

Dear Families,

**Important – Please have a school dinner, including school sandwiches, on Thursday October 5th**

October 5<sup>th</sup> is census day for schools which is when the school funding is decided for the whole school year. This is an extremely important day for schools to ensure that we receive the maximum funding that we can. Some of this is based on the number of **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** children who have a **school dinner on this day**. If your child often brings sandwiches, please consider having a school lunch as this will help us continue to support the children's learning in the many ways that we already do. All children in Reception, Year One and Year Two are entitled to a free 2-course hot school dinner every day. We will be having a special lunch on October 5th. Every child who has a school lunch will receive a raffle ticket and will be entered into a draw to win a prize. Some children are entitled to Free School Meals and the school receives 'Pupil Premium' funding based on the number of children registered for this entitlement. Details of the **special menu** and who can claim Pupil Premium will follow.

**Early Help Strategy consultation**

Early help services are making changes and improvements to develop and implement an Early help strategy. They need to speak with parents/carers and young people/children to make sure that families are involved in the way the new strategy is shaped. They have asked that as many parents/carers as possible complete the online form. <https://forms.office.com/e/sp9e9JCykh>

**The Orchard, The Meadow and The Hive**

Following the recent Nursery move into the main building, we have developed the space in the demountable classrooms and this is now an additional work space where children will receive additional provision. These rooms are called The Orchard and The Meadow and provide space for interventions such as speech and language, reading and maths as well as Social, Emotional and Mental Health support such as Commando Joes, ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support) and support work with outside agencies.

We have also created several sensory rooms around the school to support children who may have sensory regulation needs. We use the Zones of Regulation behaviour programme across the school to help children to understand that all of their emotions are normal and healthy and also to help them to self-regulate/manage these emotions when they start to have big feelings. Many children need support to do this so we have created spaces in each classroom as well as two rooms called The Hive. We have a Hive room in the main building and one next to The Orchard. These are rooms where children can safely manage their emotions so they are better prepared for learning and interacting with others.

They will always be supervised by an adult – sometimes this is in the room with the child, if this is what they need and want. Sometimes the adult will stand outside the room and give the child space until they are ready to talk.

*Lisa Millington*  
**Headteacher**



## This week at Longlands



### Happy birthday to:

Lexi  
Ivy

Oak  
Maple

Maisie  
Hunter

Beech  
Acorns

Lucas  
Rhys

Fir  
Fir

Mia  
Leo

Oak  
Rowan

## UPCOMING EVENTS

| October                                   |  |
|---|--|
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>                           | Taylor Shaw (lunch supplier) Food Focus Sessions                                     |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>                           | Year 5 and 6 swimming  |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>                           | 12:30 – 3:30 - Farm Open Day and new Reception Intake (2024) Open Day                |
| 10 <sup>th</sup>                          | Year 5 and 6 swimming  |
| 11 <sup>th</sup>                          | New Reception Intake (2024) Open Day 10:45 – 11:00am <a href="#">Book here</a>       |
| 11 <sup>th</sup>                          | Weekly Stay and Play (baby and toddler group)  |
| 11 <sup>th</sup>                          | Stoke City Assembly  |
| 12 <sup>th</sup>                          | New Reception Intake (2024) Open Day 10:45 – 11:00am <a href="#">Book here</a>       |
| 13 <sup>th</sup>                          | New Reception Intake (2024) Open Day 1:30 – 2:15pm <a href="#">Book here</a>         |
| 17 <sup>th</sup>                          | New Reception Intake (2024) Open Day 10:45 – 11:00am <a href="#">Book here</a>       |
| 17 <sup>th</sup>                          | Year 5 and 6 swimming  |
| 18 <sup>th</sup>                          | Weekly Stay and Play (baby and toddler group)  |
| 18 <sup>th</sup>                          | Harvest Festival 1:30pm for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and 2:15pm for Years 3 – 6. |
| 19 <sup>th</sup>                          | Primary PE Varsity (The team will receive letters).                                  |
| 20 <sup>th</sup>                          | Tennis Event – (The team will receive letters).                                      |
| 20 <sup>th</sup>                          | Break up for half term   |
| w/b 23 <sup>rd</sup> and 30 <sup>th</sup> | Autumn half term   |



## STAR OF THE WEEK

|          |            |
|----------|------------|
| Acorns   | Eddie      |
| Saplings | Alfie      |
| Fir      | Alice      |
| Willow   | Lillie     |
| Maple    | Kian       |
| Rowan    | Connie-Lee |
| Elm      | Andrius    |
| Beech    | Isla       |
| Oak      | Ali        |

