



Dear Families,

This week, at Longlands, has been filled with exciting **outdoor learning experiences**, and I am thrilled to share some of the highlights with you.

Our **Nursery children** had a fantastic time in the mud kitchen, where they got creative making mud pies and leaf cakes. It was wonderful to see their imaginations at work and their joy in exploring nature.

**Year 4 and Year 6** students took on the challenge of our orienteering course. They navigated through the course with enthusiasm, developing their map-reading skills and teamwork. It was a great opportunity for them to enjoy the outdoors while learning valuable skills.

The Meadow children had an unforgettable visit to **Frankley Farm**. They had the chance to walk sheep and feed llamas, which was both educational and fun. The hands-on experience with the animals was a highlight for many of the children.

Our **Balance Bike Club** continues to be a hit with the younger students. They are making excellent progress in developing their balance and coordination, and it's wonderful to see their confidence grow each week.

The next **Trust and school parent survey** will be sent to you within the next couple of days and will **run until 14th February**. Please take the time to complete the survey as the feedback is very important to us.

The 4 All Foundation is running another fabulous **FREE event on 20<sup>th</sup> February** when children are invited to visit **the Zone** to make crepes from 10:30am until 12:00pm. A place can be booked by emailing [info@4all.foundation](mailto:info@4all.foundation).

Please also see the attached poster giving information about **Indoor Junior Cricket Training sessions** run by Market Drayton Cricket Club, starting on Sunday 26th January.

As the weather remains cold, **please ensure your children are dressed appropriately** in their school uniforms, including the school jumper and coat.

**Regular attendance** is crucial for your child's academic progress. Please inform the school office if your child is unwell and unable to attend. We monitor attendance and lates closely with the Education Welfare Officer and, where children's attendance starts to fall, we will send a letter to make you aware of this so that each child is only absent when absolutely necessary.

Finally, I would like to say a **huge thank you** to all families for your continued support and involvement in our school community. Your partnership is invaluable in helping us provide the best educational experience for our children.

*Lisa Millington*  
Headteacher



## This week at Longlands



## Happy birthday to:

**Adam** Willow **Oliver** Oak **William** Rowan  
**Molly** Oak **River** Acorns **Alice** Willow

## UPCOMING EVENTS

January	
28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 swimming
28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Read the Game
29 <sup>th</sup>	Weekly Stay and Play 9.30-11 (baby and toddler group)
February	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 swimming begins
4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Read the Game
5 <sup>th</sup>	Weekly Stay and Play 9.30-11 (baby and toddler group)
7 <sup>th</sup>	Key Stage 2 Orienteering competition (The team will receive letters)
10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 and 6 Football Partnership competition (The team will receive letters)
11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 swimming
11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Read the Game
12 <sup>th</sup>	Weekly Stay and Play 9.30-11 (baby and toddler group)
12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 open afternoon – begins at 1.30pm
14 <sup>th</sup>	Break up for half term
w/b 17 <sup>th</sup>	Spring half term holiday
24 <sup>th</sup>	PD Day – children not in school
25 <sup>th</sup>	School reopens
26 <sup>th</sup>	Primary Dance Festival (Pupils attending will receive letters)
26 <sup>th</sup>	Weekly Stay and Play 9.30-11 (baby and toddler group)
26 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 and EYFS (Fir Class) Bikeability

## STAR OF THE WEEK



Acorns	Maisie
Saplings	Eric
Fir	Isla
Willow	Lorelai
Maple	Boden
Rowan	Phoebe
Elm	Connie
Beech	Mia
Oak	Oliver

