

Wednesday 1st October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had an action-packed beginning to the school year, filled with exciting Learning for Life experiences! Highlights so far include our Year 6 residential trip to The Ultimate Adventure Centre in Bideford, North Devon, the thrilling H5 Caving experience right here at school and also Friday's LSA Colour Run.

It was wonderful to welcome so many parents and carers to our 'Meet the Teacher' events in Week 2. Just a reminder: you can find lots of useful information about your child's class on the school website under the Class Pages tab.

Last week, we hosted a Phonics Workshop for our Reception parents. If you'd like to learn more about the Little Wandle phonics scheme, please visit: <https://www.littlewandle.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

We're also looking ahead to our first Parents and Carers Evenings on Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th October. The online booking system is now live for appointments to be made.

Kind regards,

Mrs Oakes

Headteacher



Y6 Residential to the Ultimate Adventure Centre, Bideford

Our Longleaze Learners had an incredible time away, embracing adventure and challenge every step of the way! From mountain boarding, archery, kayaking, paddle boarding and the Ultimate Assault Course to campfires, stories, and marshmallow toasting—every moment was packed with excitement and opportunity.

A huge thank you to Mr Yeo, Mrs Tedcastle, Mrs Thompson, and Mrs Dicks for their amazing support throughout the week.

Well done to all our learners for aiming high, stepping out of their comfort zones, and making us proud!



H5 Caving Experience

While our Year 6 pupils were away enjoying their residential trip, our Year 2 children and the rest of Key Stage 2 took part in an exciting and memorable activity on-site — the H5 Mobile Caving Experience.

This immersive experience involved navigating over 90 feet of interconnected tunnels, travelling through a ball pit, and completing a series of cave-inspired challenges. Delivered by qualified instructors, the activity was designed to promote confidence and teamwork.



News from the classes...

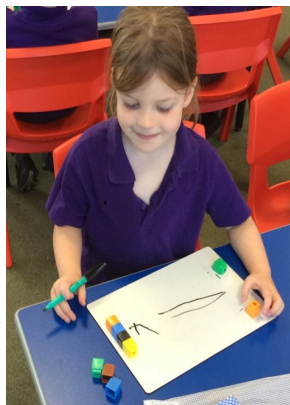
Oak

Our Reception children in Oak Class have made a fantastic start to their time at Longleaze Primary School. They've settled in beautifully and are already embracing school life with enthusiasm and curiosity. Over the past few weeks, the children have been enjoying their phonics, painting and making faces with natural objects, exploring spaces in PE and making matching pairs in maths.



Acorn

This week, Acorn Class have been busy mastering the greater than and less than symbols in maths, finding their balance and coordination in PE, and joyfully learning our harvest songs. We're so proud of their enthusiasm and hard work!



Lime

Lime Class have been enjoying exploring all the different books in our book corner. Each day we share our favourite stories with each other. This week, our class favourite is *Follow the Swallow* by Julia Donaldson.





Chestnut

In geography lessons as part of this term's topic, 'Saving the world by lunchtime' we have been exploring different maps of the school and local area. We studied aerial view maps and tried to locate places we know in Royal Wootton Bassett. We also used compasses to try and work out the direction of different locations from the school.

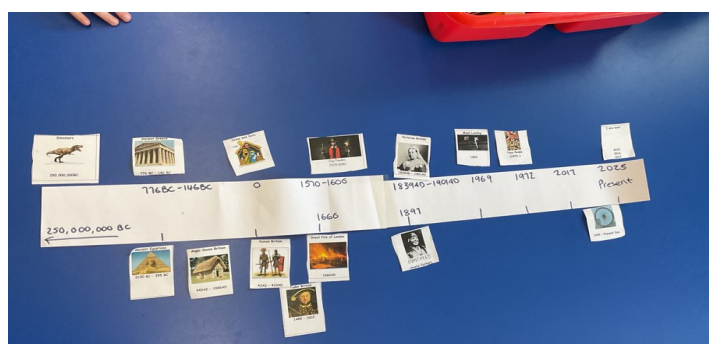
Rowan

Rowan Class have been enjoying learning all about life in ancient Greece. Do ask them if they can remember any of their 'Five Fabulous Facts from the knowledge organiser! I have been so impressed with their learning so far. This week we have learnt about beliefs in Ancient Greece. The children had lots of fun creating their own Top Trumps cards for their favourite gods and goddesses.



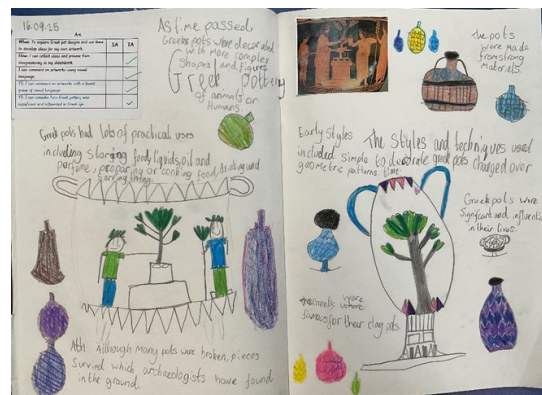
Ash

Ash Class have been busy learning all about the Ancient Greeks! We had some excellent discussions in the library, where we explored our school timeline, before plotting significant events onto timelines in the classroom. The Year 4s were amazed to discover that the Egyptian Empire, which they learned about last year, spanned the entire Greek Era and beyond!



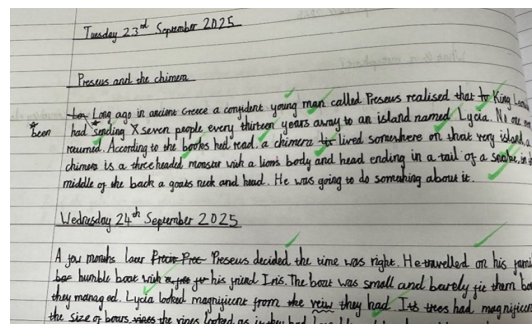
Elm

Elm Class have been exploring Greek pot designs and using them to develop ideas for their own artwork. The children collected ideas and presented them imaginatively in their sketchbooks. They also considered how Greek pottery was significant and influential in Greek life.



Beech

This term, Beech Class have enjoyed the fascinating world of Greek mythology as part of their literacy lessons. The children began by exploring the classic tale of Theseus and the Minotaur, inspired by this legendary adventure, each pupil then created their own myth, choosing a unique Greek hero and monster to feature in their story.



Silver Birch

In Silver Birch Class, we have been exploring the properties of solids, liquids and gases. We used balloons filled with ice, water and air to test our ideas. We have also enjoyed our computing lessons, where we were learning how messages are broken down and sent in data packets across the internet. We acted as 'routers' to visualise how this process works!



Safeguarding at Longleaze Primary School

At Longleaze Primary School, we are committed to safeguarding and have a culture of vigilance in all aspects of safeguarding and child protection. Please see our Child Protection Policy located on the school's website for more information. A paper copy can be requested from the school office.

All our staff and volunteers have received updated safeguarding training for 2025-2026

If you have a concern about a child or wish to speak to one of our school Safeguarding Team, please contact the school office requesting to speak with:

Mrs Oakes – Designated Safeguarding Lead and Head Teacher

Mr Yeo – Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead and Deputy Head Teacher

The school's nominated safeguarding governor is Mrs Esther Webb.

SEN information

As SENCo of Longleaze I would like to remind yourselves as parents and carers about the process and procedures of making contact with me in regard to any concerns that you may be having about your child.

The class teacher is the first person with whom you should make contact with to share any observations and concerns that have been noted by yourselves. It is then possible to discuss the next step in supporting your child. I am available to attend any meetings with parents and teachers if this is requested. The class teachers and I work closely together to ensure that children are receiving the individual support in class through relevant interventions.

If you would like to discuss your child further, then I am able to be contacted via the school email address admin@longleaze.wilts.sch.uk or if you need to speak to me, please telephone the school on 01793 849251 and Mrs Radford or Miss Matthews will transfer your call through to my office. If I am unavailable, I will endeavour to make contact with you as soon as I am available. There are some leaflets available in the school reception with this information for you to reference.

Meetings for children with an Individual Education Plan (IEP) or a My Support Plan (MSP) will take place three times a year in the Autumn, Spring and Summer terms. Individual Education Plans are shared during parent evening sessions. My Support Plan meetings are offered to parents through either a zoom or face to face meeting where we will discuss and amend targets for your child.

The SEND policy and SEN Information report are on the school website for your reference but please feel free to make contact with myself at any time.

Mrs Thompson, SENCo