



Longlands Primary School

Friday 22nd May 2026

A Message from the Headteacher



Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

As we come to the end of another successful half term, I would like to thank all of our children, staff, parents and carers for the enthusiasm, support and commitment shown across the school.

It has been wonderful to walk around classrooms and see the fantastic learning taking place every day. From excellent writing and problem-solving in maths, to creative artwork, scientific investigations and engaging discussions, our children continue to impress us with their hard work, curiosity and positive attitudes to learning.

We are incredibly proud of the progress being made across all year groups and the way children continue to demonstrate our school values each day.

A very special well done must go to our Year 6 pupils, who approached their SATs week with maturity, resilience and determination. We are extremely proud of the effort and perseverance they showed throughout the week. They represented the school brilliantly and should feel very proud of themselves. Thank you also to families and staff who supported and encouraged the children during this important time, including getting our Year 6s into school early to engage in a shared breakfast.

Thank you to all staff who supported the breakfasts for Year 6 - My hands are still blistered from buttering so much toast!

A message from Headteacher continued.....

As we look ahead to next half term, we have another busy and exciting period planned with sports events, transition activities, performances and many opportunities for children to showcase their learning and talents. Please keep an eye on upcoming dates and communications (via MCAS) so that you do not miss any important information.

We look forward to continuing to work together to ensure all of our children achieve and thrive. Have a wonderful and restful half term break.

Kind regards,

Mr Baines

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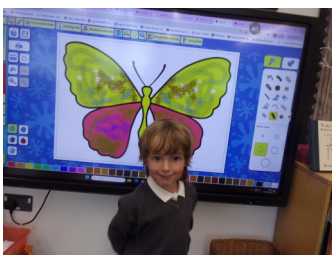
EYFS

We have had another exciting and busy half term in Reception! The children were very surprised when fairies appeared to visit our classrooms and this inspired lots of wonderful learning and imagination. The children enjoyed writing letters and speech bubbles for the fairies and created their own board games linked to our topic. It was lovely to see so much creativity and teamwork during these activities.

In maths, we have been learning about “more” and “fewer” and comparing numbers. The children have also been practising filling in missing numbers on 100 squares and are becoming increasingly confident with number patterns and counting. When we based our learning on the book ‘The Bad Tempered Ladybird’ we learnt about time and made our own clocks and we were able to show different o’clock times. Some children could even show half past times!



Our minibeast learning has been a huge success and the children have loved exploring the world of insects and creatures. They have written facts about different minibeasts and carefully drawn detailed pictures of them. We have also learned about the life cycle of a butterfly and a ladybird and the children enjoyed discovering how caterpillars transform over time.



EYFS continued.....

In our creative activities, the children made fantastic slugs with shells and explored symmetry through a range of art and maths activities. We have been very impressed with the children's focus and creativity.



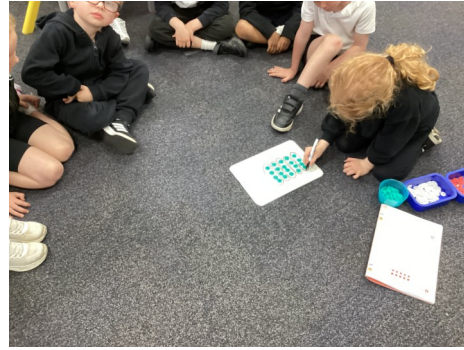
Next half term we will be learning about Traditional Tales and are very excited to see the children continue to make progress in their final half term in Reception.

Mrs Allen, Ms Sheridan and Mr Murphy

KS1

Key Stage 1 pupils have had a fantastic term filled with exciting learning across the curriculum.

In Maths, the children have been studying fractions and time, developing their confidence in recognising halves and quarters, telling the time and solving practical problems. They have worked incredibly hard and shown great enthusiasm during lessons.



In English, the children completed lots of descriptive writing linked to the Great Fire of London. They used exciting vocabulary to describe the blazing flames, smoky streets and panic throughout London, producing some imaginative and detailed pieces of work.

In PE, the children have been practising athletics skills and have enjoyed learning new techniques ready for Sports Day. They have worked on running, jumping and throwing, while also developing teamwork and determination.

In Science, the pupils have been learning about animals, including humans, and discovering what living things need to survive. They explored the importance of food, water, air and exercise, and enjoyed taking part in discussions and practical activities.

KS1 continued.....

In History and Art, the children thoroughly enjoyed learning about the Great Fire of London. They created some amazing pieces, including building Tudor houses using boxes and clay. The pupils also produced beautiful fire collages inspired by Pudding Lane, using bright colours and different materials to recreate the dramatic scenes from 1666. Their creativity and effort were outstanding.



Well done to all of Key Stage 1 for their hard work, enthusiasm and fantastic achievements this term!

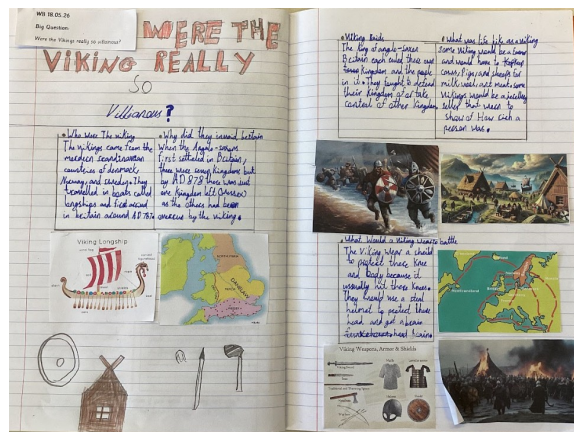
Miss Artis, Miss Taylor, Miss Laughland and Mr Morand

Lower Key Stage 2

This term, Lower Key stage 2 have been learning all about the Vikings. The children enjoyed a Viking Day, where they dressed as fearsome Vikings, made jewellery, and created their own Viking name. They also took part in a workshop, where they acted as Vikings and Viking gods.



In our History lessons, we learnt about the Vikings. We learnt why they came to Britain, how the people of Britain tried to defeat them and the impact they left. The children created a double page spread to show off all their knowledge.

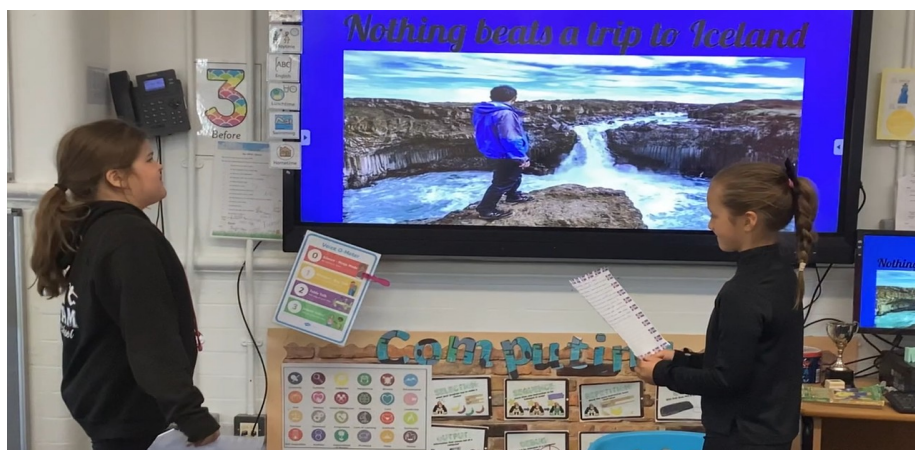


In science our topic this term was light. We learnt how we see objects, what complete darkness is, how shadows are created and which materials reflect light. We designed and took part in experiments to explore each of these themes.



Lower Key Stage 2 continued.....

In English, we have been reading the story of Arthur and the Golden Rope. Arthur is a young and inquisitive boy, who goes on an adventure to save his town with the help of Viking god Thor. The children wrote newspaper articles, poems, diaries, stories and factfiles. They also created an advert for the country Iceland, which they presented to the class.



In art, the children created Viking Shields using clay and then painted these using Viking colours.



Miss Gayson, Miss Almond, Mrs Payton and Mrs Baines

Upper Key Stage 2

This half term, Years 5 and 6 have been immersed in some really engaging and meaningful learning.

We have been reading *Rose Blanche*, a powerful and thought-provoking text that has inspired some fantastic writing. The children have taken part in conscience alleys and hot seating, stepping into the shoes of different characters and exploring their thoughts and feelings in depth. They have produced writing from a range of perspectives, including Rose, a fence, and a soldier, showing real empathy and growing confidence in expressing complex ideas.

This work has linked closely with our History topic on World War II. To bring our learning to life, we visited the Imperial War Museum London, where the children were able to see artefacts and exhibits that deepened their understanding of what life was like during this period. It was a valuable opportunity to connect classroom learning with real historical evidence.



In Science, we have been learning about the properties and changes of materials. The children particularly enjoyed investigating how to filter water, testing different methods and thinking carefully about how to improve their designs when things didn't quite work as expected. Their teamwork and perseverance really stood out.



Upper Key Stage 2 continued.....

In Art, we have been studying the work of Henry Moore, focusing on how artists use perspective and form. The children have used this as inspiration for their own artwork, experimenting with perspective techniques to create some very effective and imaginative pieces.

Overall, it has been a busy and rewarding half term, with the children showing curiosity, creativity and real maturity in their learning.

Mr Allen, Mrs Ward and Miss Childs

Other news.....

Tennis Festival

On Wednesday 13th May, 10 children from years 3 and 4 took part in a Tennis Festival at Bexley Grammar school. They took part in lots of activities to improve their tennis skills. It was a fun afternoon and it was great to see such great tennis players! Thank you to all the children who took part.



Wrap around care

Please can we remind parents to book their required breakfast club and after school care sessions on MCAS. If you have not used wrap around care before then please contact the office to complete the registration forms so that your child can be added to the register on MCAS.

Reminder of the opening hours:

Breakfast club: 07.30am to 08.45am

After school care: 15.15pm to 18.00pm (unfortunately there are penalty charges for any late collections)

After school care will be closed on the last day of term, Tuesday 21st July. Breakfast club and after school club will resume on Thursday 3rd September for which bookings should be made on MCAS during the summer holidays.

Absence reporting

Any absence should be reported before 08.45am by an adult with parental responsibility via one of the following methods:

MCAS app

Telephone call to school office

Email to school office

MCAS

All persons with parental responsibility have been sent a link to join MCAS. If anybody has not successfully joined MCAS then please contact the school office.

Please can we ask that the contact details on MCAS are checked and if you notice any errors please update them.

Dates for the diary 2026

Monday 25th—Friday 29th May—Half term

Monday 1st June—Summer 2 Term begins

Monday 1st June—RNLI visit for Year 5 and 6

Wednesday 3rd June—Starting Secondary in 2027 presentation (parents & carers of current Year 5)

Monday 8th June—Class photos

Monday 8th June—O'Keeffe Class Assembly

Tuesday 9th June—KS1 animal workshop

Friday 12th June—Monday 15th June—UKSA residential

Monday 15th June—Murakami class assembly

Tuesday 23rd June—Sports Day

Wednesday 24th June—Back up sports day

Friday 26th June—London Fire Brigade Talk for Year 2 and Year 5

Monday 29th June—Matisse class assembly

Monday 6th July—Monet class assembly

Wednesday 8th July—Summer concert

Tuesday 14th July—Rock Steady Concert

Wednesday 15th July—Year 6 Graduoke

Thursday 16th July—Year 6 production

Friday 17th July—Year 6 leavers party

Monday 20th July—Year 6 leavers service at Christchurch

Tuesday 21st July—Last day of summer term for pupils

Wednesday 22nd July—Inset day

Monet	91%
Matisse	95%
Murakami	94%
O'Keeffe	92%
Warhol	93%

Thomas	96%
Kahlo	96%
Basquiat	97%
Malone	94%
Ashevak	96%
Wei Wei	95%