

LONGLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back and a warm welcome to all our new Longlands families. It's lovely to see all of our children back in school looking smart in their uniforms, ready for another busy, fun packed school year at Longlands! Please see a snap shot of September learning below.

EYFS

Our youngest pupils have been exploring the environment and building friendships



Year 3

In Science, Year 3 have been investigating the effect that gravity has on objects.



Paired Reading

On Wednesday mornings classes pair up to share their reading books and a love of reading. The older pupils do a great job modelling fluent reading and encouraging the younger readers.



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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 September's stars, who are:

- w/c 4.09.23 – Harley, George, Sadie, Bianka, Illias, Amelia, Nazra, Logan, Joel, Sienna K, Ennis, Katina
- w/c 11.09.23 – Nicholas, Illouise, Shivaay, Elif, Jack, Darcie, Daniella, Revon, Sophia, Alex, Chase, Beatrice
- w/c 18.09.23 – Milly, Luke, Eliora, Zeynep, Serzan, Ruby M, Emily D, Roela, Fatma, William, Paige, James

School Council

Our elected School Council representatives for this year are: James, Katina, Sophia, Erdem, Dolly-Grace, Oskar, Anashe, Oliver. School Council gives all pupils a voice, it is a forum to discuss important school wider issues and organise events. They have already been busy considering how they can give back to the local community and have organised a food bank collection for the week before half term, w/c 16.10.23.

House Captains

Year 6 have elected House Captains; within this role the children will collect the team points each week and lead their teams for school based events.

Foxes- Miles, Theo

Badgers- Beatrice, Daniella

Kingfishers – Danette, Kayley

Otters – Alex, Sevim

Attendance

At Longlands we place great importance on good attendance and punctuality. We know that a child's attendance has a direct impact on their learning. Those children who are regularly absent from school and regularly late do not achieve their potential and do fall behind in class. Please support the school in this by ensuring that your child attends school regularly and arrives ready to learn and on time.

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

Types of Absence

Every half-day absence from school by law, has to be classified as either **authorised** or **unauthorised**. This is why information about the cause of absence is always asked for.

Authorised Absences

These are mornings or afternoons away from school for a valid reason such as illness, emergency medical or dental appointments (routine appointments should always be made out of school hours) and emergencies.



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Unauthorised Absences

An absence is classified as Unauthorised if the reason was not recognised as acceptable. The Department for Education (DfE) and Local Education Authorities provide information for schools as to what is acceptable and what is not. Examples of reasons that would **not** be accepted:

- A birthday
- A shopping trip
- Day trips
- Holidays – unless have been agreed as exceptional circumstances

Please note parents may receive a penalty notice if their child is absent from school without permission.

Promoting Attendance and Support

As Headteacher, I am keen to work with both children and families to improve attendance and punctuality. I believe that working together with parents is the best way to result in positive attendance outcomes for our children. This term, I will be holding monthly attendance meetings with parents to ensure that the right support is in place to enable the best possible attendance for all of our families.

School Uniform

Our children are proud to attend Longlands and we encourage them to wear their school uniform with pride. We also encourage them to be independent and organised by ensuring they have the correct equipment with them at school. A reminder that no jewellery may be worn to school, other than a watch or stud earrings.

The expectation is that on PE days, all children will wear a yellow PE top with plain black bottoms. This is as part of our school uniform. There is to be no branded sports bottoms or branded tops worn on PE days. Parents can purchase a Longlands PE zipped hoodie, which is a new addition to our uniform, for PE days, or children can wear their usual jumper/cardigan or a black unbranded hoodie/jumper.

School uniform can be ordered from <https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/longlandsen106ag>
We still have a small amount of uniform in stock in school; if the size required is not on the Mapac website please purchase this size via the Arbor app, under the School Shop.

If you as a family are struggling financially to provide everything needed to equip your child for school, please do not hesitate to contact the school office and who will do their best to signpost you to help.

A Polite Reminder about Parking

Thank you to the vast majority of parents and children who walk to school or park in the Bulls Head Pub and walk the short distance. A small handful of parents continue 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. There is very little space to safely park leading to drivers blocking residents' drives. I continue to encourage



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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.

Communication

Our School Newsletter contains lots of information on the learning we have been enjoying, along with key messages from the school and wider community. We are currently producing the newsletter electronically on a monthly basis. We recommend that you take some time every month to read the newsletter so that you know what is happening at school.

We also endeavour to keep our website up to date with current information. Please use the website in the first instance, if you need any information about what is happening in school:

<http://longlands.herts.sch.uk/news-dates/diary-dates/>

Kind regards,

Ashleigh Calver

Headteacher

