

## Building Community, Enriching Lives

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### Thank you!

What a fantastic summer term it has been at Longney. Your children have been absolute superstars and there have been so many moments of pure and utter joy as we have had the pleasure of spending time with them and seeing them blossom and flourish in so many ways as they continue to make the most of every day. I want to thank each and every one of them for all they bring to our school every day – we are so lucky to spend our days with them! I must also thank my wonderful team – every single one of them has worked so hard to make it a wonderful summer with lots of extra-curricular opportunities, continued broad curriculum in class and a huge amount of teamwork and positivity to wrap it all together. They work so hard for your children every day and I want to thank them all. Thank you as well to all of you. You have continued to support us, communicate with us and be such a welcoming and kind parent community. We have had so many experiences this year of you all as a community supporting us in so many ways and we can't thank you enough for it. It makes your children's school experience so much richer and we really appreciate you all.

Have a wonderful summer everyone and we can't wait for next year!

### Sports Day

Thank you to everyone who was able to come and support the children at sports day – it was lovely to see them working together in their teams and in particular the older children supporting the younger children with the carousel events. There were some brilliant displays of sporting effort too and it is nice for the children to have chance to show off their skills. There are lots of photographs on the school website gallery page so please do take a look [here](#).



## Friends of Longney

Goodness me the Friends of Longney have been so busy this term! There have been such fantastic events for us all to enjoy and they have raised a huge amount of money which has been used to begin to transform our outside area. We have now installed the play structures, sand pit and den building area ready for the children to begin to use more fully in September. This will be added to in the autumn term and our next project of rejuvenating the beautiful garden at the bottom of that space is already being planned. We are so excited that we will be able to make the most of this fantastic outside area going into next year.

The children have enjoyed so many events together including a fantastic outdoor disco, Wacky Wednesday, the Teddy Bear's Picnic where we welcomed our new families (thank you so much to everyone who came and helped them to feel part of our school community already), the fantastic colour run and of course the brilliant Tropical Beach themed summer fete! What a fantastic day! So much hard work went in to organising this event and it was so inspiring to see everyone working together to make it happen both in the lead up and on the day, led of course by the wonderful Yasmin who is forever ambitious, creative and dedicated to leading the FOLS. What a team! Thank you to everyone who came on the day to support this event and made it such a joyful and memorable day in the sun! More photos of the disco and colour run can be found on the school website gallery page – there are some fantastic photos full of joy!





## Kings of the Jungle!

Thank you so much to the wonderful Swifts' class children who thoroughly entertained us with their performance of the Jungle Book this week. It was a fantastic show with laughter, beautiful singing and confident acting. They were so organised and impressive on the stage – it was a brilliant end to the year. Thank you to everyone who joined us on the night and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. There are many more photographs on the school website gallery.



## Visitors in School

We have had lots of visitors in to school this term, enhancing the children's curriculum and introducing them to key members of our community. Skylarks class were visited by some vintage cars organised by some of our fantastic parents – what a joy! It was fascinating for them to see how cars have changed over the years as part of their history topic on transport.

Swallows class have been visited by the PCSOs, an important part of their education as they learn about people who can help them in their community. We have a great relationship with PCSO Kim in particular who also came in to talk to the whole school. They were also visited by some butterfly and moth experts who Miss Woolway knows from her time at Whiteshill – they were fascinated and learnt so much about these amazing creatures!

They also had some very special guests in swallows class brought in by Theo who introduced them to his chicks!

Lots more photographs on the school website gallery.





## Day Trips

We have had some fantastic trips out this term too. These day trips are such an important way to enhance our curriculum and take the children's learning even further. As well as giving them chance to travel to and experience places they have never been to before which is fantastic for their confidence as they grow.

We started the term with a trip to see behind the scenes at Wholly Gelato – the team were incredibly welcoming and the children (and adults!) learnt so much! A fantastic link in to our local community.

Later in the term, Swallows and Skylarks visited the Cotswold Wildlife Park to meet some real life animals to support their science learning. Goldfinch class visited Chedworth Roman Villa as part of their history topic and Swifts' class visited technique to enhance their science and design curriculum. Thank you to the staff who planned these trips and everyone who was able to come along on the day to volunteer. Thank you as well to the FOLS who supported us with funding for the coaches to make this trips affordable. It is much appreciated.

Lots of photos on the school website gallery for you to enjoy!



**Thank you and goodbye to our wonderful year 6s - you are incredible and we will never forget you! We hope you have had a lovely evening celebrating together!**

