



Dear Families,

This week has seen school get fully into the seasonal spirit with our Christmas events, the Early Years Christmas Sing-a-long and the Christmas Fair. It was so lovely to see the youngest members of our school sharing Christmas songs with their families and friends as well as all the visitors to the Christmas Fair. It was a wonderful evening and we were blown away by the support. We raised over £2200 which is absolutely fantastic. Thank you for your support with this. The money that we raise is used to help pay for a variety of things including coaches for trips, resources, activities for the children and other events in school which allows us to keep the cost of these activities as low as we can for all of our families.

I would like to thank all of the staff and parents who make this happen through donations for the stall, organising the raffle prizes, being part of our PTA and for setting up and running the stalls. As always, Mrs Bevan is the driving force behind this and I am so thankful for all the work she puts in.

Our PTA is so important to the funding of activities for school and we would love more parents to be part of this. Please contact school if you are able to help in any way. It doesn't take much time but has a huge impact and would help us to be able to keep putting on events for our children and families throughout the year.

Next week, we have our Christmas dinner on Tuesday, for all of our children (festive hats are welcome) and we have our Christmas concert at St Mary's on Wednesday for children in Y1 to Y6. Please come and join us as we would love to see you. The concert starts at 10am. Our Christmas jumper day is on the last day of term.

Congratulations go to Mrs Hounsell who has achieved the Silver Global School Award for Longlands through her work with Freehold Borough School in New Jersey, USA. This year's Year 2 children have continued the project which engage our pupils in a series of joint projects.

Please remember that the deadline for applications for your child(ren) to start school in Reception in September 2025 closes on **Wednesday 15 January 2024**. Please ensure that you make an application online via the Shropshire Council's portal - [Synergy - Homepage \(shropshire.gov.uk\)](https://www.shropshire.gov.uk). **Please note that if you do not make an online application, your child will not be allocated a school place.**

If you have any queries regarding the application process, please contact the School Admissions Team via email school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk

Please see the information attached to the newsletter:

- Free drop-in at the Zone on 17th January to support with reducing energy costs.
- Our Journey travel newsletter with useful information for parents

Lisa Millington
Headteacher



This week at Longlands



Happy birthday to:

Samuel	Oak	Sienna	Oak	Lucas	Oak
Alfie	Fir	Borislav	Oak	Wyatt	Maple

UPCOMING EVENTS

December	
17 th	Christmas dinner (Festive hats welcome)
18 th	Weekly Stay and Play 9.30-11 (baby and toddler group)
18 th	Christmas Carol Concert at St Mary's 10am – Y1 – Y6
20 th	Christmas jumper day and class Christmas parties
20 th	Break up for Christmas
January	
6 th	School Reopens

STAR OF THE WEEK



Acorns	River
Saplings	Freya
Fir	Mila
Willow	Alice
Maple	Lwandile
Rowan	Archie B
Elm	Rogue
Beech	Hunter
Oak	Phoebe

