



Newsletter

Friday 23rd January 2026

Success for all - Nothing Less!

Headteacher's Message

As we begin this new half-term, we are focusing on one of our core school values: honesty. It is a value that sits at the heart of strong relationships, positive learning, and a thriving school community.

In school, honesty shows itself in many different ways. It is the child who bravely owns up to a mistake, the friend who gives kind but truthful feedback, and the learner who reflects openly on what they find challenging. These moments—sometimes small, sometimes significant—help our pupils grow not just in knowledge, but in character.

This week, pupils have been discussing what honesty means to them. One child summed it up beautifully when they said:

“Honesty means telling the truth even when it’s hard, because it helps people trust you.” - Year 4 pupil

We are encouraging pupils to see honesty not as something to fear, but as something that builds trust. When we speak truthfully, we create a community where everyone feels safe, respected, and understood. Teachers have been using stories, discussions, and real-life scenarios to help pupils think about how honesty shapes who we are and who we hope to become.

I want to thank you for reinforcing these values at home. When school and families work together, our pupils learn that honesty is not simply about telling the truth—it is about integrity, fairness, and doing what is right, even when it is difficult.

As we move through the term, I hope you will notice your children speaking with confidence about their learning, reflecting openly on their progress, and showing honesty in both their actions and their words.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.



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Uniform - Thank You for Keeping Our School Smart

A big thank you to all families for helping pupils come to school looking so smart and ready to learn. We've noticed a really positive effort across the school, and it's wonderful to see the pride children are taking in their appearance. Just a friendly reminder that school shoes should be black and trainers must be all-black with no coloured logos or soles. This helps maintain a consistent and professional look for our school, and we appreciate your help in upholding these standards. ❤️👟



Parking in Our Local Area - A Polite Reminder

Please may we gently remind parents and carers to park safely and respectfully around our local area during drop-off and pick-up. Ensuring that pavements, driveways, and road junctions remain clear is essential for the safety of our pupils and local residents.

We appreciate that school-run traffic can be challenging at busy times, but your cooperation helps keep our community safe, calm, and welcoming for everyone. Thank you for your understanding and support. 😊





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Wellbeing Assembly - Learning How to Be a Good Friend

Be
Kind.

On Monday, our Wellbeing Team led a thoughtful and engaging assembly all about being a good friend. Miss Ainsworth and Mrs Birch helped pupils explore what true friendship looks like, including how we listen to others, how we show kindness through our actions, and how important it is to include everyone. The children reflected on real-life scenarios and shared wonderful ideas about empathy and respect. ♥

We encourage families to continue these conversations at home - small reminders about kindness can make a big difference to our school community.

Year 4 Times Tables - Building Confidence for the Multiplication Check

Year 4 pupils have been working extremely hard on their times tables in preparation for the Multiplication Check later this year. In class, they've been practising through quick-fire recall games, group challenges, and timed sessions to help build both accuracy and confidence.

We encourage families to keep supporting this at home by spending a few minutes each day on TT Rockstars - consistent practice really helps strengthen their recall of multiplication facts. Thank you for your continued support in helping the children feel ready and confident!



$$2 \times 2 = 4$$

$$3 \times 1 = 3$$



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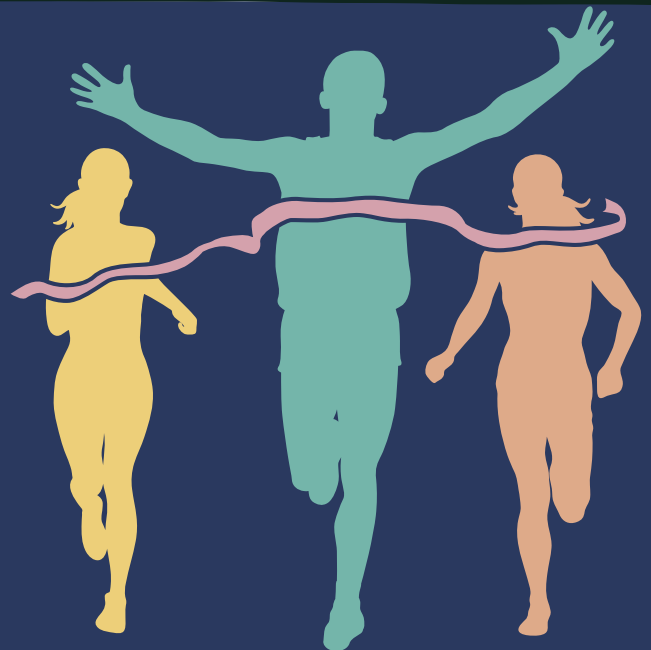
Sportshall Athletics

A huge well done to all pupils who represented Longshaw at the Sportshall Athletics competition at St Bede's. The behaviour was absolutely fantastic throughout the event and pupils were excellent ambassadors for our school.

The team showed great determination and teamwork throughout the event. Their effort, encouragement of one another and positive attitude really stood out.

We are delighted to say that their hard work paid off and Longshaw finished as overall winners !

Well done to everyone - we are incredibly proud of you! 🎉👏





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After School Clubs



Judo Club - All
Years Tuesday



Year 6 Art Club
Tuesday



Mixed Years
Chess Club
Thursday

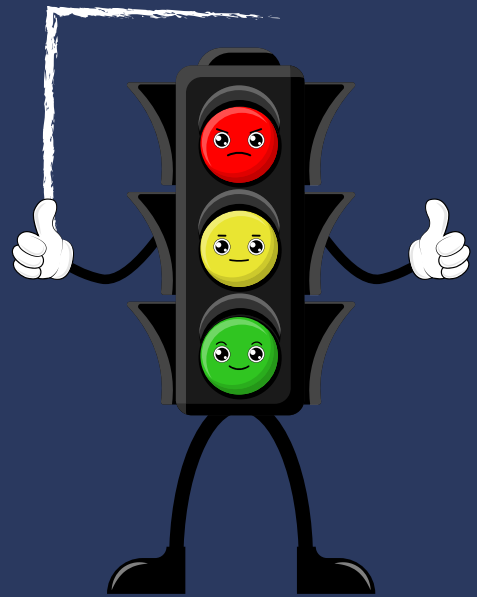


Year 4
Gymnastics -
Wednesday

Behaviour

This week, we are 98% Green
This week, 4A, 5AP 5BC, 6A, 6M are 100% Green.

Well done, everybody.



Attendance



Remember our school
target for attendance
is 95%+.

Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance
3P	96.8	5P	96.8
3W	94.5	5AP	90.7
3T	94.3	5BC	96.6
4A	97.0	6A	92.1
4L	93.9	6M	92.8
4R	99.0	6P	96.7

This week's attendance is 95.1%