



School News

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This week the newsletter contains:

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- Hot Weather updates
- Staffing and classes for next year
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Updates

Welcome to the final newsletter of this year. Well . . . What can I say! We have come to the end of a very busy academic year. I'm sure many of you will join me in saying '*where has that year just gone?*'. So many wonderful experiences and memories created. Our little Swallows, who are now so confident with school routines, ready to be the big year 1's and welcome new Reception buddies, and of course our Year 6

Leavers – ready to start the next exciting part of the education career. As we reach the end of this wonderful school year, we are all incredibly proud of all the children for the way they have loved out our school values every day. Through their joy in learning, compassion towards others, harmony within our school community and belief in themselves and their potential, they have been excellent role models and a credit to our school.

Thank you to everyone who attended our open morning and afternoons. These were a really valuable opportunity for children to showcase their classroom and samples of their work to parents and carers. Swallows were absolutely buzzing with excitement to show off their classroom. We have tried to put them on at different times of the day to accommodate work patterns, please don't feel you missed out on anything by not attending both. We aim to do more of these next academic year, on a more regular basis.

Thank you to everyone who was involved in the Longney Summer fete this year. It really was a fantastic family day out. So many activities and entertainment on offer, from the band to Longney Beach – it had something for everyone. So thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who made it happen, and to all our supportive parents and children who attended to give it that happy family atmosphere.

Hot Weather

The children all coped incredibly well last week, in what was another hot few days. Temperatures in classrooms peaked at just over 32 degrees, with the corridor reaching 37 degrees. Timetables were adjusted, extra 'hydration breaks' were factored in, outdoor play was restricted at lunch time, and of course, ice-pops were served. The Adventure playground area is relatively cool throughout the day, with plenty of shade in the bottom corner and the shade provided by the sail and little 'huts'. With the forecast looking much the same this week, we will continue to do our best to keep the children cool, mixing it up a bit with watermelon as well as ice-pops. Today the week got off to an excellent start with the infamous Longney Water Day! Thank you to Ms Woolway for organising this today.

Staffing

Our children had the chance to meet their new teacher at the end of last week in our traditional 'Moving up morning'. I would like to officially share with you the following staffing and new class structure:

Robins: Ms Woolway will teach reception and Year 1 together, supported by Mrs Spencer.

Kingfishers: Ms Fry will teach Years 2 and 3 together, supported by Mrs Halford. Ms Fry is getting married over the summer holidays (congratulations!) and will return as Mrs Pope.

Ospreys: Ms Prosser will teach Years 4, 5 and 6, supported by Mrs Freeman.

Miss Surman will not be returning after her maternity leave. I am sure you will all join me in thanking her for all that she brought to Longney and wish her all the very best with her future adventures.

We will also be saying goodbye this **Thursday** to Ms Minchin, who has been working with us this year to cover Ms Surman's maternity leave. Ms Minchin has successfully secured herself a new job within Gloucestershire, and we wish her the very best of luck.

FoLS updates

This Thursday we will be hosting our Teddy Bear's Picnic to welcome our new pupils to Longney Primary, please see the PING last week for more information. A special thank you from Jordan, our Chair of the FoLS.

Many local businesses kindly supported our Summer Fete, and we are incredibly grateful to every one of them. However, there are two businesses that I feel deserve special recognition for the exceptional support they have given to our school community this year.

Firstly, Will and Emily Lee from Wholly Gelato very generously donated everything needed to run the gelato stand at the Summer Fete at no cost to FoLS. They provided all of the gelato, covered all of the running costs, and even supplied a fully funded member of staff to run the stand throughout the day. This meant they were still free to volunteer elsewhere at the fete while 100% of the proceeds from the gelato stand were donated directly to FoLS. Beyond the fete, they have continued to support the school throughout the year with a generous cash donation to cover half the cost of the children's Father Christmas gifts, as well as donating numerous £15 vouchers for raffles, fundraising events and school challenges. Their ongoing generosity has made a real difference to our school community. We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to Wye Waste Management for their generous financial support of both this year's Summer Fete and the upcoming Teddy Bears' Picnic, where they have kindly covered the full cost of the picnic food. Their support helps reduce the cost of running these events, allowing more of the money raised to go directly towards enriching opportunities for the children at Longney School. We are incredibly grateful for their generosity and continued commitment to our school community.

Letter from our Chair of Governors

Please see the attached letter from our Chair of Governors, Paul Walker. He has taken the time to write about the roles of the Governors and the important part they play in supporting our school. Please take the time to read this letter.

Summer Library Challenge

Every year Gloucestershire's library service put on a reading challenge for our children, it is a way of encouraging children to read more, try something new, provide something free to do over the holidays. This year's Library Challenge, Tales Through Time, invites young people across Gloucestershire to explore the county's rich heritage through stories. From ancient myths to modern tales, children can travel through different periods in history while enjoying books activities of their choice.

The challenge, which is free to join, is open to children aged three and over and runs throughout the summer. Participants can take part by signing up for a free library membership.

Follow the link here for more information: [Travel through time with The Library Challenge 2026 | Gloucestershire Libraries](#)

Dates	Events
13/7/26	Open Afternoon for parents 3.15pm – 3.45pm
14/7/26	Swift Class Production – Cinderella Rockerfella
15/7/26	KS1 Nature in Art Trip
16/7/26	Celebration Assembly (normally Friday) Teddy's Bears Picnic 3.15pm
17/7/26	Year 6 Leavers Service at school LAST DAY – HAPPY HOLIDAYS 
3/9/26	CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL