



LONGCROFT

— SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM COLLEGE —

NEWS LETTER

A Year of Incredible Opportunities!

As the Summer Term draws to an end, we reflect with pride on another fabulous year of academic endeavour, sporting success, performing arts opportunities, charitable endeavours and a wonderful enrichment programme that has seen us welcome inspirational guests and our pupils and Sixth Form students visit London, Barcelona and New York.

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Last week trips to Barcelona and London saw pupils and Sixth Form students experience a wonderful range of scenic, historical and cultural opportunities while making life-long memories.

Ms Shepherd led the Barcelona trip. She explained, "Our Barcelona party left Longcroft at 1.00am for Birmingham Airport. Despite a delayed flight, with no pilot, spirits were high and thankfully the various pupils who volunteered to fly the plane were able to assume their rightful seats as passengers. Upon arrival in Barcelona we were straight to our accommodation and out again for lunch. We explored the local cafés and eateries on offer, then travelled by Metro to Parc Güell and despite an arduous uphill walk in 37-degree heat everyone agreed it was worth it to see the beautiful views of Barcelona from the viewpoint. After a spot of shopping in Plaza Catalunya, we ate dinner at the Hard Rock Cafe—a very tiring but successful first day."

"The majority of Day 2 was spent at PortAventura theme park where water rides kept everyone cool! A walk through Las Ramblas to the restaurant saw everyone enjoy a three course meal, including paella."





Ms Shepherd, described a fabulous final day. "We were out of the hostel for almost 14 hours and crammed as much as we possibly could. The day started with the virtual tour of Camp Nou, followed by some shopping. We then rode the cable cars up to Montjuic Castle where we admired the beautiful views of Barcelona from the rooftop viewpoint and enjoyed an ice cream or a slush. Next, we walked to Poble Espanyol where we enjoyed a Tapas based evening meal. Finally, we went to Sagrada Familia where we took photo opportunities and gave the pupils some free time to shop for souvenirs. The evening was finished off by watching the England match in the hostel. An exhausting and long day, but well worth it!"





The opportunity to visit London is always special. Our party visited China Town and the Theatre Royal Drury Lane, where they enjoyed the musical Hercules. Visits to Madame Tussauds and the meridian line at Greenwich, the home of GMT, were followed by the incredible Maritime Museum.

Thank you to the fantastic staff teams, led by Ms Shepherd and Mrs Harris, who made these unforgettable opportunities possible!





Headteacher's Welcome

This final Newsletter of the academic year is a wonderful celebration, not only of the many and varied opportunities our young people have enjoyed, but also of our Longcroft mission and values. There are so many examples of Great Heart, Thought and Vision that are demonstrated through our community and captured brilliantly through our weekly roundup in our Newsletter.

So much happens at Longcroft, that this publication is only able to shine a light on a fraction of what our amazing children continue to do and achieve. It is important that I acknowledge the many staff who go above and beyond to make experiences available within and beyond the curriculum. Often this requires sacrifices in their own lives and for their own families, and I would like to publicly acknowledge their much-valued contribution in this regard.

It has been quite the year for our school, with many more awards and recognitions, and visits from various public figures including from local and national government. We have welcomed the acknowledgement of our community and our children, and are incredibly proud of each and every one of them.

I have again set our children a number of challenges this year, and they have consistently risen to them. One notable example was the target for our pupils and students to break our record of over 1.2 million rewards. This is not a feat to be underestimated, and yet here we are in the final week of term having accomplished it again! I am incredibly proud of the commitment our young people show to the small things, the individual decisions each and every day that live our values in to existence. These acts of Heart, Thought and Vision create a culture which promotes and celebrates learning and achievement, but most importantly is underpinned by genuine kindness, care and compassion. With this climate we can be truly ambitious for our children to grow and develop as great thinkers, learners and people – able to make a positive contribution to our community, society and the world beyond.

As we look ahead to September, there is so much more to come. Next year will see further international trips, including to New York, Italy and Peru as well as a wide range of domestic opportunities, visits and local experiences. In addition to our focus on the curriculum, learning and academic progress, we remain committed to providing breadth of extracurricular clubs and events as well as expanded leadership opportunities. We will continue to support our local community and primary schools with access to our facilities, and proudly celebrate our incredible pupils and students, and all that they achieve.

Thank you for your continued support. It is hugely valued and never underestimated.

Have a great summer.

Mr D Perry
Headteacher



LOWER SCHOOL



Mr Worthington writes:

Year 7 Rounders

Congratulations to our Year 7 rounders players on a successful first season together. The team enjoyed their end of season tournament last week, and Miss Judge was delighted with their effort.

Pupils' Mathematics Success

Congratulations to Year 7 pupils following a programme of enrichment which complements their studies in Maths. Mr Haworth was delighted to present pupils with their certificates which reward the successful completion of Block 3 of the Axiom Maths programme. Axiom Maths partner with schools to help child realise the potential of their power. Pupils enjoy maths circles, small groups of pupils who meet weekly to tackle a curriculum of challenging maths problems. The beauty of maths circles is that they're about the relationships as much as the maths. In maths circles, pupils work through a structured curriculum of challenging





problems. They're exposed to mathematics from beyond the National Curriculum, that takes them deep into stretching and satisfying topics they wouldn't normally encounter at school. Pupils also enjoyed an end of term 'brunch'.

As we reach the end of another busy and successful academic year, it has been a real joy to see our pupils making the most of the final week of term and creating memories that will last long into the summer holidays.

Many of our Key Stage 3 pupils thoroughly enjoyed taking part in Sports Day activities on Tuesday. The atmosphere around school was fantastic, with children demonstrating enthusiasm, teamwork, resilience and good humour in equal measure.

Whether competing in Athletics events, testing their agility in Dodgeball, or working together in Capture the Flag, our pupils embraced every challenge with energy and determination. It was wonderful to see so many children supporting one another, celebrating success and, most importantly, having fun.

The excitement continued with our annual Rewards Day trip to Flamingo Land. This was a fantastic opportunity to recognise the hard work, positive attitudes and commitment shown by so many pupils throughout the year. From thrilling rides to spending time with friends, the day was filled with laughter, excitement and well-deserved enjoyment. The behaviour of our pupils was exemplary, and they were excellent ambassadors for the school throughout the trip.

As Head of Lower School, it is always rewarding to see children enjoying these opportunities and reflecting on how much they have achieved over the course of the year. These final days remind us that school is about so much more than lessons and examinations; it is about building friendships, developing character, creating experiences and making memories that pupils will carry with them for years to come.

On a personal note, it has been an absolute privilege to serve as Head of Lower School for over five years. During that time, I have had the pleasure of watching thousands of young people grow in confidence, develop their talents and overcome challenges. Every year group brings something unique, and it remains a role that I feel incredibly proud to hold.



As we now look towards the summer break, I would like to thank our pupils, families and staff for their continued support throughout the year. I hope everyone enjoys a well-earned rest, and I am already looking forward to welcoming our pupils back in September and seeing what exciting opportunities, achievements and successes the next academic year will bring.

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

Maisy Smalley
Samuel Artley Tolson
Peace Aladesanmi
Caleb Carrison
Jude Doherty
Annie Elliott
Abi Jameson
Rupert Atkinson
Olly Bennett
Chloe-Rose Bishop

Year 8

Sebastian Tomlin
Evelyn Moxon
Evelyn Rumford
Amelia Barley
Oscar Jowsey
Caleb Harrison
Callum Rippingale
Stanley Parks
Theo Baldwin
Joey Watts
Tia Kingston

Year 9

Frankie Gray
Sabah Madina
Alexander Waterson
Imogen Trolle
Mia Spruce-Wan
Amber Beard
Jake Redmond
Finley Staples
Leah Gray
Rosie Fitton
Amaia Booth
Sophie Clayton

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: Effi Baldwin

Year 8: Evelyn Rumford

Year 9: Leo Strickland



UPPER SCHOOL

As Year 10 approach the end of the academic year, pupils gathered for an assembly that celebrated their achievements, reflected on their progress and looked ahead to the opportunities and challenges that await them next year.

Leading the assembly, Mr Worthington began by congratulating pupils on successfully reaching the end of Year 10. He acknowledged that it had been a long and busy year, packed with experiences, challenges and successes.

A focus of the assembly was the recent Work Experience programme, which Mr Worthington praised as a tremendous success. He shared the overwhelmingly positive feedback received from employers, many of whom had commented on the maturity, professionalism and positive attitudes demonstrated by Longcroft pupils. Pupils were thanked for representing themselves, their families and the school so well during what, for many, was their first experience of the world of work.

Mr Worthington also reflected on the considerable personal growth shown by the year group over the past twelve months. He spoke about how many pupils have become more mature, responsible and independent since September and encouraged them to take pride in the progress they have made.

Looking ahead to September, pupils were reminded that Year 11 is different. Mr Worthington emphasised that success next summer will not be determined by perfection, but by consistency. Small daily efforts, positive habits and a strong work ethic can make a significant difference over the course of the year.

Pupils were encouraged to make the most of their summer break, spending time with family and friends and creating lasting memories. However, they were also reminded of the importance of staying academically engaged. With summer work being set by the English and Mathematics departments, pupils were encouraged to keep their skills sharp so that they can return confidently in September, ready to build on the progress already made.

Joining the assembly, Mrs Scott (Science), Ms Steele (English) and Mrs Low (Mathematics) spoke about the importance of being fully prepared for September. Each stressed that the foundations for GCSE success are built through preparation, commitment and consistency, with the summer period providing an important opportunity to maintain knowledge and skills ahead of beginning Year 11.



The assembly also introduced pupils to their Year 11 tutor teams, with Mr Worthington encouraging everyone to make full use of the support available. Tutors, he explained, are there to help pupils succeed and will play an important role throughout the crucial year ahead.

The children were challenged to think carefully about the identity they want their year group to develop over the next twelve months. Mr Worthington spoke passionately about creating a culture characterised by unity, hard work and focus, explaining that if the year group can commit to these values collectively, there is every reason to believe they can achieve excellent outcomes. He reminded pupils that while staff believe in their potential, pupils must also believe in themselves and support one another.

The assembly also looked beyond Year 11 and towards future opportunities. Mr Worthington spoke positively about the exciting possibilities available after GCSEs, including the opportunity to continue studying at Longcroft Sixth Form. He shared how encouraging it had been to hear so many pupils already speaking positively about their post-16 plans and reiterated his determination to ensure that the Sixth Form provides excellent opportunities for pupils to achieve their ambitions and aspirations.

Finally, Mr Thomson spoke about the excitement surrounding the new academic year and the many opportunities it will bring. He also reinforced the importance of pastoral support, reminding pupils that staff will continue to be there to guide, challenge and support them throughout their Year 11 journey.

The assembly concluded with a simple message: enjoy the summer, stay safe, and return in September ready to hit the ground running.



♥ ST ANDREW HOUSING ♥

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SUMMER FÊTE

SATURDAY 15TH AUGUST

➤ 12.00PM – 5.00PM ➤

LOCAL CRAFT STALLS



Browse unique
handmade crafts
and gifts.

INDIAN DANCE GROUP



Enjoy vibrant
performances
throughout the day.

ENTERTAINMENT



Live entertainment
and activities for
all ages.

FOOD & REFRESHMENTS



Delicious food,
treats and drinks
for everyone.

Fun for
everyone!



Come along for a wonderful day out with
family and friends. There'll be something
for everyone to enjoy, all while supporting
our local community.

We can't wait to see you there! ♥

*Let's come together to share good times, celebrate our
community and make this a Summer Fête to remember! ♥*





SAFEGUARDING



Mr Rogers writes:

Attendance Success – A Year to Celebrate

As we reach the end of another academic year, I wanted to take a moment to celebrate an achievement that every member of our school community should be incredibly proud of.

Longcroft School has been recognised as the **highest-attending secondary school in the local authority**, is ranked **within the top 10% of similar schools nationally** by the Department for Education, and is also **among the top 10% of all schools across the country for attendance**.

These achievements are not the result of chance. They reflect the culture that exists throughout our school—a culture where attending school every day matters, where there are no excuses for poor attendance unless genuinely unavoidable, and where pupils understand the value of being in school. Every lesson attended provides opportunities to learn, develop friendships, experience enrichment activities and build the habits that lead to future success.

Attendance is one of the strongest indicators of academic achievement and personal wellbeing. It cannot be underestimated. Every day in school counts, and this recognition demonstrates the commitment shown by our pupils, the unwavering support of parents and carers, and the dedication of our staff, who work tirelessly to ensure every child is welcomed, supported and encouraged to attend.

While we are proud to celebrate this milestone, we know there is always more to achieve. At Longcroft, we never stand still. We will continue to challenge ourselves to improve, ensuring every pupil has the best possible opportunity to succeed through excellent attendance and engagement with school life.

Thank you to our pupils, families and staff for making this possible. This recognition belongs to every one of you, and it is a fitting way to end what has been another successful academic year.

Well done, Longcroft!

School's out for summer!

It's always best to be prepared

During the summer holidays, without the distraction of school, internet usage for many young people can increase all the way up to September. This guide is designed to help parents with a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games. Please click on each image below for more information.



A Parent's Guide to Social Media



A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures



A Parent's Guide to Gaming



A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming



A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers



A Parent's Guide to Fake News



A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school if you would like to attend a parents internet safety workshop or have any concerns.

Schools please [contact us](#) if you would like a SKIPS Safety Net session delivered to your parent groups or staff.

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A huge congratulations to our latest Golden Buzzer winners!

Holly Artley Tolson 8JDY

Jack Ayre 10SGE

Arnie Carr 9LWO

Max Castley 8EIN

James Charge 10EMN

Elliott Collingwood 7FCO

Isabelle Cunningham 7ARU

George D'Andilly 8JDY

Jack Denyer 9EFO

Sophia Dixon 9JNC

Ashie Elliott 12JHR

Henry Gawthorpe-Hubbard
7FCO

Poppy Gray 8JDY

Robert Grimes 9ACR

Nico Harrison 8ESH

Noah Hughes 8JDY

Leona James 9NFO

Spencer Johnson 10GTA

Amelia Ketley 10RTO

Madison Key 8ESH

Marcus Lawley 10RTO

April Luker 7DPE

Tymofii Merkulov 9ACR

Sophia Newmarch 9ACR

Amelia Russell 8JPO

Ryan Took 9LWO



Beverley Secondaries Transition Drop-in

The Maples
1.30-3.00pm

Starting Year 7 soon?

Come hang out with us — for
a quick chat, meet new faces,
feel ready.

Thursday 23rd July 2026
Monday 3rd August 2026
Tuesday 18th August 2026
Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Register your interest or
come say hi!



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Awards Evening Celebrates

Sporting Achievements!

It was a privilege to once again host the prestigious School Sport Partnership Annual Awards Ceremony at Longcroft.

The incredible Team GB gymnast Joe Fishburn, who also won TV's Gladiators, inspired with his message of positivity, resilience and the power of overcoming adversity. Joe lost his mum at the age of two and grew up without a father figure, but his incredible Grandma Christine became his kinship carer. With her love and support, he learned to turn adversity into strength and went on to win European medals with Team GB.

This has been another exceptional year of sport at Longcroft, and the wonderful young people who were recognised and rewarded included our own Oscar, who won second place in the 'Outstanding Individual Performance in Physical Education' category, Frankie, Lottie, Anna, Amy, Millie, Holly, and Isla who as captain represented our cup winning Under 13 girls' football team!

Mrs Henderson combines her role as a PE teacher at Longcroft with that of School Sports Coordinator. She said, "It was a wonderful evening - a celebration of all aspects of school sport, the work that takes place across the partnership and of course the fantastic young people who demonstrate their love of sport as performers and leaders."





Athletes Excel in

County Championships

On Monday a team of athletes represented Longcroft in the East Riding Schools' Athletics Championships at Hull's Costello Stadium.

Miss Judge said, "It was a great day! All our athletes performed superbly and I was proud of them all!"

Champions were Bertie, Fin, Leah, Lottie, Megan, Peace and Rosie. Other outstanding performances included sprinters Frankie, Ryan and Marcus, distance runners Ella, Sebastian, Molly and Stanley, and Marcus, Annabel and Ollie in field events.

Congratulations to Team Longcroft on an excellent Championships!





IN FOCUS HISTORY

This week we feature Year 7 pupils' work in History.

Mr Charlesworth explained, "As the summer term ends, KS3 historians tour their classrooms viewing and peer-assessing projects which have been developed throughout their current course.

We have had another great range of methods of presentation - leaflets, posters, drawings and paintings, models and movies, plus topics actively taught from the front of the room via their own PowerPoint resources, pupils therefore embedding contextual knowledge from our course and often adding further information not touched upon in previous lessons.

These photos are examples from just one of our Year 7 classes, created with reference to events across the last thousand years and with focus on their 'Protest and Revolt' theme covered in the summer term.

The focal point for Lewis and Effy was the 'Suffragettes' topic from the Modern Period. Lewis' model evokes the shocking film footage we saw in class of the moment Emily Wilding-Davison was struck by the King's horse after she entered the racetrack at the 1913 Derby, whilst Effy recreated a pinboard to demonstrate how the police applied surveillance tactics to thwart Suffragette protest activities while they campaigned for the right for women to vote. Meanwhile, Ben took up a topic not covered in our lessons on the protests against the reign of William the Conqueror, using Lego plus detailed notes for context to tell the story of Hereward the Wake.

In addition to complimenting all the pupils who produced resources for these Project Sessions, big thanks go to those adults at home who have again supported the children in their work and have engaged with the enrichment opportunity which seems to further strengthen the bonds between home and school."

Congratulations to 7JHL on their excellent work!





Fresh Start Phonics

The progress and hard work of a group of Lower School pupils who have been following the Fresh Start Phonics programme was celebrated at a presentation evening last week. Mr Dixon gave a short presentation on the programme before pupils were acknowledged by their tutors Miss Clarke, Ms Carvill and Mr Dixon for their progress. Pupils were awarded a book by Mr Perry to encourage them to carry on reading over the summer holidays.

Congratulations to everyone involved!



Inspirational Staff Recognised!

This week we celebrate Mrs Fleming and Mrs Walker who have received an award for their dedication to the Lexia literacy programme. The organisation identified how they have significantly inspired the pupils on the programme, which in turn has led to measurable progress in their reading and literacy skills.



Memory Lane

This week we return to 2006 and feature two Year 13 tutor groups. Dr Richards is pictured with 13.1 while our second picture is of 13.6 with Miss Green.





Pupils enjoy creating with nature

Last Friday the Environment Group enjoyed their final session of the term with activities designed to celebrate the wonders of nature.

Pupils began by creating a soundscape, listening to the nature sounds around them, the rustle of leaves, the whistle of birds, the wind passing above their heads, and recording what they heard with pencil markings on paper. They enjoyed the exercise as it made them appreciate the sweet sound of nature, and was calming.

Ms Carvill then demonstrated how to make nature prints from flowers and foliage they'd collected, using absorbent paper and stones to release the natural hues and dyes. There were some lovely results and Reggie particularly delighted in the image he'd produced.



■ *"It's like magic, Miss."*

After a few experiments, pupils made their prints into cards. Jimmy was pleased with his creation and decided to give it to his aunt.

■ *"I'm really proud of my card."*

A huge thank you to Mrs Fisher for her support with the workshop. It was a lovely afternoon.





The Friends' Corner



Congratulations to Evie Pardoe (Year 8) for winning the Sports Day raffle. The prize was a snack hamper with a £10 voucher for the Parkway cinema. All money raised from the raffle will be donated towards Operation Wallacea.

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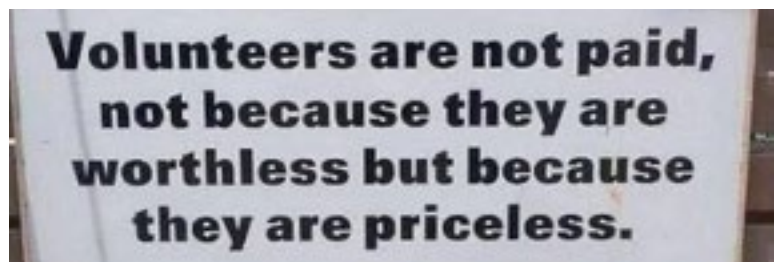
The FOLS extend a very big thank you to the parents who bought a sweets package at Sports Day. All the profits will be reinvested into the school so all the pupils will benefit.

The FOLS recently financed the purchase of sports equipment to be used during break times. We've bought footballs, table tennis balls and hard-wearing table tennis bats.

Now it's the time to reflect on the school year, and it's been a very successful one for the FOLS. We've run a lot of successful events, such as selling refreshments at school productions and holding a bucket collection at Tesco. We've refurbished the Reading Room, bought a set of kit for the rugby team, bought sports equipment and secured funding so every new Year 7 pupil will get their own reading book, through BookBuzz.

Please remember the FOLS when you do any on line shopping over summer and use the Easy Fundraising App as we'll get a donation and it costs you nothing.

And as the school year comes to an end, it's a big thank you to all the volunteers involved in the FOLS, who give up their time to help hold the events that raise the money. If you fancy joining us, please email the FOLS at fols@longcroft.eriding.net





LIBRARY NEWS



Ms Carvill writes:

Longcroft's Sixth Anthology Launched!

An Offering of Suns, Longcroft's sixth First Story anthology, received a unanimous vote of confidence when it was launched last Wednesday evening in style. And confidence was very much in the air as an audience of family, friends, staff, and local councillors listened to pupils recite their work with aplomb.



The proceedings got underway to the sweet sounds of pianist Ethan, who created the perfect ambience as pupils were proudly pictured with their copies of the anthology, delighted in the realisation that they had become professionally published writers with their book in the British Library.



It was touching listening to so many of them read out their poems and short stories as they were introduced by our wonderful writer in residence Maureen Lennon. Over the last year Maureen has developed a great rapport with our cohort, which covered Years 7 to 12, and she's really enjoyed working with them:

"I have been so impressed by the individuality and passions of this group. Sometimes it can be hard to get young people to open up and share the things they love – to expose the things they hold really close to their heart. Not so this year. Right from the start we were bold and generous with what we had to offer, and with ourselves, saying, this is who I am."

For our pupils and students, the feeling was mutual. As Alisa commented:

"Maureen is really good at inspiring you to do your best."

Judging by the happy faces in the audience our writing stars have certainly done that. They've gained confidence, made friendships across year groups, and learnt lots of new skills, like free writing and how to experiment and play with language to create powerful work. Harriet feels she's benefited immensely:

"First Story really promotes writing, and it's great to be a published author so young and to have your writing in the British Library."

First Story, England's largest children's writing charity, was founded in 2008 to provide young people in state education with extra-curricular support to develop their confidence, creativity and writing ability. Its patron is Her Majesty, the Queen, and its ambassadors include Tracy Chevalier and Patrice Lawrence, the latter was announced as the new children's laureate a few days ago. The charity firmly believes that every child has their own story to tell and a right to be heard.

These are beliefs that Longcroft staff wholeheartedly share and are alive in An Offering of Suns. There is so much joy, and a real breadth of ideas as you'll read in the anthology foreword:

"The poetry and prose in this anthology are wonderful, ranging from the confessional to the celebratory; bursting with fantastical ideas that play with the imagination and make you smile, as well as moving moments and memories that mark its pages with meaning."





There are many bonuses that come with working with First Story. This year not only have we had the pleasure of having a writer-in-residence in our school, seen our young writers published, but we've also seen them recognised in national competitions, on film interviewing a celebrated author, winning a place on the Arvon summer writing residential, and attending the Young Writers Festival at the University of Cambridge. These achievements greatly boost the aspirations of our pupils and students and are a real credit to the school. Fay is delighted by all of it:

"It's great that some of our pupils' writing has been highly commended in national competitions and that First Story provide so many opportunities. For me, it has been a wonderful experience. I feel so much more confident."

This feeling is certainly shared by Nancy:

"Attending First Story after school was really good. I enjoyed sharing what I'd written in the workshops. Standing up in front of everyone at the launch party made me nervous, but after I'd done it I felt a real sense of accomplishment. Doing First Story has inspired me not only to write but to read more."

Celebrating the publication of **An Offering of Suns** with our young writers and all those who attended the party was a huge pleasure. Thank you to everyone who came. It was lovely to welcome representatives from Beverley Town Council, especially Mayor Cheryl Giles, who said how much she'd enjoyed the evening, and councillors from Molescroft Parish Council. The interest and generosity both councils have shown in Longcroft's First Story programme is greatly appreciated. We couldn't have done it without you.

Thank you also to our gifted book cover designer Hayden, our amazing pianist Ethan and his grandmother. We all loved the duet, and for the support of FOLS with funding, and our encouraging SLT. Especial thanks also to our Food Technology teacher Ms George, Mrs Flockton, Miss Harsley, and pupils for creating such a lavish buffet of delights for our guests.

Finally, a massive thank you to all our young writers. We are incredibly proud of you all. You can now call yourself professionally published authors! How special is that?

Copies of **An Offering of Suns** can be loaned from the school library and local public libraries, or purchased on ParentPay.





Sports Day

Our Longcroft Sports Day gave pupils an opportunity to demonstrate their ability across a range of activities. The overall winners were the Yellow Team, and records were set in athletics events by Year 10 pupil Marcus, who won both the 100m and 800m, Year 9 pupils Oscar and Megan in the 800m and Year 7 pupil Peace in the girls' 100m. The day, as has become tradition, finished with a hard-fought and ultra-competitive staff relay!







Reward Trips!

A year we can all be proud of culminated with a reward trips to Flamingo Land and Meadowhall—wonderful days!





Term Dates 2026/27

Autumn Term

Wednesday 9th September First day of term for Year 7

Thursday 10th September First day of term for Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13

Monday 26th – Friday 30th October Half-term Holiday

Friday 18th December Final day of term for all pupils and Sixth Form students

Monday 21st Dec – Monday 4th Jan Christmas Holiday

Spring Term

Tuesday 5th January First day of term for all pupils and Sixth Form students

Monday 8th – Friday 12th February Half-term Holiday

Friday 19th March Final day of term for all pupils and Sixth Form students

Monday 22nd March – Friday 2nd April Easter Holiday

Summer Term

Monday 5th April First day of term for all pupils and Sixth Form students

Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June Half-term Holiday

Friday 23rd July Final day of term for all pupils and Sixth Form students



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.



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