



Learning for Life
**LONGLEAZE
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Friday 19th December 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the close of a busy and joyful term, we would like to thank you for your continued support of our Longleaze School Community throughout 2025.

This term has been filled with festive activities and lots of memorable moments. The children have delighted us all with their performances in the Reception and Key Stage 1 Christmas Nativity Play, 'The Big Little Nativity', and Key Stage 2, at our carol concert at St. Bartholomew's and All Saints Church, 'A Christmas in Song and Story'. Their singing, readings, and enthusiasm made us very proud.

We also enjoyed our Christmas dinners, parties, and the Longleaze School Association (LSA) Movie Night, complete with popcorn and a special visit from Father Christmas himself!

As we look ahead, we wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas and all the very best for 2026. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 5th January 2026.

Warmest regards,

Laura Oakes

Head Teacher



Y6 readers at our Carol Concert and Y3 singing

The Big, Little Nativity



Our EYFS and Key Stage 1 children performed brilliantly in The Big, Little Nativity. They enjoyed acting and singing many of the catchy songs, including The Big, Big Story, Three Wise Men, and Knock Knock! Who's There? They certainly made us all feel very Christmas-sy!

LSA Movie Night

A huge thank you to our wonderful LSA members and school staff who kindly stayed after school yesterday to host our Christmas Movie Night. The children had a fantastic time enjoying festive films, freshly popped popcorn and a drink.

To make the evening even more magical, Father Christmas himself paid a visit and surprised the children with a special Christmas treat!

Join Our LSA

We are always grateful for the support of our LSA members. By joining, you'll help us continue to run exciting events and activities for the children. If you are interested in getting involved, please speak to Mrs Radford in the school office—your help would be most appreciated.

Be a Secret Santa for Ukrainian Children

This December, our school families came together to support the “Be a Secret Santa for Ukrainian children” project. Thanks to your incredible generosity, 87 gifts were donated. These thoughtful presents are already on the way to Ukraine, ready to bring smiles and festive cheer to children who need it most.

Your kindness has made a real difference, thank you for showing the true spirit of Christmas.



'Window on the World'

Earlier this term, KS2 really enjoyed exploring our galaxy in the space dome. We learned about our amazing (but surprisingly small) sun, the other planets in our solar system, black holes and some star constellations. We also learned about how the Ancient Greeks named these constellations. This immersive experience helped the children develop their understanding of their window on the world.

Mrs Wood—Science Leader



'Welcome to the Toy Shop'



As part of our history topic, 'Welcome to the Toy Shop', KS1 were excited to welcome parents and grandparents to share toys from their childhood. The children asked lots of questions and were able to compare similarities and differences between what they had seen and their own toys at home. Thanks to all the parents and grandparents who volunteered.

Mrs Boyle—Key Stage 1 Leader



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The Governing Body of Longleaze Primary School is looking to appoint Co-opted Governors.

More information about our wonderful School can be found at our website address www.longleaze.wilts.sch.uk

Governors play an important part in School life, and this is an opportunity for someone from the community to become involved with our school. Being a member of the governing body, does require time commitment. We hold 8 meetings across the academic year. You are also required to attend training and undertake school visits relevant to your areas of responsibility. While being a member of the governing body is a voluntary role, you will be able to claim for travel expenses if needed.

At this time the Governing Body is seeking someone who is not a parent; with particular interest in Teaching and Learning or Human Resources but other skills are always welcome to complement those already involved. There is no need for specific educational knowledge or background but the ability to offer a strategic view would be an advantage. Full training and support will be offered.

It is recognised that effective Governors can have a positive impact on both the school and local Community. If you are looking for a new and rewarding experience, we look forward to hearing from you.

To find out more, without obligation, contact Mrs Oakes, Head Teacher.

Telephone 01793 849251 email: admin@longleaze.wilts.sch.uk

Safeguarding Statement: Longleaze Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Our Child Protection & Safeguarding Policy is available on request and on the school website www.longleaze.wilts.sch.uk. An enhanced DBS (Disclosure and Barring Services) check will be required for the successful candidate. We are an equal opportunities employer.



Top Tips for... MANAGING SCREEN TIME

According to the latest stats, people aged between 8 and 17 spend four hours on digital devices during an average day. Obviously, a new year is ideal for fresh starts and renewed efforts – so lots of families are trying to cut down their combined screen time right now, creating more moments to connect with each other and relying less on gadgets to have fun. Our top tips on reducing screen time are for everyone, so you can get your whole family involved in turning over a new leaf this year!

GET OUT AND ABOUT

If the weather's decent, spend some time in the garden or go for a walk. Even a stroll to the local shop would do: the main thing is getting some fresh air and a break from your screen.

TRY A TIMED TRIAL

When you're taking a screen break to do a different activity or a chore, turn it into a game by setting yourself a timer. Can you complete your task before the alarm goes off?

GO DIGITAL DETOX

Challenge yourself and your family to take time off from screens, finding other things to do. You could start off with half a day, then build up to a full day or even an entire weekend.

LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Let your family see you successfully managing your own screen time. You'll be showing them the way, and it might stop some of those grumbles when you do want to go online.

AGREE TECH-FREE ZONES

Nominate some spots at home where devices aren't allowed. Anywhere your family gathers together, like at the table or in the living room, could become a 'no phone zone'.

HOLD A SCREEN TIME AMNESTY

As a family, agree specific windows when it's OK to use devices. This should help everyone to balance time on phones or gaming with enjoying quality moments together.

BE MINDFUL OF TIME

Stay aware of how long you've been on your device for. Controlling how much time you spend in potentially stressful areas of the internet – like social media platforms – can also boost your wellbeing.

'PARK' PHONES OVERNIGHT

Set up an overnight charging station for everyone's devices – preferably away from bedrooms. That means less temptation for late-night scrolling.

SWITCH ON DND

Research shows that micro-distractions like message alerts and push notifications can chip away at our concentration levels. Put devices on 'do not disturb' until you're less busy.

TAKE A FAMILY TECH BREAK

Set aside certain times when the whole family puts their gadgets away and enjoys an activity together: playing a board game, going for a walk or just having a chat.

SOCIALISE WITHOUT SCREENS

When you're with friends, try not to automatically involve phones, TVs or other tech. Having company can be loads more fun if your attention isn't being split.

WIND DOWN PROPERLY

Try staying off phones, consoles, tablets and so on just before you go to sleep. Reading or just getting comfy in bed for a while can give you a much more restful night.

Meet Our Expert

Minda Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



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