

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

DATES FOR THE DIARY

October 3rd—Year 5 and 6
Anglo-Saxon Workshop.

October 9th—INSET Day. School
will be closed to pupils on this
day.

October 11th—Year 4 trip to
Iron Age Museum.

October 12th—PTA Ice Breaker
Quiz at St Barbara's Hall.

October 18th—Harvest Festival.
Open Book Afternoon.

Last day of Term 1.

Hot chocolate and tuck on the
playground after school.

November 1st and 2nd—
Parents Evening. More
information to follow soon.

November 13th—Odd Sock
Day. More information to
follow soon.

November 15th—Children in
Need. Pudsey/spotty/stripey
clothes.

HEAD'S UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week has disappeared in a flash!

I was fortunate enough to spend some time in another school last week sharing good practice with other Headteachers. We were asked to think about what an exceptional school does. One Head teacher simply said "We need to build happy humans".

Yes! Yes we do! Your child's well-being and happiness is so important to us and only when our children are thriving and happy will they learn best. I have been so lucky this week to have been inundated with many smiling faces appearing at my office door keen to share with me the super learning that they have been doing in class. Their joy has been infectious and it was lovely to celebrate their learning.

But at Larkhill learning happens outside of the classroom too. There has been much conker collecting and autumnal craft this week and Mrs Matthews has commented at how calm, contented and happy the children have been during their forest school sessions. Getting outdoors in nature is so, so important for our well-being. With this in mind, please make sure that your child always has the correct kit in school on Forest School days so that they don't miss out on this valuable opportunity. Please see the attached timetables if you are unsure.

Please do speak to the office about making an appointment with your child's class teacher if you feel that your child is struggling in any way and we can put something in place to help. We are well resourced with thrive practitioners and additional adults who can help pupils in a variety of ways.

Charlotte Harmer



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Longleat—94%

Archer—100%

Salisbury—95%

Stonehenge—96.8%

Danebury—95.63%

Woodhenge—92.35%

Silbury—93.18%

Wessex—95.42%

The Department for
Education stipulates school
attendance should be no
lower than 96%.

This week, our school
attendance was

95.46%

Congratulations to this
week's class attendance
winners!

ARCHER CLASS

Well done!

STAR LEARNERS

At Larkhill Primary School, we know that learning isn't limited to the classroom. This year, we would like to introduce a new section to our weekly newsletter to showcase the learning that your children do outside of school.

This can be learning a brand new skill, for example baking or bike riding - or even learning how to demonstrate our school values within the community. Perhaps they have shown resilience by enduring a difficult task or helped a friend or neighbour in some way.

If your child has done something worthy of a Star Learner nomination, please send these to psa@larkhill.wilts.sch.uk and together we can celebrate the

amazing learning that goes on outside of school, as well as within.



Here is Major Joseph from Longleat Class showing off his brilliant learning at home.
Well done Major!



CAUGHT READING



Dougie Conner, Stonehenge Class was caught reading with his Dad. Pikachu looks like he is enjoying the story too.

Well done!

If you catch your child reading somewhere unusual, or even just enjoying their book in a quiet moment—feel free to take a snap and send it to psa@larkhill.wilt.sch.uk

We love to see children enjoying books!

WATER BOTTLES

We have ordered some brand new water fountains to enable our learners plenty of access to drinking water throughout the day.

Please can we ask that your child brings a full, named water bottle in to school every day. At present, there is a limited number of cups (which are provided if a child has forgotten their bottle) and accessible taps in order to fill them up, but there are not enough for every class.

The new water fountains provide a solution to this issue but in the interim, please ensure your child has a water bottle. Thank you.

WALL CLIMBING

Please can we ask that you do not allow your children to walk along the stone wall in the carpark.

The wall is not a designated climbing area and is there not only keep pedestrians safe but also to protect the cars. We have seen lots of near-accidents in the last few weeks and would like to avoid any potential harm to children or damage to vehicles where possible.

Thank you.

Forest School and PE Timetables:

Longleat Class (Reception):

PE - Thursday morning

Forest School - Thursday afternoon

Archer Class (Year 1):

PE - Monday afternoon

Forest School - Thursday afternoon

Salisbury Class (Year 2):

PE - Tuesday afternoon

Forest School - Thursday morning

Stonehenge Class (Year 3):

PE - Tuesday afternoon

Forest School - Friday morning

Woodhenge Class (Year 4):

PE - Thursday afternoon

Forest School - Thursday morning

Danebury Class (Year 4):

PE - Thursday morning

Forest School - Thursday afternoon

Silbury Class (Year 5):

PE - Friday afternoon

Forest School - Friday morning

Wessex Class (Year 6):

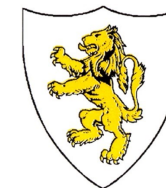
PE - Tuesday afternoon

Forest School - Friday morning

For PE and Outdoor Learning days the uniform is as follows:

- Black leggings/tracksuit bottoms or shorts. If children want to wear shorts for PE, they must also bring in long trousers for Forest School or wear their shorts underneath.
- White t-shirt - plain white from any supplier or with a school logo.
- Forest School Hoody. This is a compulsory item of uniform this year. New starters joining us in September can wear their school jumper whilst awaiting the arrival of their new hoody.
- Trainers for PE sessions.
- Wellies for outdoor learning. Please ensure your child also has suitable indoor shoes for the remainder of the school day.
- Waterproof trousers and coat (or all-in-one suit) for Outdoor Learning days.

Children must be wearing the correct kit to take part in Forest School



Wednesday 18th October

Harvest Festival Assembly

2:30pm-3:00pm



On Wednesday 18th October, we would love for you to come into school and watch our Harvest Festival. The children have been working really hard on their Harvest songs and would love to share them with you.

After the assembly, you can go to your child's classroom and they can share the work they have been doing over the past few weeks. Children will not be able to leave school until the normal time of 3:15pm.

'Please Bring In a Tin'. We are asking for donations that we can take to the Trussell Trust in Salisbury. Please do send in a tin if you can.

