

Welcome back to Longlands!



It's been so lovely to see everyone again!

We've really enjoyed hearing all about the children's summer adventures and it's been heartwarming to see their smiling faces back in class.

They've settled in brilliantly, and it already feels like we've never been away (in a good way!).

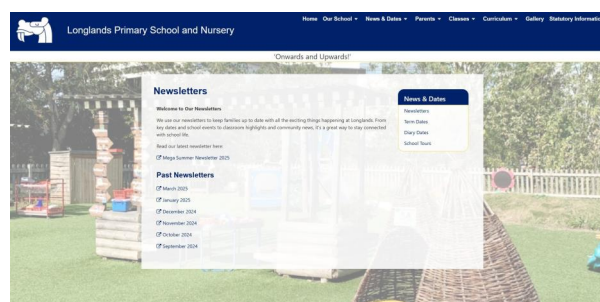
A special welcome to our new families! We're thrilled to have you join our Longlands community and can't wait to get to know you.

What's new?

We've been busy over the summer getting everything ready for a brilliant start to the new school year!

Our classrooms have had a refresh, with some lovely new displays and learning areas to inspire curiosity and creativity.

The outdoor spaces have also had a bit of a makeover and behind the scenes, staff have been working hard planning exciting lessons, trips, and activities for the term ahead.



Our **new website** went live this week and it's designed with parents in mind. Here, you'll find all the key information you need, from diary dates to uniform guidance and everything in between.

Take a look: <https://longlands.herts.sch.uk/>



Our school **kitchen** has had a significant upgrade and our kitchen team, Trish, Mel and Sarah, were excited to welcome the children back with delicious lunch choices this week! There were many excited conversations happening about the children's summer breaks at the hatch!





Our **new cabin** was delivered to school on Tuesday this week ready for the start of the term. The stairs are taking shape and will be finished by the end of the week and the inside is ready to become an exciting additional learning space for the children.





Our **new scooter and bike racks** have been installed on the grassy area just inside the pedestrian gate.

Thank you so much to our PTA team who have kindly purchased these for the children and thank you all for your continued support with fundraising events.

Welcoming our new team members

We feel incredibly lucky to have such a dedicated and loyal team here at Longlands and we're pleased to say that no staff members left at the end of last year. It's lovely to see so

many familiar faces around school, continuing to provide the consistency and care our children thrive on.

We're also excited to welcome two new members to our team! **Mrs Ciftci** has joined us to teach in Year 6 from Monday to Wednesday, working alongside Mrs Strange who continues to teach Wednesday to Friday. In Year 3, **Miss Archer** has joined as our new teaching assistant.

We're also delighted to share that **Ms Hunt** (formerly Mrs Brown) has been appointed as our new Deputy Headteacher. She'll now be working out of class to provide leadership across the school, building on her fantastic work as Assistant Head.

We're really looking forward to an exciting term ahead.

Keep an eye out for future newsletters where we'll be sharing updates, celebrating achievements, and highlighting all the wonderful things happening across the school.

With very best wishes,

Mrs Adams

Headteacher