



Dear Families,

**Important – Please have a school dinner, including school sandwiches, on Thursday October 3<sup>rd</sup> (Next Thursday).**

October 3<sup>rd</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 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.

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. School can receive extra funding for this, even if the children are in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2.

We will be having a **special lunch on October 3<sup>rd</sup>** and details of the special menu are attached. Every child who has a school lunch will be entered into a draw with a chance to win a prize. Please help us to get as much funding for school as possible.

Our **Harvest Festival** will take place on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at Market Drayton Methodist Church. Families are welcome to attend. The timings are:

Year 1, 2 and 3 – 9:45-10:30    Year 4, 5 and 6 - 10.45-11.30

We would also like to make a contribution to the **Market Drayton food bank** so please bring any **donations** into school on the morning of 16<sup>th</sup> October.

**Children starting Reception in September 2025** - This is a reminder that our open days and evening taking place over the next few weeks. These are a great opportunity to visit the school, see the changes that we have made to our building and outdoor spaces and find out more about our wonderful school. If you have friends or family with children who are due to start school next year, please share these dates and times with them.

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October - Open Evening 5.30-6.30pm    Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October - Open Day 10:45 – 11:30am  
 Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October - Open Day 10:45 – 11:30am    Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October - Open Day 1:30 – 2:15pm

**Join Our Play and Stay Sessions!** - Looking for a fun and engaging activity for your little ones? Come along to our Stay and Play sessions every Wednesday during term time from 9:30am to 11:00am. Here's why you and your child will love it:

- Each session is packed with fun activities designed for babies and toddlers aged 0-4 years.
- Enjoy a termly visit to our Social Farm where your child can meet and interact with goats, chickens, and other animals.
- At just £1 per child, each session includes a drink and a snack.

It's a wonderful opportunity for your child to play, learn, and make new friends in a safe and welcoming environment. We can't wait to see you there!

*Lisa Millington*  
Headteacher



## This week at Longlands



## Happy birthday to:

**Anotida** Maple    **Milena** Rowan    **Harper** Oak    **Ivy** Rowan    **Maisie** Oak  
**Lucas** Willow    **Rhys** Willow

## UPCOMING EVENTS

September 2024	
28th	Ginger and Spice Festival – choir performing
<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)
7 <sup>th</sup>	New Reception Intake (2025) open evening 5.30-6.30pm
8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 and 6 swimming
8 <sup>th</sup>	New Reception Intake (2025) Open Day 10:45 – 11:30am
9 <sup>th</sup>	Weekly Stay and Play 9.30-11 (baby and toddler group)
10 <sup>th</sup>	New Reception Intake (2025) Open Day 10:45 – 11:30am
11 <sup>th</sup>	Weekly Stay and Play 9.30-11 (baby and toddler group)
15 <sup>th</sup>	New Reception Intake (2025) Open Day 1:30 – 2:15pm
15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 and 6 swimming
15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Market Drayton Library visit
16 <sup>th</sup>	Weekly Stay and Play 9.30-11 (baby and toddler group)
16 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Festival Methodist Church 9.45am for Y1/2/3 and 10.45am for Y4/5/6
17 <sup>th</sup>	Non-uniform day – bring spooky sweet treat donations for Bingo
17 <sup>th</sup>	Break up for half term – in school

## STAR OF THE WEEK



Acorns	Oakley
Saplings	Dottie
Fir	Mila
Willow	Freddie
Maple	Evelyn
Rowan	Elliot
Elm	Lettie
Beech	Austin
Oak	Maisie

