



LONGCROFT

— SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM COLLEGE —

NEWS LETTER



The Spirit of Christmas!

"The appeal offers an opportunity to volunteer together, fostering compassion and creating lasting memories through a shared act of service."

Thanks to the generosity of our community we were once again delighted to deliver thoughtfully filled, beautifully gift-wrapped shoe boxes to Hull and East Yorkshire Age UK.

Last year, Age UK was able to deliver over 1,000 Shoe Box Hampers to elderly people who are lonely, isolated, and have no one to celebrate Christmas with. As the appeal continues to grow the charity is reaching more and more individuals in need of support, and our donations will make a real difference.

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An independent local charity, Hull and East Yorkshire Age UK have been working in the local community to help older people for over 70 years, their many dedicated staff and volunteers helping to deliver services and activities for older people in the area.

Mr Rogers said, "I was uplifted by the incredible kindness shown and it was a pleasure to deliver the boxes to Beverley Travel on Flemingate – our local collection point. The difference gifts of toiletries, tins of food, biscuits and other treats will make is immeasurable. It may be the only connection someone has had with the outside world in some time. That is why this appeal is so important, and the happiness found in giving to others mirrors the spirit of Christmas. A big thank you to all who supported our shoe box appeal."

He added, "The appeal offers an opportunity to volunteer together, fostering compassion and creating lasting memories through a shared act of service – wonderful acts of great heart."

Mr Chapman praised the Year 12 students who have taken the lead on our collection, coordinating efforts across all tutor groups to gather donations. He said, "Their enthusiasm and perseverance meant we were able to send off a substantial number of shoeboxes – an achievement that will bring comfort and joy to members of our wider community at a time of year when such support is especially meaningful."





Christmas

Concert

We enjoyed a stunning evening at Beverley's beautiful St Mary's Church for our Longcroft Christmas Concert. Exceptional performances from our choirs and ensembles began with 'Once in Royal David's City'. A range of traditional and more modern pieces followed, interspersed with readings including the ever popular 'Granny Goes to Bethlehem'.

Thank you to our wonderful performing artists, who once again treated an appreciative audience to a joyful evening's entertainment. A wonderful way to begin the Christmas season!





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Issue 250!

This week marks the 250th edition of our Newsletter!

Since the first edition back in 2019 It has been our pleasure to share the exceptional progress and many wonderful achievements of our current and former pupils, Sixth Form students and school with our community!





Headteacher's Welcome

As we move towards the Christmas break, there is much to look forward to and be excited for. This has been a term of many achievements for our community and we will be celebrating them whole-heartedly over the final week of term.

Attendance is singularly the most important indicator of educational outcomes, with those pupils and students who achieve over 95% significantly more likely to achieve well in examinations and progress to their preferred options when they leave school either at 16 or 18. However, as we have shared many times, the benefits for young people of attending school well are not simply linked to grades or academic performance. Preparing our children for life in the modern world is a core function of our work at Longcroft. This includes, of course, fostering a broad range of knowledge and skills from a carefully considered curriculum, including a focus on personal development and careers. It also, however, involves nurturing positive relationships, communication and friendship.

Being exposed to different perspectives, experiences and interactions that promote social and cultural capital builds confidence and security in who we are as beautifully unique individuals, each with a special space and place in the world. It therefore makes me incredibly proud to see the response to our 'ICE STREAK' and 'Attendance Bonanza' challenges including another **100% attendance for Year 11 pupils** being achieved this week, following on from 2 other year groups hitting the same heights during this term so far. The difference that being in school regularly makes is immeasurable and profound. Well done to all!

In our headline article this week you will see the amazing efforts of our community in responding to this year's charity fundraising appeal. Our Age UK shoe box campaign is targeted within the local community at elderly people who are living alone and with limited contact with the outside world. These are members of our wider community that have become isolated from any support network, family etc and for whom receiving a special gift at Christmas and a message in a card, is incredibly powerful. The response from our young people and families has been fantastic and after filling every box we could find we

were also able to donate a stack of extra items to support the charity in their work. Reading some of the messages in cards was really emotional and exemplifies the great reservoir of kindness and compassion our school and children provide. Another great example of our Great Heart.

Next week there will be lots taking place to celebrate a brilliant term and recognise the festive season, so do look out for messages and updates. A couple of key reminders include:

Wednesday – 'Jolly Jumper Day' and the Big Longcroft Christmas Lunch. **Only Christmas dinner is available in school on Wednesday – there will no other canteen / food service available at lunch. Break service will continue as normal. Jumpers will replace school jumper and blazer, but all other uniform expectations remain the same. £1 donations for Save the Children are welcome and can be put into bucket collections on the day or paid through Parent Pay.**

Thursday – Sixth Form celebration trip to York.

Friday – The attendance bonanza plus a host of other rewards and acknowledgements will be shared followed by our Celebration events/trips (KS4) and our Christmas Service at St Mary's Church (KS3). **School will close at 1:15pm.**

We aim to make this final week one that is packed full of success and celebration. We encourage all of our young people not to miss a moment!

Have a wonderful week.

Mr D Perry
Headteacher



Reward Totals

So far this term our pupils have been awarded the following rewards for acting with Great Heart, Thought and Vision:



Acts of Great

HEART	60,962
THOUGHT	180,309
VISION	216,781

**GRAND
TOTAL:
458,052**





LOWER SCHOOL



Mr Worthington writes:

Last week, I had the pleasure of visiting St Mary's C of E Primary School in Beverley to deliver an interactive science session on Sound and Particles, and what an exciting morning it was!

From the moment the pupils walked in, curiosity filled the room. We kicked things off with a Slinky demonstration, showing how waves travel and how energy moves through a medium. The children were amazed to see how simple toys can reveal the secrets of physics!



Next came the tuning forks, a classic experiment with a twist. Pupils not only heard the pure tone but also felt the vibrations through their ear drums, bringing the concept of sound waves to life.



The wow factor didn't stop there. We explored standing waves on a string, creating patterns that looked almost magical but were grounded in real science. Then, using a speaker, we demonstrated ultrasound, showing how sound can go beyond what human ears can detect, perfect for sparking questions about medical imaging and technology.

One of the highlights was making a whistle from a plastic straw. With a few clever cuts and folds, pupils turned everyday items into musical instruments, learning about pitch and resonance along the way. The hall was soon filled with laughter and sound as everyone tested their creations.



The session was about connecting science to the world around us. By the end, pupils were asking brilliant questions: "How do sound waves travel through space?" and "Why can't we hear ultrasound?" Their enthusiasm reminded us why hands-on learning is so powerful.

A huge thank you to the staff and pupils at St Mary's for their warm welcome and incredible engagement. It was inspiring to see young scientists in the making. This week we welcome Year 3 into Longcroft to look closer at the Rock Cycle.

BOXER OLIVER SHOWS HIS SKILLS!

We're proud to share that Year 7 pupil Oliver has recently begun taking part in skills bouts as part of his boxing journey. These non-competitive bouts are a fantastic way for young boxers to showcase technique, discipline, and sportsmanship while continuing to develop their craft.

Oliver, who is one of several Longcroft pupils who represents Beverley's Track Fitness and Boxing Club, recently faced a talented opponent from Kingston Boxing Club and performed exceptionally well. His commitment to learning and listening to his coaches is evident every time he steps into the ring.



YEAR 9 FOOD AND NUTRITION



This term, our Year 9 pupils have been diving into the exciting world of street food as part of the Key Stage 3 Food and Nutrition curriculum. They've been investigating how popular street food trends influence the market and, more importantly, how making products from scratch can significantly improve their nutritional value. From understanding ingredient sourcing to experimenting with healthier cooking techniques, pupils are learning that great taste and good health can go hand in hand. We feature Spencer and Ashley with their healthy Street Food Chicken Nugget creations – packed with protein and cooked from scratch!

These practical lessons not only develop culinary skills but also encourage creativity and informed decision-making, skills that will serve them well both in and out of the classroom.

Pupils can choose to study Food and Nutrition as a GCSE Option. A reminder to parents and carers: Year 9 pupils will be making their Key Stage 4 Options Choices in March. This is an important milestone, and we'll provide plenty of guidance and support to help pupils and their families make informed decisions about their next steps. Keep an eye out for further details and upcoming information sessions.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Finally, it would be remiss of me not to celebrate the wonderful performances of our pupils at the Longcroft Christmas Service. Their talent, dedication, and festive spirit truly shone through, creating a memorable occasion for everyone in attendance. A huge thank you to all involved for making this event such a special highlight of the festive season.

Mr Worthington | Head of Lower School



Congratulations to our Lower School pupils on the number of ClassCharts rewards they are receiving each week. The pupils who earned the most rewards last week are listed below.



Year 7

Sam Artley Tolson
 Alfred O'Neill
 Frantisek Fox
 Edward O'Neill
 Evelyn Pennock
 Chloe-Rose Bishop
 Juno Hopkin
 Jude Doherty
 Caleb Carrison
 Peace Aladesanmi

Year 8

Caleb Harrison
 London-Leigh Baker
 Sam Logan
 Lottie Johnston
 Leon Zielinski
 George D'Andilly
 Oscar Jowsey
 Ryan Carter-Rigg
 Theo Baldwin
 Will Newsam

Year 9

Megan Morley-Smith
 Tymofii Merkulov
 Imogen Trolle
 Harry Hugill
 Charlie Innes
 Devon Willoughby
 Archie Norton-Hall
 Emilia Hopkin
 Oliver Albrow
 Thomas Walters
 Lottie Skinner

Attendance Matters!

Each week we reflect on the importance of attendance at school by giving ClassCharts rewards for Great Vision to every pupil with 100% attendance the previous week. These pupils are then entered into a draw and the winner receives a £5 Amazon voucher.

Last week's winners were:

Year 7: Jayden McKie

Year 8: Stanley Parks

Year 9: Tymofii Merkulov



UPPER SCHOOL



Mr Henderson writes:

It is a remarkably busy fortnight at the end of the first term for Key Stage 4 pupils. Year 11 have been in their mock exams, and great focus and effort has been shown by pupils. It has been fantastic to see pupils grow in confidence when coming out of the mocks with feelings of progress and improvement. The intention of the mock exams is twofold - to ensure pupils understand the expectations of the course they are studying, their strengths and areas for development, and rehearsing the process to demonstrate their skills under realistic, timed conditions. Reflection on their learning and mocks is key to success in the final push, and pupils will be carrying on with their work on the GCSE Mindset during form time to enable this.

Year 10 pupils had a drop-down day for their option choices this week. Pupils spent Wednesday in their subject all day to allow time to complete extended pieces of work and learning, with great success.

Mr Henderson
Head of Upper School





CAREER OF THE WEEK: Motor Vehicle Technician

What does a motor vehicle technician do?

Motor vehicle technicians, also called motor mechanics, inspect and fix vehicles to ensure they are safe and efficient. Their day-to-day tasks include:

- Diagnosing faults using computerised equipment and hand tools.
- Repairing or replacing faulty parts like brakes, clutches, or exhausts.
- Carrying out regular maintenance such as oil changes and tyre checks.
- Testing vehicles to ensure repairs are successful and everything works properly.
- Keeping detailed records of work completed.

They work with all kinds of vehicles, including cars, vans, and sometimes larger vehicles like trucks or buses. The role involves both hands-on mechanical work and using technology, so being comfortable with computers is important. Motor mechanics often work in garages, dealerships, or vehicle service centres.

What can I expect to earn as a motor vehicle technician?

Your salary as a motor mechanic varies depending on your experience, location, and employer. As a beginner or apprentice, you might earn around £14,000 to £18,000 per year. With more experience and qualifications, salaries generally rise to between £20,000 and £30,000 annually. Highly skilled vehicle technicians working for major dealerships or specialising in particular brands can earn over £35,000 a year. Some self-employed mechanics or those who run their own garages may earn even more.

What subjects should I study to become a motor vehicle technician?

If you're thinking about this career, focus on subjects that build your practical and technical knowledge, such as design and technology, product design, engineering, and maths.

Good communication skills and problem-solving abilities are also key since mechanics need to explain repairs to customers and work well with colleagues.

How can I start my career as a motor vehicle technician?

Starting your career often means gaining practical experience while learning. Here are some steps you can take:

Apprenticeships – This is a popular route. Apprenticeships combine paid work with training, allowing you to earn while you learn. Many garages and vehicle dealerships offer mechanic apprenticeships.

College Courses – You can study vocational qualifications like Level 2 or Level 3 Diplomas in Vehicle Maintenance and Repair. These often include work placements.

Entry-Level Jobs – Some people start as workshop assistants or junior technicians to get experience and then train on the job.

Get Qualified – Gaining recognised qualifications such as those from the IMI (Institute of the Motor Industry) boosts your chances of better jobs and pay.

Keep Learning – Vehicle technology changes fast, so ongoing training and qualifications in areas like electric vehicles or advanced diagnostics can help your career progress.

To research local education and training opportunities that could lead to a career as a motor vehicle technician, visit our partner website www.logonmoveon.co.uk

Other useful websites to find out more about a career as a motor vehicle technician:

National Careers Service, Motor Mechanic <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/motor-mechanic>

Institute of the Motor Industry, Motor Careers <https://tide.theimi.org.uk/motor-careers/getting-automotive>

Army Vehicle Mechanic <https://jobs.army.mod.uk/roles/royal-electrical-and-mechanical-engineers/vehicle-mechanic/>





Congratulations to our Upper School pupils on the number of ClassCharts rewards they are receiving each week. The pupils who earned the most rewards last week are listed below.



Year 10

Evie Sugdon
 Neve Meagher
 Sienna Rasen
 Alex Matta
 Amelie Dawson
 Ruby Shadbolt
 Lucy Allan
 Amelie Wharton
 Devon Bryans
 Lydia Chapman

Year 11

Maisie Monaghan
 Dylan Noble
 Benjamin Smedley
 Phoebe Haw
 Thomas Wells
 Millie Wisher
 Cody Keenan
 Emily Moon
 Ellie Eaton
 Daisy Kelly

Attendance Matters!

Each week we reflect on the importance of attendance at school by giving ClassCharts rewards for Great Vision to every pupil with 100% attendance the previous week. These pupils are then entered into a draw and the winner receives a £5 Amazon voucher.

Last week's winners were:

Year 10: Alfie Robinson
 Year 11: Rebecca Jenney



Mr Chapman writes:



As we reach the final weeks of the autumn term, it has been wonderful to see the maturity, generosity, and ambition that continue to define our Sixth Form community. Both year groups have approached this busy period with real purpose, and it feels timely to reflect on what they have achieved and what lies ahead.

Year 13: Rising to the Challenge of Mock Exams

This week marks the beginning of the Year 13 mock examinations, a significant milestone in their journey towards the summer finals. I have been genuinely impressed by the calm, organised, and thoughtful way students have approached this assessment window. Many have refined their study habits over recent months, managing their time carefully, planning their revision with increasing independence, and showing a healthy balance between ambition and wellbeing.

These mocks serve an important role for our oldest students. For a number of them, the results—due in January—will form part of their UCAS applications and may influence the offers they receive later in the year. It is never an easy moment, knowing that performance in these assessments carries weight, yet the cohort has handled that responsibility with real composure. Their teachers have praised not just their classroom focus but also the positive, mutually supportive atmosphere they have created for one another in the Sixth Form Centre.

Looking ahead, Year 13 will sit a further set of mock exams in February, providing another vital opportunity to refine exam technique, identify areas for improvement, and build confidence before the final stretch into the summer exam season. If the commitment they have shown so far is any indication, I have every confidence they will approach the next stage with the same determination and maturity.





Year 12: Generosity, Community, and Leadership

While Year 13 have been navigating the demands of mock preparation, Year 12 have been doing something equally impressive: helping others. This term, they took the lead on our school-wide shoebox collection, coordinating efforts across all form groups to gather donations for a local charity. Their enthusiasm and perseverance meant we were able to send off a substantial number of thoughtfully filled shoeboxes—an achievement that will bring comfort and joy to members of our wider community at a time of year when such support is especially meaningful.

What has been just as striking, however, is the way Year 12 have supported their peers. By helping to maintain a calm and respectful working atmosphere across the Sixth Form spaces, they have allowed Year 13 the focus they need during this intense period of mock preparation. This willingness to step up, contribute positively, and think beyond themselves is a hallmark of a strong Sixth Form culture, and Year 12 have embodied it brilliantly.

Of course, it will not be long before they, too, are in the position of preparing for their first set of Sixth Form exams. Watching Year 13 tackle their mocks has given many of them a glimpse of what lies ahead, and I hope it serves both as inspiration and motivation as they continue to settle into their courses. Their time will come sooner than they think, but their early commitment and community spirit suggest they will rise to that challenge with confidence.

Looking Forward

As we approach the end of term, I am incredibly proud of the hard work, generosity, and maturity shown across the Sixth Form. Our students are not only developing academically but also building the habits, character, and sense of responsibility that will carry them far beyond their time at school.

Mr Chapman
Head of Sixth Form





SAFEGUARDING



Mr Rogers writes:

Jolly Jumper Day

On Wednesday, pupils will have the opportunity to enjoy a festive Christmas dinner and participate in Jolly Jumper Day.

We are excited to celebrate the festive season together as a Longcroft community. On Wednesday, there will be an extended lunchtime and staff will join pupils and Sixth Form students for a festive feast.

Only Christmas lunch (including a vegetarian option) will be available. If your child does not wish to purchase a Christmas lunch, please ensure they bring a packed lunch, as no other canteen service or food options will be available.

Pupils and Sixth Form students are welcome to wear a festive jumper for 'Jolly Jumper Day'. A voluntary donation of £1 is encouraged to support the international Save the Children campaign.

To clarify:

- » Pupils are required to wear their full uniform, including skirts, trousers, shirts, ties, and shoes, as usual.
- » If wearing a jolly jumper, pupils are not required to wear their blazers for the day.
- » Donations £1 are voluntary and can be made through ParentPay or handed in on the day.

We look forward to seeing everyone in their festive jumpers and enjoying the holiday spirit together!

Mr Rogers
Deputy Headteacher



A huge congratulations to our latest Golden Buzzer winners!

Luke Anderson 8GRU

Gracie Barber 8ESH

Amy Charge 8ESH

Jack Denyer 9EFO

Caleb Harrison 8JPO

George Hogg 9LWO

Jemima Jameson 12JHR

Lottie Johnston 8JDY

Megan Morley-Smith 9JNC

Olivia Radley 9LWO

Ammarah Rehman 11NST

Lily Reid 7JHL

James Shiels 10GTA

Alina Shpak 8GRU

Nathan Steele 10PDV

Daisy Stokes 10PDV

William Thwaites 8EIN

Alessia Williams 8GRU

Evie Woad 11ASC

Scarlett Wood 10PDV





Christmas Tree Takes

Pride of Place at Festival

Beverley Minster's annual Christmas Tree Festival is the country's largest display of individually-decorated, real, fir trees.

This dazzling event fills the stunning medieval church with sparkle, colour, and the scent of Christmas.

We are once again proud to see our tree among the 150 trees, all of which have been beautifully decorated by local groups, schools and organisations.

Visitors who have not already enjoyed the Festival, or those who would like to visit again, can wander the trail and marvel at the creativity and imagination on display this weekend. On Saturday and Sunday, the Festival will be open between 10.00am and 5.00pm (last entry 4.00pm). Entry is £5 for adults and free for accompanied children (under 18) and you can pay at the door by either cash or card.



This year the Festival boasts several new features - a charming wooden sleigh, perfect for festive photos, and a children's activity book and quiz to keep young visitors enchanted.

Hot chocolate and mulled wine are available to warm your hands and heart while enjoying the incredible display. As sponsors are free to decorate their tree as they wish, every fir tree is unique when it has been dressed and lit with beautiful fairy lights.

An opportunity not to be missed!





Extra Curricular Activities

Tuesday

CHOIR

This is open to all pupils and Sixth Form students – no audition is required.

Room 64 from 3:15 until 4pm.

FOOTBALL

'Come and Play' sessions are open to all – separate sessions for boys and girls.

3G from 3.15 until 4.10pm.

NETBALL

A session for Lower School pupils in Years 7 – 9.

Sports Hall from 3.15 until 4.10pm.

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CLUB

All year groups and staff are welcome to join Ms Sinclair. Character sheets and dice are provided!

Library from 3.10-4.30pm.

Thursday

MUSICAL THEATRE

Open to all pupils and Sixth Form students – no audition is required.

Theatre from 3:15 until 4:30pm

GIRLS' FOOTBALL

3G from 3.15 until 4.10pm.

Monday

CREATIVE WRITING CLUB

If you have a story to tell, please come along, or pop into the Learning Hub and see Mr Dixon.

Room 2 during lunchtime.

Wednesday

CHESS CLUB

Library at lunchtime.

ORCHESTRA

Open to all instrumentalists.

Room 64 from 3:15 until 4pm.

RUGBY

A session for Lower School pupils in Years 7 – 9.

Field from 3.15 until 4.10pm.

NETBALL

A session for Upper School pupils in Years 10 and 11,

Netball courts from 3.15 until 4.10pm.

HOCKEY

Sports Hall from 3.15 until 4.10pm.

TABLE TENNIS

Gym from 3.15 until 4.10pm.

Friday

BADMINTON

Sports Hall from 3.15 until 4.10pm.

CREATIVE WRITING CLUB

If you have a story to tell, please come along, or pop into the Learning Hub and see Mr Dixon.

Room 2 during lunchtime.

BASKETBALL

All year groups welcome.

Sports Hall during lunchtime.



Pupils Going Nuts for Languages!



Pupils study either French or Spanish throughout Key Stage 3, with many going on to study their foreign language at GCSE and beyond. Languagenut is designed to support and empower pupils in their study of French and Spanish.

Congratulations to this week's top scoring Nutters!

Esme Johnson – 49,200

Ben Smedley – 47,600

Max Van Den Ban – 45,500

Joel Dyason – 44,200

Ava Harris – 41,700

Thomas Wells – 38,000

Shams Ranjous – 37,000

Gracie Pawson – 36,000

Aidan Clayton – 35,700

Libby West – 34,300





Mathematicians

are Bright Sparx!

Sparx Maths

With a mission to improve lives and the world through learning and building maths confidence through personalised learning, Sparx Maths supports pupils aged 11-16 with challenging, attainable homework. Each pupil has a clear, unambiguous target to answer 100% of their homework correctly each week and external research conducted by RAND Europe and the University of Cambridge found that using Sparx Maths for 1 hour a week significantly improves grades.

The team at Sparx Maths, made up of 90 experts, including outstanding teachers, academics, data-scientists, researchers and technologists, uses over 200 million data points to personalise every homework for every child. This ensures pupils always receive homework that is both achievable and challenging, meaning they experience success as well as being stretched by harder questions.

Mrs Low, our Head of Maths, explained: "Sparx Maths is both popular and effective – we are going to be celebrating pupils weekly in our Newsletter and presenting pupils with certificates to recognise their hard work but also their perseverance and resilience when faced with some extremely challenging questions!"

Congratulations to this week's Sparxy Maths Champion Holly Sutcliffe-Storr!

The top 10 pupils in our Weekly Leaderboard are:

Holly Sutcliffe-Storr – 2,159XP

Sabah Madina – 1,325XP

Isabelle Cunningham – 1,644XP

Oscar Dale – 1,194XP

Ann Mariya Binoy – 1,590XP

Emilia Hopkin – 1,190XP

Sienna Rasen – 1,425XP

Kathryne Sowerby – 1,190XP

Lydia Dorsey – 1,355XP

Calla Stallard – 1,175XP



Rugby Team in Tournament Victory!

Our Under 13 rugby team were victorious in their tournament at Bridlington RUFC, beating Driffeld and Headlands Schools and drawing their match against Bridlington School.

Mr Cassidy said, "The team, which is mainly made up of Year 8 boys with a few of our most talented Year 7 players, performed very well in all three matches. I was very proud of them!"

Try scorers included Louis, Henry, Cobie, Kai, Jack, Stanley and Kingsley. Congratulations to all the boys on a fantastic achievement!



Girls in Indoor Cricket Success!

Longcroft's Under 15 girls delivered a fantastic day of indoor cricket at the Hull and East Riding Finals, finishing 3rd overall after a series of competitive and spirited performances. The team demonstrated determination, teamwork, and brilliant sportsmanship throughout the tournament, proudly representing the school both on and off the pitch.

Match Results

- 1 South Hunsley 94
Longcroft 84
- 2 St Mary's 74
Longcroft 77
- 3 Driffield 101
Longcroft 84
- 4 Newland 50
Longcroft 77



Mr Nicholls said, "Across all four fixtures, the Longcroft team showcased strong bowling, sharp fielding, and increasingly confident batting. They showed resilience in close games, communicated well, and supported each other from start to finish. Their hard work in training was clear, and they consistently rose to the challenge against high-quality opposition."

He added, "Finishing in 3rd place in a very competitive tournament is a brilliant achievement, and every member of the squad played their part in securing this result."





Footballers Enjoy Success

YEAR 7 FIVE-A-SIDE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Our Year 7 squad travelled to Soccer Sensations in Hull to take part in an exciting five-a-side tournament featuring teams from across the region.

Mr Nicholls said, "Although we didn't progress beyond the group stage, the team represented the school brilliantly and produced a series of confident, determined performances."

He explained, "Across the afternoon, our players faced strong opposition in Wolfreton, Snaith, Bridlington, and Beverley Grammar. Each match tested the team in different ways, but the boys rose to every challenge—showing resilience in defence, creativity going forward, and fantastic teamwork throughout."



GIRLS ENJOY EXCITING WEEK OF FOOTBALL!

Miss Judge said, "What an exciting week for our girls' football teams! The Year 7 squad battled their way to the final of their tournament, beating Beverley High in a nail-biting penalty shootout in the semis. They fought hard in the final but narrowly lost 2-1 to Market Weighton – an amazing effort! Meanwhile, the Year 8 team dominated their pool, winning every game before a tense semi-final against Driffield, which sadly ended on penalties. Huge congratulations to all the players – you were fantastic!"



Sportshall Athletics Success!

Teams of Year 7 and 8 girls and boys all competed in a Sportshall Athletics competition, with the Year 7 boys winning and the Year 8 girls finishing in third place.

Miss Judge said, "Our pupils absolutely smashed it at the Sportshall Athletics competition! Everyone gave it their all and did Longcroft proud, showing incredible teamwork and determination. The Year 7 boys were on fire, taking 1st place, and the Year 8 girls put in a brilliant effort to grab 3rd. Huge cheers for every single competitor – you were amazing!"

Well done to everyone and thank you to our fantastic PE staff who make so many wonderful opportunities possible.





Memory Lane

This week we feature pictures of Longcroft Lower School, now the site of Lovell Homes housing development, The Paddocks.





LIBRARY NEWS



Ms Carvill writes:

The Six-Word Story Competition Results

A huge thank you to everyone who submitted entries to the six-word story competition 2025/2026. We were inundated with fabulous stories.

Thank you also to our wonderful writer in residence, Maureen Lennon, who led a creative writing workshop on six-word stories and all those staff who encouraged our budding writers to enter the competition.

Judging, never an easy task, was incredibly difficult this year. Maureen, the English team, Library Team, and Mr Worthington all had their favourites, and we had nearly 200 entries!

Our three top stories will be forwarded to the First Story National Competition judged by a panel from Penguin Random House. Winners will be announced in January. You can read them below with a selection of runners-up and highly commended stories. Prizes and ClassCharts will be handed out this week to our in-house winners.

Well done to all those who entered!!!

TOP THREE WINNERS

It served us; now we're servants. Beth Dawson

Lights on. Curtains up. Career over. Beth Dawson

Sir, which classroom's your body in? Annie Elliott

“When I first heard about six-word stories, I thought, “A whole story in six words? That’s impossible! Then I wrote my first one..... Once you write your first, you can write a whole slew of them.”

—Joe Bunting



THE RUNNERS UP

Pot calling kettle black. Pot's white. Ollie Goodacre

The dog chewed a human bone. Evelyn Pennock

Scrumptious spaghetti bolognese. Orange face. Disgrace! Mason Bennett

HIGHLY COMMENDED

They're gone. Window open. 4th Floor. Alanah Wardman

Mum, I don't know myself anymore. Jasmine Curley

Five. Four. Three. Two. One. Boom! Nathan Steele

An empty bookshelf. Filled with stories. Holly Artley-Tolson

She cut her hair randomly today. Kaitlyn Waiter

I miss all the shoes. Rafe Atkinson

"All good writing leaves something unexpressed."

—Christian Nestell Bovee (American writer)





Christmas Card

Competition Winners!

Congratulations to the five winners of our competition to design Longcroft's 2025 Christmas Card.

The wonderful designs featured here were created by Ella Barry, Anna Beynon, Hermione Elvidge, Alissa McKay and Rosie Shiels.





Care and Achievement Co-ordinators

Our Care and Achievement Co-ordinators work with specific year groups to ensure the welfare and progress of pupils and are the first point of contact for parents.

They support children to achieve academically by establishing a positive learning environment, visiting and working in lessons and supervising and supporting individuals and groups of pupils.

Our team, and their work mobile phone number which parents can use to contact them, are pictured below.



Year 7

Miss Fox

07342 342858

vicky.fox@longcroft.eriding.net



Year 8

Mrs Thwaites

07444 847881

gemma.thwaites@longcroft.eriding.net



Years 9 and 10

Mrs Newsam

07827 587483

zoe.newsam@longcroft.eriding.net



Year 11

Mrs Ellis

07900 394085

annette.ellis@longcroft.eriding.net