



# The Longvernal Letter

"part of the Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership"



Newsletter  
2024/2025

Term 1

## News from Mrs Courtier-Hird...

*Dear Parents/Carers*

*I hope that your child has enjoyed Term 1. Thank you to those parents who were able to attend the parent 'Welcome' coffee mornings. We look forward to welcoming parents into school again soon for parents evenings next month and we have also scheduled a Phonics Breakfast pertinent particularly to parents of children in Reception and Year One. This will take place on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 9.00am.*

*The constant rain has had a negative impact on the speed with which our new playground equipment and markings have been completed. We remain hopeful that this will be complete by the children's return after half term.*

*As always, it has been a busy term. It was lovely to see so many family and friends joining us at Midsomer Norton Methodist Church for our Harvest Festival.*



*Well done to the children for their creative Harvest artwork and a huge pat on the back to the many*

*children in Willow and Sycamore Classes who courageously performed poems, a presentation on Fair Trade and a play for us. Thank you to the children behind the scenes who were involved in researching or creating resources.*

*This term our weekly library visits have continued, constantly bringing new texts into our classes. The Key Stage 2 reading journals can be a joy to behold; thank you to all parents for your continued support with phonics and hearing your children read at home. Reggie the Reading Dog continues to listen to Longvernal children reading. Thank you to parents for the improved commitment to Doodle Maths. Thank you also for supporting the Scholastic Book Fair - we were able to purchase some new books for all classes as a result. If you are interested in volunteering in school on trips, library visits or hearing readers, please notify the office so we can organise a DBS check.*

### Trips and Enhancements

*Oak Class enjoyed their science trip to We The Curious which incorporated a fossil workshop and a planetarium experience.*





Sycamore Class meanwhile travelled to Cedar Hall, Wells, for a meet the author event. Willow and Sycamore Classes benefited from a workshop led by Papaya, learning about how using devices and the internet can impact your mental health.



The PTFA kindly funded the related parent workshop which was extremely informative and worthwhile.

### Sports

On 14<sup>th</sup> October, some Key Stage 2 children travelled to Downside School to experience a 'Try it Out' hockey session.



On October 9<sup>th</sup>, Netball Club competed in a tournament, also hosted at Downside. Excitingly, we welcomed Jack Rutter, GB Paralympic England Footballer who led the children in some sponsored circuit training before leading an inspirational assembly. On October 2<sup>nd</sup> Cherry Class enjoyed taking part in the Quad Kids multi sports competition.



### Road Safety

Thank you for providing information about children who cross Paulton Road. We have received encouraging information from BANES that a crossing is in the pipeline.

If your child cycles to school, we request that they wear a helmet.

Please refrain from parking on the corner of Mandy Meadows and Clapton Road. Last week a near miss involving a pedestrian child was reported.

### Safeguarding

We aim to lock the school grounds promptly after school so that we know who is on site. Please therefore discourage your children from remaining to play on either the playground or the bank behind Woodpecker path. Also, if you are collecting your child at 4.15p.m. from a club, please wait by the front entrance to school. Do not slip through the tall gate when it is opened, this is for collection from wraparound care After School Club. This is to safeguard After School Club children and those doing clubs. Thank you for your cooperation.

### PTFA

PTFA ran a superb and well-attended Halloween Craft Event. Many thanks to everyone involved. Watch out for more exciting news of upcoming events.

### Nursery

In Acorns the children have enjoyed exploring 'All About Me', seasons, harvest and lots of artwork and stories. Forest School has been wonderful - we've made faces using natural materials and dough, created wands and magic potions.



Have a fun half term break. Please note that from Term 2, when the clocks will have gone back, all children are to be collected by an adult from any after school activity. We will not support children walking home alone in twilight. Mrs Courtier-Hird



### Dates for your Diary:

Thursday 24 October - End of Term 1  
Friday 25 October - Inset Day

Monday 4 November - Start of Term 2  
Friday 8 November - Y3 Bristol Museum trip  
Monday 11 November - EYFS & KS1 Phonics Breakfast  
Tuesday 12 November - Y2 Chew Valley trip  
Thursday 14 November - Prospective Parent Tour  
Tuesday 19 November - School Photographer (PM)  
Tuesday 19 November - Parents Evening  
Wednesday 20 November - Y4 Roman Baths Trip  
Thursday 21 November - Parents Evening  
Friday 22 November - Prospective Parent Tour  
Monday 25 November - Health & Fitness Week  
Wednesday 27 November - Inset Day  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December - PTFA Santa Visit  
Friday 6 December - Christmas Jumper Day  
Monday 9 December - YR Christmas Craft Morning  
Tuesday 10 December - Y1/2 Christmas Craft Morning  
Tuesday 10 December - EYFS/KS1 Nativity - 5pm  
Wednesday 11 December - Y3/4 Christmas Craft Morning  
Wednesday 11 December - EYFS/KS1 Nativity - 1.30pm  
Thursday 12 December - Y5 Christmas Craft Morning  
Thursday 12 December - EYFS/KS1 Nativity - 5.00pm  
Friday 13 December - Y6 Christmas Craft Morning  
Monday 16 December - Acorns Christmas Party  
Tuesday 17 December - Carol Service 10am - 11am  
Wednesday 18 December - Christmas Dinner Day  
Thursday 19 December - Acorns Christmas Party  
Thursday 19 December - PTFA Christmas Fayre  
Friday 20 December - Acorn - KS1 & KS2 Christmas Parties  
Friday 20 December - End of Term 2

### PE Days for next term

Holly - Wednesday  
Oak - Thursday  
Chestnut - Friday  
Maple - Wednesday  
Cherry - Friday  
Willow - Friday  
Sycamore - Friday - Swimming

### Forest Days for next term

Holly - Friday  
Oak - Wednesday  
Chestnut - Wednesday  
Maple - Tuesday  
Cherry - Tuesday  
Willow - Monday  
Sycamore - Monday

**Please remember Headlice don't go on holiday!**

We have had a number of cases in school recently so please keep checking (and treating if necessary) your child/children's hair over the holiday.

Thank you!



### **REMINDERS:**

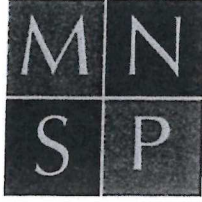
#### Parent Pay

Breakfast Club and After School club should be booked and paid for **in advance** on Parentpay. Please also remember that school dinners need to be ordered **in advance by the Thursday of the preceding week**. Thank you

It is wonderful that lots of children are continuing to choose to walk, scoot or cycle to school even now that vehicle drop off is possible. Please note that next term, we would prefer for all children to be collected after clubs finish at 4.15p.m. as it will, by then, be beginning to get dark.

Please do not park in the school car park at drop off or pick up times. There are limited spaces and these are for staff and visiting external staff only. The exception is if you have a blue disability badge which is genuinely needed by the driver or child being collected. We need to restrict cars pulling out of school and driving up the hill for the safety of all as most people are walking.

**Children learn with mud on their hands and smiles on their faces**



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**Term Dates**  
**Academic Year 2024/2025**

**Term 1**

Monday 2nd September 2024  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024

**Term 2**

Monday 4th November 2024  
Friday 20th December 2024

**Term 3**

Monday 6th January 2025  
Friday 14th February 2025

**Term 4**

Monday 24th February 2025  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025

**Term 5**

Tuesday 22nd April 2025  
Friday 23rd May 2025

**Term 6**

Monday 2nd June 2025  
Tuesday 22nd July 2025  
(Friday 18th July last day for students)

**INSET DAYS**

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Monday 2nd September 2024

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Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024

**Inset day 3**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**Inset day 4**

Monday 21st July 2025

**Inset day 5**

Tuesday 22nd July 2025

***National Bank Holidays:***

*Wednesday 25th December 2024*

*Thursday 26th December 2024*

*Wednesday 1st January 2025*

*Friday 18th April 2025*

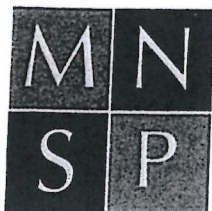
*Monday 21st April 2025*

*Monday 5th May 2025*

*Monday 26th May 2025*

*Monday 25th August 2025*

\*Extra INSET DAY\*  
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Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

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*Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026*

*Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2026*