diwali Workshops

A carousel of colour and creativity

The children learnt to play games typical of Hindu celebrations and had the opportunity to dress in saris and other Indian clothing. They also made puris and shaped their own clay divas.

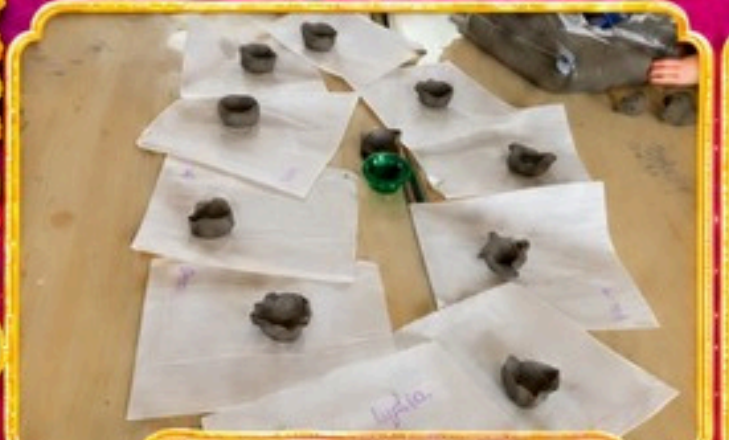
Creativity continued with colourful Diwali cards and rangoli patterns. This fantastic day complemented our Year 4 RE curriculum, helping the children deepen their understanding of Hinduism through hands-on experiences.



Our colourful Diwali cards



Cards and rangoli patterns



Our handmade divas



Exploring Hindu traditions

A fantastic day of discovery and learning!

Thank you, Ramila!

Year 5's trip to Sevington Victorian School



This week the children in Year 5 visited Sevington Victorian School for an immersive day of learning.
The children dressed in traditional clothes and were expected to play the role of Victorian village children throughout the day. Their teacher for the day was the terrifying 'Miss Squire' who was the school Ma'am there in 1897!

Highlights included lessons in the 3 'R's' (Reading, Writing and Arithmetic) and learning all about the cane! (No-one received the real punishments!) Interestingly, the boys and girls were split for many of the tasks; the girls made lavender bags and the boys created their own bees wax candles!

It was fascinating to see the types of Victorian toys that the children played with at playtime! All the children agreed that this trip really brought our history topic to life.

Thank you to parents, and carers for your support! A big shout out to the parent helpers too, we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!























Longwell Green PE News

Boys English Schools FA Tournament and MORE

What a week for sport at Longwell Green! Continue to read below, for some phenomenal news straight from the football pitch!

Well done to our Year 5 & 6 Boys' Football team, who represented the school at the first stage of the England Schools' Tournament yesterday at Longwell Green Community Sports.

The boys played three matches against some very strong opponents, getting off to a fantastic start with a 3–0 win against Blackhorse, followed by a 4–1 victory against Stanbridge. They then drew their final game against Barrs Court to finish top of the group and secure their place in the next stage of the competition.

A huge well done to Jonny, Reggie, Harrison, Henry, Austin, Luke, Jacob, Brandon and Jaxon.

The boys will now progress to the County Finals on 17th November, where they will **join our girls' team**, who secured their qualification last term. ***This is the first time we have had both our boys' and girls' teams reach this stage together, and we are all incredibly proud of this fantastic achievement.***

So we give an equally massive shoutout to our remarkable girls' team, who laid the groundwork for this dual victory back in October. Competing in Almondsbury against a huge field of 20 teams split across four tough groups, our girls were also superb and did not concede a single goal (as we reported at the time)!

Our boys ***won the entire tournament last year***, so to see a new group of boys carry that torch alongside our brilliant girls is inspirational. Having just one team reach this level is a huge accomplishment, but having both representing us side by side is practically unheard of and a true show of the sporting talent we have here at Longwell Green. A massive thank you to our dedicated staff including Swift who coach and encourage the children, and to our amazing families who cheer from the sidelines through every kind of weather.

We wish them all luck as they progress!





TIMES TABLE ROCK STARS DAY!

Longwell Green was rocking from the moment the children arrived for our fantastic Times Table Rock Stars Day! Everyone made a brilliant effort with their outfits, dressing up in amazing rock star costumes. We saw plenty of sparkles, sunglasses, wild hairstyles and rock-star attitude – the children looked incredible!

Theday kicked off withavery specialassembly, where our Year 6 pupils went head-to-head with members of staff in an exciting Times Table Live Showdown. The competition was fierce, the atmosphere was electric and the audience cheered everyone on. After an impressive display of times table knowledge, the Year 6 pupils took the victory! It looks like the teachers will need to practise before the rematch!

Back in class, the rock-star maths fun continued with a range of times table games and challenges. The children worked together, tested their speed and accuracy, and showed just how much they know. There was plenty of friendly competition, teamwork and laughter along the way.

The excitement continued as pupils grabbed the iPads and battled it out against one another on Times Table Rock Stars. Everyone was determined to earn points and climb the leaderboard as they competed to become the champion class of their year group. The competition was certainly intense, with some fantastic scores achieved!

It was a brilliant day filled with music, maths, confidence and lots of fun. Most importantly, the children showed that practising times tables can be exciting – especially when you add a little rock-star sparkle! A huge well done to everyone who took part. Keep rocking those times tables!

THE FINAL WINNERS OF CLASS BATTLES!

YEAR 1 = FLAME
YEAR 2 = SPARK
YEAR 3 = ROCKIES
YEAR 4 = ALPS
YEAR 5 = AMAZON
YEAR 6 = MISSISSIPPI












TEACHERS VS YEAR 6
LIVE SHOWDOWN!











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Festive Tombola Competition 2026

Win a prize! Prizes for Best Dressed Festive Tombola for KS1 and KS2.

Thank you for all the tombola items so far. We have a traditional yearly competition to see how interesting can you make your jar! How will you show Christmas with your jar? Feeling creative? Then bring in your Festive Tombola into school by Friday 27th November ready for the Festive Fair on Saturday 28th November.



Guidelines

- Wash a used empty jar or container and its lid.
- Fill the jar with individually wrapped sweets or small party bag items.
- Decorate jar in festive Christmas theme and add your name and class.
- Give your Festive Tombola to your teacher any time between now and Friday 27th November.
- Prize for best dressed jars!

Some ideas to get you started...

- Rudolph
- Father Christmas
- The Grinch
- (there's so many more...)

Can adults use their creative talents to decorate a jar too?

Remember to come along to the Festive Fair at school on Saturday 28th November for a chance to win a festive jar in the Festive Tombola.

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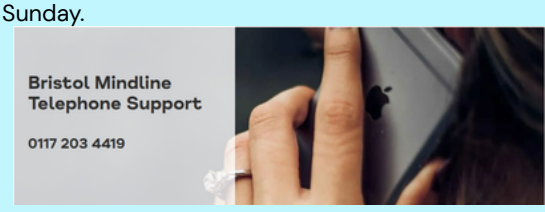



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THANK YOU

from Friends of Longwell Green for taking part in our October Half Term Trail!

£70.11

We raised an amazing £70.11 for our school!

Sweet treats have been handed out to all children that took part.

and our prize draw winner goes to

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Brownies

39th Kingswood Longwell Green Brownies

Girlguiding

Girls have non-stop fun, learning and adventure for ages 7 to 10



At Brownies, girls roll up their sleeves and get stuck in: getting crafty, playing games, earning badges, sleepovers and find their voice by having fun!

Location: Orchard rooms, St Annes Church, Longwell Green

Day: Wednesday

Time: 6-7.15pm

Contact: Claire (Brown Owl) 07977553980
claire.perkins@yahoo.co.uk

Join a local Brownies group: girlguiding.org.uk/joinus

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Be your best!

We talk a lot about how much fun primary school is (and we work really hard to make it so), because children learn best when they are curious, and engaging with it all. You know, as we always say, that behind every fab classroom moment is the partnership between school and home, and I hope you know we see you, parents and carers, as the most important part in making sure your child can be their very best.

To help us keep continuing to develop and grow and also continue to be the great community we all make up, we would love to hear your thoughts. What does your child really love about their time at Longwell Green? What are the things that help them feel they can take a risk, make things better when they have gone wrong, feel confident, and want to try to be their best?

Maybe it is a favourite school tradition like today's Remembrance Day, a particular something that they love, or simply the feeling they get when they walk through the green gates in the morning, your voice matters to us. Please take a couple of minutes to share your thoughts by filling out our quick feedback form.

Thank you, as always, for your kindness, your support, and for partnering with us to make every school day the best it can be.

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