

# Longfields Latest News

7th March 2025

Our assembly this week focused on International Women's Day (IWD) which is a significant global event celebrated on March 8th each year. It serves as a day to recognise the achievements of women across various fields, raise awareness about gender equality, and advocate for women's rights. Marking International Women's Day in school is an excellent opportunity to educate our children about the importance of gender equality and the contributions of women throughout history.

## Importance of International Women's Day

- **Raising Awareness:** IWD highlights issues related to gender inequality and discrimination, helping to educate children and staff on these critical topics.
- **Celebrating Achievements:** It provides a platform to celebrate the achievements of women in various spheres, inspiring students with real-life role models.
- **Promoting Gender Equality:** The day encourages discussions and activities that promote gender equality, helping to build a more inclusive and equitable environment.
- **Encouraging Empowerment:** IWD empowers young girls by showcasing the potential and opportunities available to them, regardless of gender.

I wanted to share with you the wonderful success of yesterday's World Book Day celebrations. As you probably know, World Book Day is a global initiative designed to foster a love of reading and creativity among children, and I'm thrilled to report on the various activities we held and the enthusiasm shown by our pupils.

## Summary of Activities:

- **Dress-Up Day:** Our children came dressed as their favourite book characters, showcasing their creativity and love for literature. It was a joy to see the variety and effort put into each costume. There were lots of Little Miss and Mr Men characters.
- **Reading Sessions:** Throughout the day, students participated in reading sessions, where they had the opportunity to explore new genres and authors.
- **Masked Reader:** During our assembly children were set the Masked Reader challenge, some convincing accents did trip our children up!
- **The Golden Ticket:** This was arranged by Fresh Start our catering company. Two special bowls had a golden ticket hidden under the dessert. We had two lucky winners – Percy in Y1 and Rivaldo in Y4

The participation and enthusiasm of our children was outstanding, and it was heartening to see their eagerness to engage with the activities. The event was a resounding success in promoting reading and creativity among our pupils, our families and our staff!





#### Dates for your diary:

11.03.2025—Year 3 Trip to Oxford Toy Museum

20.03.2025—Class group photos

21.03.2025—Red Nose Day—wear something red to school (non-uniform is acceptable) - donations to— [A just world free from poverty | Comic Relief](#)

03.04.2025—Year 2 to Hatton Country World

04.04.2025—Last day of school before Easter holidays

21.04.2025—Easter Monday (Bank Holiday)

22.04.2025—First day back at school after Easter Holidays

05.05.2025—Early May Bank Holiday (no school)

12.05.2025—SATS week for Year 6

12.05.2025—Year 4 to Everdon

23.05.2025—Last day of school before half term

**Please see School Life Calendar/school website for full dates**

#### Eat Them to Defeat Them!

Eat Them To Defeat Them is **the award-winning Veg Power campaign that gets kids eating more veg...**the fun way! This website is packed full of fun, expert advice and useful resources to help schools, caterers and families to get their children eating more veg.

[Home - Eat Them To Defeat Them](#)

Your child will be sent home with an information pack today.





# CELEBRATING WORLD BOOK DAY



KS1 Golden Ticket Winner!



KS2 Golden Ticket Winner!



In Hares Class we created our own Mr Men and Little Miss Characters, then created our own little books with a story about the characters, we also took our stories to read to some of the Year Ones and also joined in with the CBeebies Big Live Read where we read at the same time as lots of other children all around the UK.



# Notice Board

Bailey Lovegrove in Year 4 has just completed a massive challenge to raise money for Dementia. She has been inspired to raise money as her Great Grandmother has dementia. Over the course of 3 days Bailey swam 5,000 metres, cycled 32 miles and then walked 10km. So far she has raised over £2,000 for this worthy charity. Well done Bailey we are really proud of you!

If anyone would like to donate the link is as follows: <https://gofund.me/2236d580>



Please find this term's Primary Newsletter from the 0-19 Children and Young People's Public Health Service (previously school health nursing).



[Term 4: Primary School Health Nursing Newsletter 2025](#)

Term 4: 24 February - 4 April 2025

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# Notice Board

## Vacancy

Position—Lunchtime Supervisor

Start date—As soon as possible

Hours—11:45 am -13.15 pm, 5 days per week

For further information, please visit our website [Longfields Primary and Nursery School - Vacancies](#)

Completed applications should be emailed to: [office@longfields-primary.org](mailto:office@longfields-primary.org)



**We NEED you.**  
**Can you HELP?**

1<sup>st</sup> Kingsmere Scout Group have been running for nearly 6 years and currently meet on a Monday evening at Whitelands Academy.

We run a Beavers section, Cub Pack and Scout Troop.

We require adult volunteer helpers to keep running the Scout Group. There are various ways you can get involved, some of which involve interaction with the young people, some don't, there is plenty of flexibility.

- Helping out with one of the sections.
- Administration.
- Activity volunteer.
- Committee member.
- Sponsorship.

If you are Interested email: 1st Kingsmere Scout Group  
[FirstKingsmereScoutGroup@hotmail.com](mailto:FirstKingsmereScoutGroup@hotmail.com)

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**TECH & STEM CAMP**  
EASTER 2025  
NEW TAKE HOME INVENTIONS!

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Water Tornado

Motor Fan

Levitating Ball

Robotics & Coding

Circuitry & Electronics

Tech Fun

**7TH - 25TH APRIL : LIMITED SPACES, BOOK NOW!**

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AGES 5-11, 9 AM - 4 PM DAILY

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Children's Vouchers\* WE ALSO ACCEPT TAX-FREE CHILDREN

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## EASTER CAMPS 2025

Every day at Tech Camp is an adventure with hands-on tech fun, iPad creativity, and take-home inventions!

Example Camp Schedule. Please check online for specific camp schedule.

Day 1 (NOT RUNNING ON 21ST APRIL)	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5 (NOT RUNNING ON 18TH APRIL)
<b>9 am drop off</b>				
ROBOT LAB	Engineering	ELECTRIC CREATIONS	3D CREATIONS	VIRTUAL REALITY
COOL CIRCUITS	CRAZY CODING	MOVIE MAKING	MINECRAFT REDSTONE	MINECRAFT MAZE
<b>Take Home Inventions</b>				
Electric	Motorised	Light	Hydraulics	Solar
<b>4 pm pick up</b>				

**WHAT TO EXPECT:**

At Next Thing Education, our goal is to ignite curiosity, fuel creativity, and empower young minds for the future!

Through hands-on coding & STEM experiences, we inspire the next generation of inventors, creators, and tech leaders. Led by DBS checked, friendly and supportive instructors, kids will explore STEM through exciting activities and challenges.

★★★★★

"The best camp we've tried! A perfect mix of fun and learning!"

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"My child loved every minute - already asking to come back!"

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"Fun, engaging, and educational - highly recommend!"

**LIMITED SPACES, BOOK NOW!**

**E: [info@nextthing.education](mailto:info@nextthing.education) T: 01442 873150**

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Suitable for ages 5 to 11 yrs  
£35 per child

## EGGSPERIMENTAL SCIENCE



Fun science activities for kids during the school holidays

## Easter Holiday Camps 2025

Monday 7th April	West Oxford Primary School, Ferry Hinksey Road, Oxford, OX2 0BY
Tuesday 8th April	Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School, Curbridge Rd, Witney, OX28 5JZ
Wednesday 9th April	Begbroke Village Hall, Begbroke Lane, Woodstock, OX5 1RN
Thursday 10th April	Stockham Primary School, Stockham Way, Wantage, OX12 9HL
Friday 11th April	Caldecott Primary School, Caldecott Rd, Abingdon, OX14 5HB
Monday 14th April	Long Lane Primary School, Long Lane, Reading, RG31 6YG
Tuesday 15th April	Didcot Civic Hall, Britwell Road, Didcot, OX11 7JN
Wednesday 16th April	St Joseph's Primary School, Headley Way, Headington, OX3 7SX
Thursday 17th April	Gagle Brook Primary School, Cranberry Avenue, Bicester, OX27 8BD

Daily - 9am to 3.30pm. £35 per child per day. Sibling discount available.

## EGGSPERIMENTAL SCIENCE



Call a member of our team or visit our website for more details.

To book, please go to the 'Science Holiday Camps' tab on our website, and click the 'Register Now' button. All bookings are processed through Active Network.

Suitable for children aged 5 to 11 years. Spaces are subject to availability.

**Call: 01865 522 775**

**[www.brightsparksevents.co.uk](http://www.brightsparksevents.co.uk)**

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