



School News

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2024 Attainment at Longney

I wanted to share with you some of the fantastic results we managed to achieve at Longney last year. In our first year here at Longney, due to widening gaps appearing in the children's learning, we had to focus on building a strong foundation for them in reading, writing and maths. This has ensured that all children have the skills they need to access the full curriculum.

This year we will build on this by expanding our foundation subject and extra curriculum offer. I am currently finalising the school development plan for the year and will share our priorities going forwards with you after half term so that you can understand the next steps of our journey at Longney as the school grows and develops.

End of Reception Results

14% in 2022
55% in 2023
83% in 2024

This is now well above the national average of 67%.

Year 1 Phonics Screening

83% of children who sat the test passed with an average score of 36.6 out of 40.

Writing at the end of Year 2

23% in 2023
66% in 2024

At national average for the first time in 3 years.

End of Key Stage 2 – Year 6

Reading – 78%
Writing – 64%
SPaG – 71%
Maths – 78%

End of Key Stage 2 - Greater Depth

Reading – 21%
Writing – 14%
SPaG – 14%
Maths – 21%

Year 4 Multiplication Check

71%
scored 20 out of 25 or above

Thank you to all the staff in school who have worked tirelessly to achieve these results and give the children a strong foundation on which to continue building.



Pet Service at Longney Church

You and your pets are all invited to the Blessing of Pets Service at Longney Church on Sunday 27th October at 9.30am.
All humans and pets welcome (except snakes!)



FOLS Meet & Greet - Tuesday 5th November 3.10-4pm in the school hall

The Friends of Longney School (FOLS) would like to invite you all to come and find out how we support our primary school.

We will be able to give you more information about FOLS prior to the next AGM and it will be a great opportunity to get to know new families.

We will have refreshments and our preloved uniform and used books on sale.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Poppy Appeal



When we return after half term we will once again be supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal by selling Poppies, wristbands, key rings and snap bands in school from Monday 4th to Friday 8th November.

Teckels Animal Shelter

As part of our anti-bullying week, Goldfinch made dog toys. Yesterday, some of the children and Miss Fry visited Teckels to drop off their toys for the puppies there. As you can see, the puppies were very grateful!!
Well done Goldfinch for showing **compassion** in our community.





Rags 2 Riches Collection – Friday 8th November

We have once again signed up to the rags2riches4schools recycling scheme, to raise money and help others around the world benefit from our good quality unwanted clothes and shoes. If you are having a clear out over the half term break, please bag up any unwanted clothes, shoes & other accepted items and bring them in either Thursday 7th or by 9am on Friday 8th November.

Please look out for more information which will be sent out on SchoolPing for items that can be donated.

Defibrillator in School

All schools now are provided with a defibrillator and I'm pleased to say that ours is set up in the lobby. It is unlikely we will need to use this but it is there just incase. There is a very helpful video which shows adults how to use the defibrillator if needed which has been shared with all staff. I thought I would share it [here](#) so that you can watch it if you feel it would be useful for you in your life outside of school.

Guitar Lessons – Gloucestershire Music

This term, Swifts class have started their 10 weeks of whole class music tuition with a Gloucestershire Music teacher – Mr Sykes. All the children have an instrument so that they can learn together how to read music and how to perform confidently, an important part of the national curriculum for music.



Positive Behaviour Rewards

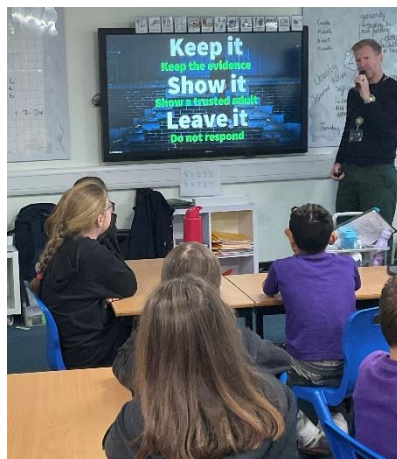
This term we have introduced a new positive element to our behaviour management system in Skylarks, Goldfinch and Swifts. The children earn dojo points within class and these are added together so that the reward is earned by the whole class. We thought carefully about how we could introduce a positive behaviour scheme which would ensure the children were working together in **harmony** and not in competition with each other. Because of this, everyone is happy and excited when anyone in the class achieves and they all support each other to make good choices and go above and beyond in school.

When the children get to 250 dojo points as a class, they receive a book for the classroom from a list they put together at the start of the year, this means that their reward is linked to learning and the joy of reading. After they achieve 500 dojo points as a class they have a tea party together with myself and the teachers, bringing **joy** and **harmony**. I'm pleased to say that Skylarks, Goldfinch and Swifts have all earned their tea parties within the last two weeks and we had lots of fun in the hall together – everyone particularly enjoyed musical statues as you can see! Swallows class will be introduced to Dojo points later in the year to prepare them for their transition to year 1.



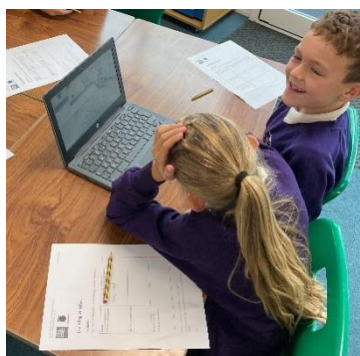
Stay Safe Workshops

Last week, the children were visited by Stay Safe Workshops. From Swallows to Swifts, the children took part in sessions with Richard who taught them all about how to stay safe online. This is an important part of the national curriculum and very relevant to the children. I have attached a parents' leaflet to the this School Ping from Stay Safe Worskshops which has tips for how to keep your child safe online at home.



Chromebooks

I'm pleased to share that at the end of last year we were able to purchase 15 more Chromebooks for school to add to the set which were purchased by the Friends of Longney. This means that we now have enough for every child to have their own Chromebook during our computing lessons. This means they don't have to share and can get so much more out of these lessons as a result.



Parents' Evening

You should have received a School Ping this week with the opportunity to sign up for parents' evening after half term. Please do come along and find out how your child has been getting on this term. If you have not received this Ping or have any problems booking a slot, please let Mrs Hinde know.

Sports Coaches

We are working this year with a range of sports coaches to enhance the children's learning in PE. This gives them chance to try out new sports and activities alongside the national curriculum taught by the teacher.

This term year 2,3 and 4 worked with the skateboarding and scootering coaches who were absolutely fantastic and it was a joy to see them out in the sunshine each week. On a Wednesday, the children in swifts class have been working with an archery coach out on the field to learn the basics of the sport. Next term, year 2, 3 and 4 will be having a martial arts session each week with a qualified coach – we hope this will be a really fantastic opportunity for them all to try a new skill and increase their confidence and **belief** in what they can achieve.

