

Dear Families,

**Welcome back** to all of our families and welcome to our new families. It has been a delight to see all of the children in school. I am so impressed by how quickly the children have become confident in coming into school each day and enjoying learning both inside and outside the classrooms.

Thank you for managing the **slight change to our morning timings**. It has been great to see nearly everyone in school on time and so many children enjoying our free Bright Start club, in the hall each morning from 8:30.

Over the holiday, we have had new carpets in the rest of our classrooms, helping them to look much smarter. We have also has the small animal

You will receive the **Curriculum Letters** for this term via email today. These will share all of the learning that the children will be enjoying throughout the Autumn term and will also give you key information about PE day, trips and days when the children will be learning in the woodland area or in the garden. They will also explain what the children need to wear on these days so please have a read through them, when you receive them.

Please remember to support your children by **reading each day** and by helping them to learn their **spellings**. They will also receive a **homework menu** with activities for the half term. Research has shown that regular reading and reading for pleasure helps children's personal development as well as their education. It also shows that the more children read, the more they enjoy reading and children who enjoy reading do better at school. Reading enjoyment has been reported as more important for children's educational success than their family's socio-economic status (OECD, 2002).

**Snacks** - Children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2 are provided with daily fruit/veg snacks by the government. Children in Y3-6 are welcome to bring snacks for breaktime and these should be healthy snacks. Crisps, chocolate and sweets, etc are not allowed. A slice of toast is available to buy each breaktime for 20p.

### Before and After school clubs for years Reception to Year 6

Bright Start in the hall (Active Morning Club): 8:30am, free and no need to book.

Breakfast club (available every school day): 8:00am until 8:40am – £1.50 (this includes breakfast, if required) – no need to book – Children need to arrive by 8:15 to have food.

Kids Quest Wrap Around Care (available everyday Mon-Fri):

3:15pm until 4:30pm – £4.50

3:15pm until 6:00pm - £6.50

**This must be booked by 2pm on Sunday via the booking form emailed out to all parents. Late bookings will only be taken in a genuine emergency.**

**Good attendance** and punctuality are extremely important to each child's education success.

If your child is going to be absent from school, please contact school on **01630 652312** by 9:15am on the first day of absence explaining why they are absent and when they are

Lisa Millington  
Headteacher



## This week at Longlands



### Happy birthday to:

Ava Beech Sophie Oak Ava-Mae Saplings Tegan Beech  
Layla Elm Rosie Elm Connie-Lee Elm

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Please remember registration will now be earlier for Reception to Year 6. Classroom doors will open at 8:40am and close at 8:45am. Please ensure your child is in their classroom by 8:45am. Arrivals after 8:45am will need to report to the school office and will be marked late where we will check the reason for lateness which we are expected to record.

### September 2024

11 <sup>th</sup>	Weekly Stay and Play 9.30-11 (baby and toddler group)
11 <sup>th</sup>	No Kids Quest due to whole staff training
16 <sup>th</sup>	Arthog Year 6 residential (pupils return on 20 <sup>th</sup> )
18 <sup>th</sup>	Primary Cricket Varsity (The team will receive letters)
18 <sup>th</sup>	Weekly Stay and Play 9.30-11 (baby and toddler group)
19 <sup>th</sup>	One Voice Conference (selected pupils will be invited)
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Primary Bowling Competition (The team will receive letters)
24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 and 6 swimming begins
25 <sup>th</sup>	Weekly Stay and Play 9.30-11 (baby and toddler group)
25 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Bikeability
26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Bikeability

## STAR OF THE WEEK



Acorns	Amari
Saplings	Saoirse
Fir	Whole class! They have settled in so well 😊
Willow	Rhys
Maple	Anotida
Rowan	Theo B-P
Elm	Leo Y-C
Beech	Tilly
Oak	Harper