



Dear Families,

On Wednesday last week, Mrs Collins and I were delighted to attend the **Market Drayton In Bloom presentation evening** where Longlands came third place in the Best Environmentally Friendly Garden category and we won first place for the Best School! Two of our previous Year 6 pupils, who were keen helpers in our Garden, joined us for the presentation. This is a wonderful achievement and a reward for the hard work and dedication of our staff and pupils, particularly Mr Thomas who has overseen the garden over the last year.

Our Year 6 pupils are returning home after a great week at **Arthog**, this week. It is such a great opportunity for all of our children and I am sure that they will have made memories that will last a lifetime.

As you may have seen on the term dates, we have organised our **Open Days for new Reception starters in September 2025**. If you have a child due to start school in September, or have any friends or family who are looking for a school place, Please share our Open days and evening where they can visit and find out more about our lovely school. Please phone the school office to book a place - 01630 652312.

7 <sup>th</sup>	New Reception Intake (2025) open evening 5.30-6.30pm
8 <sup>th</sup>	New Reception Intake (2025) Open Day 10:45 – 11:30am
10 <sup>th</sup>	New Reception Intake (2025) Open Day 10:45 – 11:30am
15 <sup>th</sup>	New Reception Intake (2025) Open Day 1:30 – 2:15pm

Please see the attached flyer for the **Lunch and learn workshop with the 4 All foundation**. This is a great opportunity to become more confident with digital learning, whilst having a free lunch and you will also receive a free laptop case.

Unfortunately, we have had to make the difficult decision to **cancel our planned Farm Day** on the 12<sup>th</sup> October. We hope to rearrange later in the year.

We have received some advice about appropriate ages for children to walk home from the NSPCC. As a school, pupils can walk home from Year 3, if parents believe that their child is ready. After October half term, we ask that all children are collected from clubs due to the darker nights.

Generally, children under 8 shouldn't walk home without an adult or older sibling. If your child is ready, ensure they:

- Know their address and your phone number.
- Have a fully charged mobile phone with saved contact numbers.
- Understand road safety and avoid using their phone while crossing streets.
- Never accept lifts from strangers or let them into the house.
- Know to call you or a trusted adult if they feel unsafe.
- Call the police (999) if in immediate danger.

*Lisa Millington*  
**Headteacher**



For more safety tips, visit the [NSPCC website](https://www.nspcc.org.uk).

## This week at Longlands



## Happy birthday to:

Ewan Acorns

JJ Maple

Mia Oak

Nancy Oak

## UPCOMING EVENTS

September 2024	
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
27 <sup>th</sup>	9am -10am Macmillan coffee morning- all welcome
28 <sup>th</sup>	Ginger and Spice Festival – choir performing (chosen pupils will receive letters)
<b>Don't forget to apply for new Reception intake and Secondary places for 2025/26</b>	
October	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 5 and 6 swimming
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Weekly Stay and Play 9.30-11 (baby and toddler group)
4 <sup>th</sup>	Key Stage 2 Tag Rugby Competition (The team will receive letters)
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11 <sup>th</sup>	Weekly Stay and Play 9.30-11 (baby and toddler group)
12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>12:30 – 3 - Farm Open Day</b>
15 <sup>th</sup>	New Reception Intake (2025) Open Day 1:30 – 2:15pm
15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 and 6 swimming

## STAR OF THE WEEK



Acorns	Eryn
Saplings	Archie C
Fir	Elizabeth M
Willow	Everleigh
Maple	Jacob
Rowan	Logan
Elm	Sophia
Beech	Arrietty

