

Dear Families,

We have had a **lovely week** even though you can definitely feel the chill in the air and we have had quite a lot of rain. Please ensure that **your child is bringing a coat to school each day** so that they can enjoy their break times outside, as much as possible.

We would like to congratulate Mrs Roberts and her family on the wonderful news that she is expecting a baby. Cover has been arranged for Mrs Roberts' maternity leave with a teacher who is familiar with the school. The cover teacher will have time to get to know the children before Mrs Roberts' leave starts.

Thank you to all of the parents who completed the **Parent Voice** in the Summer term. It has been so **lovely to read such positive comments** about the school and about the changes and improvements that have been made. The feedback for what we should focus on next has been really useful as well and we have a plan to work on this during this year.

If you need to contact school, please be aware that our **office hours are 8 – 3:30**. However, as most of you will know, we still have a long term absence in the office meaning that the phone lines and office are not manned at all times so, wherever possible, please pass any messages to the class teacher when the children are dropped off. You can also contact the office during the morning, when there is always a member of staff.

When you phone school, you have 3 options to choose from:

Option 1 is for Student absence,

Option 2 is for Main Reception,

Option 3 is for Staff Absence. On a few occasions recently, parents have selected option 3. This option does not go to the school office but to a member of our senior leadership team who organises cover for absent staff so please only press option 1 or 2.

I am delighted to share that **Mr Thomas is now our outdoor learning lead** and will be working with all classes across each week either in the school farm and/or wooded area. We identified this as a priority last year and parents also asked for this during the Parent Voice. We have also been able to buy some new resources for the wooded area including a new fire pit, a bird hide, a changing shelter and a raised pond, which will be gated so no children will be able to access without supervision. We really value children being able to learn outside the classroom and these new resources will help to keep our wooded area fresh and exciting.



Lisa Millington
Headteacher

This week at Longlands



Happy birthday to:

Harlow-Rae Saplings Jesse Fir Matilda Willow Hudson Fir

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 2024	
16 th	Arthog Year 6 residential (pupils return on 20 th)
18 th	Primary Cricket Varsity (The team will receive letters)
18 th	Weekly Stay and Play 9.30-11 (baby and toddler group)
19 th	One Voice Conference (selected pupils will be invited)
23 rd	Primary Bowling Competition (The team will receive letters)
24 th	Year 5 and 6 swimming begins
25 th	Weekly Stay and Play 9.30-11 (baby and toddler group)
25 th	Year 6 Bikeability
26 th	Year 6 Bikeability
27 th	9am -10am Macmillan coffee morning- all welcome
28 th	Ginger and Spice Festival – choir performing (chosen pupils will receive letters)
Don't forget to apply for new Reception intake and Secondary places for 2025/26	
October	
1 st	Year 5 and 6 swimming
2 nd	Weekly Stay and Play 9.30-11 (baby and toddler group)
4 th	Key Stage 2 Tag Rugby Competition (The team will receive letters)
7 th	New Reception Intake (2025) open evening 5.30-6.30pm
8 th	Year 5 and 6 swimming
8 th	New Reception Intake (2025) Open Day 10:45 – 11:30am
9 th	Weekly Stay and Play 9.30-11 (baby and toddler group)
10 th	New Reception Intake (2025) Open Day 10:45 – 11:30am

STAR OF THE WEEK



Acorns	Paisley
Saplings	Cecilia
Fir	Jesse
Willow	Leo G
Maple	Lillie
Rowan	Amiee
Elm	Arthur
Beech	Theo
Oak	Evie