

Longfields Latest News

4th April 2025

Dear families,

As we come to the end of another successful spring term at Longfields Primary and Nursery School, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support and engagement. Here are some highlights and important updates as we look forward to the summer term.

Celebrating Achievements

- **Academic Success:** Our pupils have shown tremendous dedication and progress this term. Special congratulations to Year 6 for their really encouraging performance in their recent assessments, and for their commitment to the after-school SATs revision classes that are being held by staff from across the school.
- **Extra-Curricular Activities:** The school sports teams have shown great sportsmanship in various competitions. Again, thank you to everyone involved for your support with these matches and events.

Important Reminders

- **Term Dates:** The summer term starts on Tuesday 22nd April and ends on Tuesday 22nd July. Please ensure pupils return to school in full uniform and ready for another term of learning.
- **Uniform Policy:** As the weather gets warmer, a reminder that summer uniform options are available. Please refer to the school website for guidelines.

Community Engagement

We are grateful for the strong community spirit at Longfields. If you'd like to volunteer for school trips, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance.

Easter

As we approach the Easter holidays, I want to extend warm wishes to all our families celebrating Easter. This year Easter Sunday is on Sunday 20th April, almost as late as it can be, but on a relatively rare occurrence, it's on the same date for both orthodox and non-orthodox Christians. For those observing Easter, we also wish you a blessed and joyous celebration. We hope this time allows for meaningful family gatherings and cherished traditions. May the holidays bring happiness and renewal to you all.

Best wishes
Ms Abbott



★ Stars of the week! ★



Dates for your diary:

- 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
- 24.04.2025—Last day to order class photos
- 28.04.2025—Year 4 Trip to Hill End
- 05.05.2025—Early May Bank Holiday (no school)
- 07.05.2025—Hares library visit
- 14.05.2025—Otters library visit
- 12.05.2025—SATS week for Year 6
- 12.05.2025—Year 4 to Everdon
- 20.05.2025—Year 5 Trip to Ashmolean Museum
- 23.05.2025—Last day of school before half term
- 02.06.2025—Inset day (no school)
- 03.06.2025—First day back at school after half term

Please see School Life Calendar/school website for full dates



Notice Board

North Oxfordshire School Sport Partnership works with schools to deliver bespoke support to every school in North Oxfordshire, to improve the physical and mental wellbeing of young people through play, high quality PE, school sport and physical activity.

NOSSP FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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YOU MOVE

LEARN MORE

Have you heard about You Move?

You Move offers free and low-cost activities for eligible children and their families, including those on benefits related free school meals or Universal Credit, refugee children, and children supported by early help services in Oxfordshire, enabling residents to continue to stay active and have fun along the way.

By signing up to You Move, your family can enjoy a fantastic range of activities including swimming, badminton, gym passes, children's holiday activities and so much more!

Beezee
in Oxfordshire



Beezee Families is a free, award-winning healthy lifestyle programme for the whole family!

Learn about nutritious snacks and easy meals to cook together, get expert support from coaches and nutritionists.

Offering in-person group sessions, online group sessions and online learning at your own pace, you can pick an option to suit you.

CLICK HERE

Family outdoor activities to enjoy over the Easter holidays.....

[Local community garden events](#)
[Countryside walks and health routes](#)
[National Trust 50 Things to do before you're 11 1/4](#)
[How to make a nesting stocking for birds](#)
[Things to see and do in spring](#)
[Junior Parkrun](#)



RISING STARS - Banbury Star Cyclists' Club
For 7-14 year olds
YOUTH CYCLE COACHING
Saturday 26th April 1-3pm
Karcher, Brookhill Way, Banbury OX16 3ED
1pm session - ideal for those new to cycle coaching
2pm session - advanced skills

Sign up at: coaching@banburystar.co.uk



How much daily physical activity does your child need to help keep them healthy?

The Chief Medical Officer recommends the following minimum guidelines for children:

0-5 years 180 minutes of daily physical activity across the day

5-18 years 60 minutes of daily physical activity across the day

Studies have shown that only 19% of 0-5 year olds are meeting the daily recommendation. Only 47% of 5-18 year olds across Oxfordshire are active for 60 minutes throughout the day.

Regular activity provides a range of physical and mental benefits. Active children are healthy, happy, school ready and sleep better.

All children have the opportunity to be physically active in school, but what about at home? The Youth Sport Trust 'Healthy Movers' program has created some easy to use activity resource card ideas families can access at home to help increase physical activity:

[Healthy Movers At Home - Resource Cards](#)

NOSSP COMMUNITY AND FAMILIES RESOURCES

We have developed a Google Drive folder of useful information for families. It will be regularly updated with holiday club leaflets and other local information on activities and healthy eating.



SIMPLY VEG **VEGPOWER**

ARE YOU STRUGGLING TO GET YOUR KIDS TO EAT VEG?
HELP IS ON HAND WITH THE SIMPLY VEG WEBSITE.
<https://simplyveg.org.uk/launch-into-veg/>

Don't Forget!

.....to check out these great activity opportunities!

USEFUL LINKS!

[Banbury Cross Indoor Bowls Club Youth Academy](#)

[Bicester Clip n Climb](#)

[Mark Andrews Football Coaching](#)

[Ride on Time](#)

[Weetabix Wildcats - girls football sessions](#)



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