
Dear Parents,

We find ourselves at the end of another busy and rewarding half term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our families for your continued support.

The children have worked incredibly hard and embraced every opportunity to learn, grow and achieve. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm in lessons, their kindness towards one another and the pride they take in being part of our school community.

I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half term break, with time to relax and be together. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for the second half of the autumn term.

Warmest regards

Mrs Bosley
Executive Headteacher

October 2026



The Acorn Partnership

Marston Montgomery Primary School

Long Lane C of E Primary School

Attendance

Absence procedures

Remember to contact school by telephone or email before 9.00am if your child is too unwell to attend. Please inform us of the reason for their absence and when you expect them to return to school.

If emailing, include Mrs Day, Mrs Bosley and the class teacher.

If telephoning, please leave a message on the school absence line. Thank you.

Back to School – Health Checklist

Attached to the email is a useful document with handy tips and guidance for keeping our children (and adults) healthy and in school.

✓ Know when to keep your child at home:

Children do not need to stay off school because of every cough or cold. However, some illnesses require children to stay at home to reduce the risk of transmission to others.

Keep your child at home if they:

- Have a high temperature or fever
- Are unwell and unable to participate in normal activities
- Have diarrhoea and/or vomiting (stay away for at least 48 hours after symptoms stop)

Why it matters:

Keeping children at home when they have some infectious illnesses helps prevent outbreaks and protects other pupils, staff and the wider community.

Useful Links:

For further information about childhood infectious illnesses and when to keep your child off school, please see links below:

- [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)



Attendance

		Every Day Counts School and future success starts with good attendance!				
Very Good and Good Attendance The best chance of success in learning and with friendships.		Concerning Attendance Less chance of success. A reduced chance of making academic progress and maintaining friendships.		Seriously Concerning Attendance Your child will find learning more difficult, academic progress will be minimal and friendships are more difficult		
No Absences	10 days of missed learning	19 days of missed learning	25.5 days of missed learning	29 days of missed learning	38+ days of missed learning	
190 days of education	180 days of education	171 days of education	164.5 days of education	161 days of education	152 days of education	
100%	95%	90%	87%	85%	80%	
There are 365 days in a year. A school year is 190 days. This leaves 175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping and appointments.						
Daily lateness equates to...		<u>5 minutes per day</u> 3 days of lost learning over the year	<u>10 minutes per day</u> 6 days of lost learning over the year	<u>15 minutes per day</u> 10 days of lost learning over the year		

No matter how young our children are, most of us worry from time to time about the amount of time they spend on screens.

With this in mind, we have attached 2 guides that look at screen dependency and provides some practical ideas and suggestions to help families create a healthy balance between screen time and other activities.

Age appropriate content which covers gaming, social media, streaming and adverts.

Please take some time to look through both of these guides which are attached to the email as they are important tools to keep our children safe online

It has been a busy start to the school year. The next few slides share some of the highlights of the new year.

Marston's Garden Class have enjoyed their weekly KiddiActiv sessions. They have enjoyed the action songs and playing games which get them moving.



Long Lane Garden Class have enjoyed welcoming some Little Monkeys to the sessions this half term. They have enjoyed outdoor learning and playing alongside our Garden Class children inside.

Long Lane and Marston's Meadow Class have enjoyed their weekly swimming sessions. It is great to see the progress that they make over the course of ten weeks.

Macmillan Coffee Events – 25/09/2026

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

Well done to our Year Six pupils at both schools who organised our Macmillan Coffee Morning events.



Long Lane raised an amazing
£72.25!

Thank you to all our families
and friends for their generosity.

Thank you to everyone who attended the
events and donated cakes. We all enjoyed
ourselves.

Harvest Service – 02/10/2026

At our harvest service, the children helped us reflect on the true meaning of Harvest: being thankful for the food we have, understanding where it comes from, and recognising the importance of sharing with and supporting others in our community.

They shared this message beautifully through their songs, poems, readings and prayers.



A huge thank you to everyone who donated food as part of our Harvest celebrations. Your generosity is greatly appreciated, and the donations will be put to good use by the YMCA, helping to support those who need it most.

Brailsford Ploughing Match – 07/10/2026



One damp morning, the children enjoyed a busy day at the ploughing match. Luckily the weather changed and dried up over the day so that we could enjoyed watching the ploughing and looking at tractors over time.



We were delighted to win certificates in the children's classes.



Huge thanks to the Brailsford Committee who contributed to the cost of our coach.

Parents' Evening – 21 and 22/10/2026

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for Parents' Evening this week.

It was wonderful to see so many of you and to spend time talking about your children's experiences in their new class, year group or, for some, their new school.

Staff greatly enjoyed sharing how well the children have settled, celebrating the progress they have already made and discussing the ways we can continue to work together to support them at home and in school.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. It is always appreciated and makes a real difference to your child's learning and wellbeing.

Joint Day – 23/10/2026

The children have enjoyed spending the day together at Marston. One of the sessions they participated in taught them how to ring an ambulance, do CPR and use a defibrillator.





The Acorn Partnership
Warston Montgomery Primary School
Long Lane C of E Primary School

Friends of Long Lane Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

Supporting
our children,
our school,
our community

A Great Start to the Year!



We kicked off the school year with a "Welcome to our new children and families" coffee and cake sale on 11th September 2026 and raised a fantastic

£56.35!



We held our first FOLL meeting of the year on 13th October 2026.

Thank you to everyone who came along and helped to make it such a success!

So far this year FOLL will be Funding

- Didicars for the playground
- Numberblocks characters to accompany the new maths literacy scheme
- Christmas Pantomime tickets and coach
- Christmas presents
- Selection boxes
- Easter eggs



Christmas is Coming!



Non uniform days

Thursday 22 October 2026
& Friday 6 November 2026

We'd be grateful for donations of chocolate in readiness for the Mickleover Christmas Festival.



Parents' Christmas decoration making session

Monday 9 November 2026

7.00pm – 8.30pm

We will be serving Mulled wine / Hot chocolate and mince pies in return for your crafty skills. We'll be making Christmas Star decorations to sell at the Mickleover Christmas Festival. Materials will be provided.



Children's after school Christmas decorations making session

Tuesday 17 November 2026

3.30pm – 5.00pm

We'll be asking the children to decorate Christmas decorations to sell at the Mickleover Christmas Festival.



Mickleover Christmas Festival

Sunday 29 November 2026

3.00pm – 6.30pm

We'll be fundraising for the school by holding a Chocolate Tombola. This is always a lovely start to the Christmas season. It's usually a very busy event and often one of our biggest fundraising events of the year. If you're able to attend the event we'd love you to pop by to say hello, and if anyone would like to volunteer to help out on the stall for an hour or two please let us know, we're always grateful for an extra pair of hands.



Christmas Nativity

Tuesday 8 December 2026

FOLL will be serving refreshments.

Christmas party

Friday 11 December 2026 3.30pm – 5.30pm

At Dalbury Lees Village Hall with entertainer and party tea provided.

Other Dates for Your Diary



Coffee and cake

Thursday 21 January 2027

3.30pm – 4.30pm



Movie & pizza night

Thursday 25 February 2027



Summer fete

Saturday 19 June 2027

Other Fundraisers & Support



Other events and fundraisers may be added over the year.

If your children have any requests for future events they would like or if you know of any fundraising opportunities please let us know.



Easy Fundraising



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When you shop online with participating retailers, they'll donate part of what you spend to your chosen cause. Whether you shop on your phone, laptop or tablet, you can earn free cashback donations for your cause.

How to sign up:

- Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk
- Search for Friends of Long Lane C of E Primary School
- Sign up and start shopping!

It's free,
quick and
easy!

Thank you for your continued support



Long Lane
Church of England
Primary School

What have we been learning in the Garden Class?

Our RE unit this half term has been '**Who is a Muslim and how do they live?**' I have been really impressed with how much knowledge the children have retained from last year. It has also been wonderful to see how much the children who visited the mosque two years ago can still remember! Why not test their knowledge at home with this quick quiz?

✓ **How many names are there for Allah?**

Answer: 99

✓ **What is the name of the Muslim holy book and how do Muslims show respect for it?**

Answer: *The Qur'an. Muslims treat it with great respect by washing their hands before touching it, storing it in a high place and often using a pointer when reading from it.*

✓ **Can your child retell one of the Muslim stories they have learned?**

Hint: *Think about the stories involving kittens, ants or a camel!*



In Art, we have been learning about **Joan Miró** and his surrealist paintings and sculptures. We thoroughly enjoyed creating our own magical realism artwork and experimenting with a range of different printing techniques.

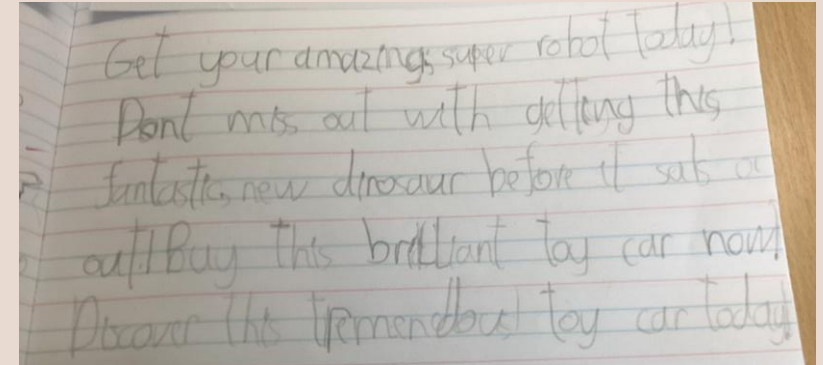
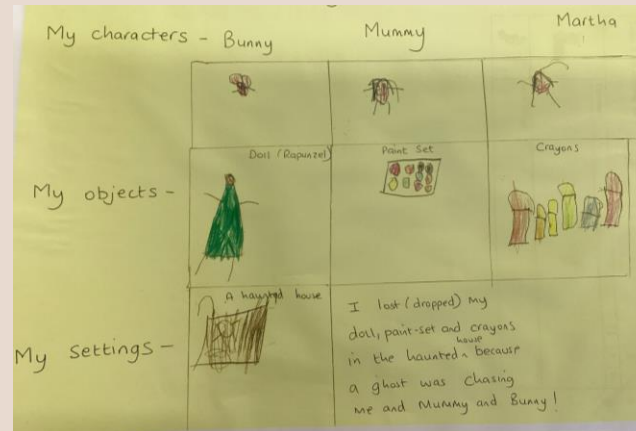


We have loved welcoming our new Reception children to school. They have made a wonderful start, making friends, settling into class routines with confidence and enthusiasm. They have enjoyed exploring both the indoor and outdoor environment and were amazing in our Harvest Festival, learning their lines and performing brilliantly for everyone.

What have we been learning in the Garden Class?

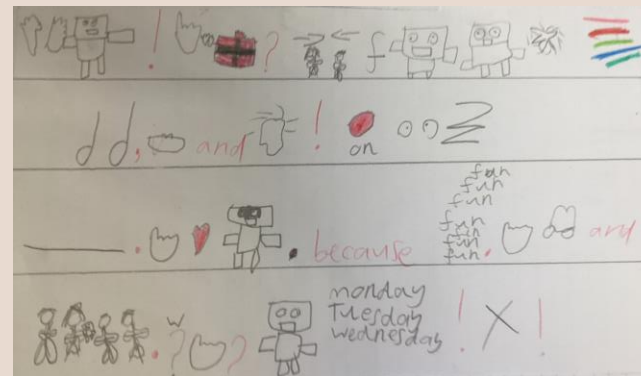
In English, our focus text has been *Knuffle Bunny*, a story about a child who loses their very special toy at the launderette. Inspired by the story, we invented our own stories and enjoyed discussing and writing about our favourite special toys.

During the second half of the term, we explored persuasive texts. We learned and performed a text advertising '**Super Bot!**' and identified the features that make persuasive writing effective. We then went on to write our own persuasive texts, using commands, exciting vocabulary and rhetorical questions to convince our audience. Their writing was so persuasive that I'm sure you wouldn't have been able to resist buying the toys they were advertising!



In our new mastery maths sessions reception have been focussing on the rules of counting and helping our puppet Sam the seal learn that we must say the numbers in the right order, count every object and remember to say the last number.

Year 1 and 2 have been learning to use the rekenreks and working hard to learn about the composition of 5



What have we been learning in the Meadow Class?

Science

Years 3/4 have learnt how rocks and fossils are formed and about the 3 types of erosion

Year 5/6 have learned about evolution and the work Charles Darwin did produce the natural selection theory.

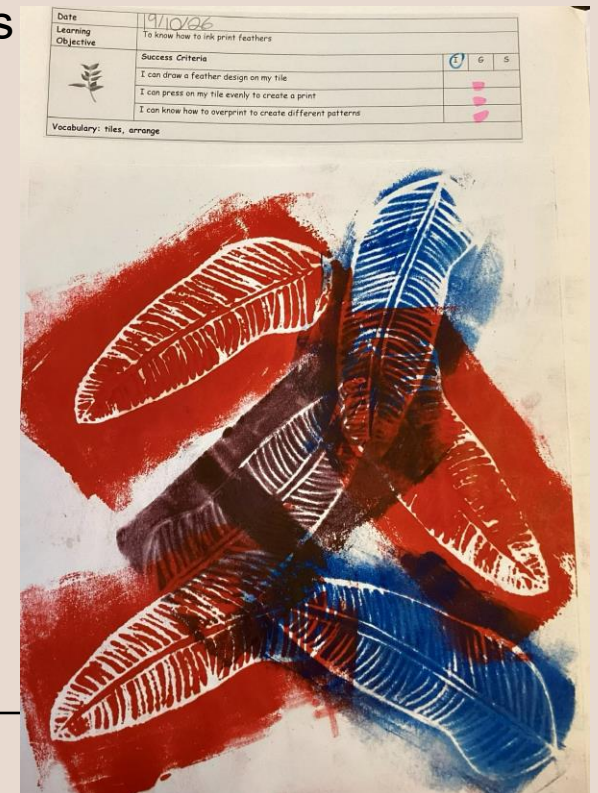


Geography

The children have researched different counties in the UK.

Art

The children have enjoyed producing a range of different art using a range of mediums, with the focus being on birds and their feathers





Term Dates

2026-2027

School Calendar September 2025 to July 2026

Denotes school holiday dates

Denotes INSET days

September '26						
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August '27						
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Date	Time	Event /Information
26 to 30/10/26		Half Term
02/11/2026	All day	INSET Day – School closed to children
03/11/2026		School reopens to children
04/11/2026	1:15pm to 3:30pm	Open Day for prospective parents
06/11/2026	All day	Children may wear non-uniform in return for donations for Mickleover Christmas Festival
09/11/2026	7pm to 8:30pm	FOLL: Parents event – decoration making for Mickleover Christmas Festival
13/11/2026	All day	Children in Need – Children wear non-uniform in return for donations to Children in Need
17/11/2026	9am to 9:45am	English Morning – Parents are invited to join the children for an English lesson, look out for an invite closer to the time
17/11/2026	3:30pm to 5pm	FOLL – Christmas Crafts after school club
03/12/2026	9am to 12pm	Open Day for prospective parents
08/12/2026	6pm	Nativity in Church – families and friends are welcome to join us
11/12/2026	3:30pm	FOLL Christmas Party – look out for more information nearer the time
14 & 15/12/26	All day	Joint DT days at Marston
16/12/2026		Christmas dinner and party day – children may wear non-uniform
17/12/2026		Pantomime (Snow White) Trip
18/12/2026	9am	Christingle Service in Church – families and friends are welcome to join us
21/12/26 to 01/01/27		Christmas Holiday
04/01/2026	8:55am	School reopens to children

Date / Time	Event /Information
05/11/2026 12/11/2026 19/11/2026 26/11/2026 03/12/2026 10/12/2026	KiddiActiv – pre-school children and a parent / carer are warmly invited to join us and Primary Stars for a fun-filled session in Marston Montgomery Village Hall.
06/11/2026 13/11/2026 20/11/2026 27/11/2026 04/12/2026 11/12/2026	Little Monkeys – pre-school children and a parent / carer are warmly invited to join us for a fun-filled session with the Garden Class. The session runs between 2:30pm and 3:30pm.
03/11/2026 10/11/2026 17/11/2026 24/11/2026 01/12/2026	Meadow Class Swimming.

Please help us spread the word about our free Little Monkey and KiddiActiv sessions for pre-school children. Flyers for both sessions are attached to this email. We would be grateful if you could share them with friends and family, post them on your social media channels, and display them wherever possible within your local community. Thank you for your support.



Wishing you all a fabulous half term.

*We look forward to seeing you all on
Tuesday 3rd November 2026.*

Warmest regards

Team Acorn



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