

LONGLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We have been back at school for 3 weeks and the Christmas break is now a distant memory! Pupils have been working hard, and below is a snapshot of exciting learning from around the school.

RE workshops

Years 4 and 5 have enjoyed workshops related to their topics in RE lessons. In a whole school assembly Sakhya showed the school the Buddha face and the Sikh turban.



Year 4 Violins

Year 4 have been enjoying learning to play the violin.



Year 5 Computing

Year 5 have been working hard in computing lessons using Scratch to programme their own games.



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Stars of the Week

Each week, teachers nominate two Stars of the Week. These are pupils whose work and/or behaviour has been outstanding. Well done to December's stars, who are:

- w/c 12.01.24 – Bintu, Samuel, Rosalie, Zevon, Joshua, Louie, Caira, Wiktor, Kim, Arman, Adam, George
- w/c 19.01.24 – Noah, Lillie, Jordan, Ayla, Mason, Matthew, Hezrin, Olivia, Alex, Sophie, Theo, Tuana
- w/c 26.01.24 – Elara, Omer, Darla, Maddox, Aurora, Aadhi, Myley, Ruya, Jakub, Esther, Teddy, Amelia

Driving down Nunsbury Drive

School council will be working to encourage all pupils to walk to school and raise awareness of parking issues, as they are striving to make the journey to and from school safer for all.

We regularly receive complaints about inconsiderate and dangerous driving around our school. Parents are continuing to drive down Nunsbury Drive at drop off and pick up times. This congestion continues to jeopardise the safety of pupils and inconvenience local residents. As you are well aware, there is very little space to safely park down Nunsbury Drive. The School Keep Clear yellow zigzag lines are in place outside the school to keep the entrance clear; it is unacceptable to use this area as a drop off zone or an area to park. Daily, drivers are blocking residents' drives and mounting vehicles onto the pavement, restricting the space for pedestrians to safely walk. In some cases parents have been using resident's drives to turn around on; this is extremely inconsiderate behaviour. It is only a matter of time before someone gets hurt. I continue to encourage parents to act considerately and park at The Bulls Head Pub and walk the short distance up to school. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.



No Nuts

We have several children in school with severe nut allergies. With this in mind, please do not send any food items into school that contain nuts or traces of nuts, e.g. cereal bars, sandwiches with nut spreads or Nutella, nut milks, etc. Thank you.



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Attendance

Attendance matters! It is important that your child gets to school on time and aims for 100% attendance!

Our current whole school attendance is 95.6% - this has increased slightly. We are continuing to aim to further increase this to meet the whole school target attendance of 96%. This is our minimum attendance target for every pupil. Years 1 and 3 met the target of 96% attendance for January, well done! As you can see the other year groups are very near to the 96% target. **Current class attendance for January is below** – the classes in green have improved attendance in comparison to December data.

Well done to Year 1, who have the highest attendance at 98.1%.

Year 1- 98.1%
Year 2- 95.5%
Year 3- 97%
Year 4- 95.3%
Year 5- 95.9%
Year 6- 95.6%

Saracens Showdown

Saracens Foundation are offering the opportunity for your school to perform pre-game and half-time at the 60,000 capacity Tottenham Hotspur Stadium, which is one of the newest and most exciting venues in Europe; it promises to be an amazing occasion for everyone!

The deadline for KS2 pupils to sign up to this event is **Friday 2nd February**. You can secure a place with a £20 payment, booking via Arbor. Full details of the event were sent out on a separate letter.

Wellbeing Week

Wellbeing week is the **w/c 5th February**. Fostering an understanding of wellbeing is a key part of daily school life. During this week we have some special activities organised all designed to promote the theme of 'My Voice Matters.' On Monday there are cooking workshops for EYFS and KS1, and on Tuesday all pupils have a workshop from Mind, and they can also wear non-uniform on this day to express themselves. On Thursday and Friday there are Forest School and Music activities organised. For the Forest School activities, pupils need a warm coat and a spare pair of shoes to change into so that they do not mind getting muddy. Please see our website for more information on the week's activities.



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Chexs Spring Crafts

Chexs are hosting a **free spring crafts after school session** at Longlands for children and their families. This is will be taking place on Monday 4th March from 3:30-4:45pm. Book your place by following the link below:
www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/longlands-spring-crafts-2024-tickets-799573815807?aff=erelexpmlt

World Book Day

This year it is on Thursday 7th March and the children are welcome to come in dressed in book themed dress up outfits! We are happy for props and masks to be worn/used, but these will be left inside at break and lunchtimes.

Diary Dates

Just a reminder to check the school website for a roundup of everything that is happening in school:
<http://longlands.herts.sch.uk/news-dates/diary-dates/>

Kind regards,

Ashleigh Calver

Headteacher

