



School News

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What's New

We have had another fabulous two weeks at Longney, with the children working hard and playing hard. Kingfishers enjoyed a visit from Gloucestershire artist Rupert Aker, who gave the children a live tutorial on completing their own landscape drawing. The results the children produced are absolutely stunning – parents, be sure to look at their efforts at our next open session. We also welcomed our Bishop's Visitor, Beryl, to school this week. She popped in to watch our Messy Church session last week. The children were using the large parachute to create the effect of waves while thinking about the litter and pollution that ends up in the ocean, the children reflected on how we can properly respect our planet by putting our litter in the bin and trying to create less litter pollution. Beryl was very impressed at the suggestions the children provided and their keenness to reduce litter around the school. Our clubs have really gotten off to a great start, thank you to all who have signed up and committed to attend our clubs. If you are interested in leading or supporting with a club in Spring Term, please do speak to Mrs Lee.

Play Leaders: Following suggestions from pupils for a greater variety of playtime activities, our Play Leaders, supported by Ms Woolway, have created a timetable of games including rounders, football for all, dancing and tag. The initiative has been hugely popular, with children across the school enjoying the wider range of activities on offer. We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, maturity and responsibility shown by our Play Leaders in taking on this important role. Well done, Play Leaders!



Behaviour Policy: Our Behaviour Policy is one of the most important documents in school and is available on our website for parents to access. However, the version we share with children looks quite different. To help children understand our expectations, we use child-friendly posters displayed around the school. These provide a consistent language for staff and pupils around being **safe, respectful and ready to learn**, while also highlighting the rewards and positive recognition children receive for making good choices. We thought parents might find it helpful to see the version we use every day with the children.

Parents' Evening: We have our Parents' Evening scheduled for Wednesday 4th November. This is an opportunity to book an appointment with your child's class teacher to discuss how well they have settled into their new year group, how they are coping with the new routine and expectations. Please

note these appointments are 10 minutes long, it is important that class teachers are able to stick to these times so that other parents are not inconvenienced or impacted by appointments running late. Bookings can be made through your SchoolPing account from 7pm tonight until Friday 23rd October.

Staffing: It is with a mixture of great sadness (for us) and excitement (for them) that we say goodbye to Mrs Hinde and Mrs Freeman, at the end of this term. Mrs Freeman has been with us for almost a year, she is leaving to pursue a career in social care. Mrs Hinde has been with us for a truly remarkable 18 years – yes, I know, she doesn't look old enough!! After 18 years of dedicated service to our school community, we would like to wish Mrs Hinde a very fond farewell and thank her for the positive impact she has had on the lives of so many children, families and colleagues. We wish them both every happiness and success in the next chapter of their journeys. 💜

Reception 2027 Tours

We are very excited to be conducting tours of the school for parents who have children due to start school in September 2027. There is still time to help spread the word - if you have a younger child due to register for school, or know of any family members or others in the community, please encourage them to get in touch with Mrs Hinde in the school office to book a tour of the school with Mrs Lee. Tours are available on Monday afternoons and Thursday mornings, but if you need a different time to suit your schedule, please do ask.

Attendance

Attendance Matters: Thank you to all parents who have made the effort to ensure their child has attended school every day. We have seen a positive increase in our attendance data this week. Our current attendance rate is **89.4%**. While this may sound high, it means that children are missing, on average, around 1 day in every 10 of school. Over a full school year, this adds up to almost four weeks of learning missed, making it harder for children to keep up with lessons, friendships and important school experiences. Every day really does count.

Dates	Event
Monday 5 th October	Young Voices Club
Monday 5 th October	FoLS AGM – all welcome
Tuesday 6 th October	Sports Club
Thursday 8 th October	Phonics meeting – 3.15pm Robins' Parents
Monday 12 th October	Young Voices Club
Tuesday 13 th October	Sports Club
Wednesday 14 th Oct	Robins visit Wholly Gelato
Thursday 22 nd October	Open afternoon for parents 2.45pm – 3.10pm
Friday 23 rd October	Harvest Assembly by Kingfisher Class 2.30pm
Friday 23 rd October	Last day of Autumn Term 1 – <u>No ASC</u>
HALF TERM HOLIDAY	
Wednesday 4 th Nov	Parents' Evening 3.30pm – 6.30pm
Monday 9 th Nov	Young Voices Club
Tuesday 10 th Nov	Sports Club
Monday 16 th Nov	Young Voices Club
Tuesday 17 th Nov	Sports Club
Monday 23 rd Nov	Young Voices Club

Tuesday 24 th Nov	Sports Club
Monday 30 th Nov	Young Voices Club
Tuesday 1 st Dec	Sports Club
Thursday 3 rd Dec	Open morning for parents 8.45am – 9.15am
Tuesday 15 th Dec	Robin's Nativity Performance
Friday 18 th Dec	End of Autumn term 2 – <u>No ASC</u>