



# School News

15/6/26

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### Updates

We waved goodbye to our Swift Class this morning. A mixture of emotions; excitement, anticipation and joy! For some parents and siblings – 2 whole nights of peace and quiet for you at home, while they have one of the most memorable experiences of their life! I would like to say a HUGE thank you to the staff who are accompanying Swift class. Thank you to Ms Prosser, Ms Fry and Ms Williams, without their generosity, agreeing to give up their own time for a full 3 day shift – this trip would not be possible. I walked into Swift class one day and overheard certain members of the class trying to negotiate 'bedtime' and 'absolute bedtime' and when they had to actually stop talking to each other and go to sleep! Ms Prosser was very clear, but let's hope the variety of exciting activities they have arranged help.

**Attendance Matters:** Over the last few issues of our newsletter, I have mentioned the importance of your child arriving at school on time. Every minute they are late, they are missing an important part of their day – whether that is the warm, calm welcome from the class teacher; receiving the lesson input from the class teacher; or an important intervention with one of the adults in the class. Children benefit so much from routine, please help your child by getting them into school on time ready to start their day.

**Did you know just 10 minutes late every day = 33 hours of lost learning per year!!**

**Whole School Attendance: 88% last week.**

Swallows: 92%

Skylarks: 91%

Goldfinch: 86%

Swift: 82%

**Colour Run:** What a fantastically successful event this was! Thank you to everyone who was involved in organising this event and to everyone who helped on the day. This really was an excellent example of Longney Team Spirit in action. The total amount raised for this fabulous charity was £472.93, which means our chosen causes will receive £236.47 each. Also, a big thank you to Jackson Civil Engineering who were our sponsors towards our expenses for the event, which enabled us to keep the run as affordable as possible and maximum the funds raised for our chosen charity.

Please have a look at PING to see some of the wonderful pictures.

I hope you have been enjoying some of the photos on PING showcasing some of the things the children do regularly in school as well as some of the additional wider curriculum events, such as Dodgeball last week.

### **YOUNG VOICES**

I am so pleased to let you know that we have booked Young Voices again for next year. We will be going to Birmingham on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2027. For those of you who have been before, I hope you agree that it was a truly memorable experience. I know when I've joined children in the stands before, it really does give you goosebumps to be singing along with 6000 other children.

In order to help the children make the most of this experience, we will be running an after-school club from September to December to help the children learn the words and dance moves. Save the date in your diary, more details will follow in due course. Due to the commitment to learning the lyrics and the timing of the event, this opportunity will be available to children in years 3-6. Let's raise the roof Longney and get singing!

For anyone wanting more information, please follow this link: [The Largest Children's Choir in the World | Young Voices](#)

### **After School Clubs:**

In response to parent feedback, we are pleased to be trialling a number of teacher-led after-school clubs. To ensure these clubs run successfully and benefit all participants, we ask that children who sign up demonstrate commitment by attending **each week**.

If the clubs prove to be well attended and successful, we hope to **extend the range of opportunities available** to pupils in future terms. These clubs will be available from Year 2-6.

We will be running 2 after school activities from September:

Club 1: Singing – for children attending Young Voices and anyone else interested in singing

Club 2: Sports Club – a range of multi-skills activities including cricket, football skills, athletics.

**Toys:** It has been noted by class teachers that there are an increasing number of children bringing toys and football cards into school. please could we ask that these items stay at home. Class teachers are spending an increasing amount of time sorting out disputes or searching for lost items. To help alleviate this, class teachers are setting a theme for any 'show and tell' sessions so that there is no need for children to bring toys or any other precious items into school. We really do appreciate your help and support with this.

**Responses to emails:** We kindly ask for your understanding regarding staff response times to email communication. Class teachers will aim to respond to emails within **five working days**. This allows them to prioritise teaching, planning, and supporting pupils throughout the school day.

Please be assured that any **safeguarding concerns or urgent matters relating to pupil welfare** will be addressed with priority and responded to as quickly as possible, in line with school procedures.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

### **Open Morning and Afternoon:**

In response to parental feedback, we recognise how important it is for you to see the environment where your child spends much of their time, as well as to view examples of the work they complete.

We are therefore delighted to invite you into school on **Thursday 9th July from 8:35am to 9:00am**. During this time, your child will have the opportunity to give you a short tour of their classroom, share a selection of their work with you and hopefully tell you a bit about their daily life in class.

We recognise that this time may not be convenient to everyone, so we will also offer **Monday 13th July from 3.15pm – 3.45pm**. On this date you will also have the chance to ask any informal questions about your child's report and meet your child's new teacher for next year. We hope you will be able to join us for one or both of these.

Dates	Events
15/6/26	Swift Class go to PGL Torquay
15/6/26	FoLS ice-lolly sale 3:10pm
25/6/26	School individual/class & leavers photos
29/6/26	PSHE presentation to parents 8.45 – 9.15am
29/6/26	Sports Day 9.30am – 12pm
2/7/26	Moving up Morning
3/7/26	KS2 trip to Horrible Histories – Bristol Old Vic
4/7/26	FOLS School Fete - pm
9/7/26	Open morning for parents 8.35am – 9am
13/7/26	Open Afternoon for parents 3.15pm – 3.45pm
15/7/26	Swallow & Skylark trip to Nature in Art
17/7/26	Year 6 Leavers Service at school LAST DAY – HAPPY HOLIDAYS

