

**Executive Head Teacher**

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28/11/25**Autumn Term 2**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well December is fast approaching and the sounds and sights of nativity practices and festive songs can now be heard around the school! This week we have been focusing on anti-bullying and enjoyed seeing everyone in their odd socks on Wednesday to celebrate difference. The children have been thinking about using their power to speak up when they have a worry or concern and to prevent/stop bullying. They made some amazing contributions to our whole school assembly and were able to talk about the impact such behaviour can have.

We thank you for your ongoing support of the school and your child/ren. Remember, if you have a concern, idea or question, please contact us via families@langtree-school.org straight away so we can work with you to support the best outcomes for the children.



Please follow the link for your child's home learning

https://www.langtree.devon.sch.uk/web/home_learning/695825

Please see below important dates and information that you may find useful.

	Dates for your diary
10 th Dec	Acorn toddler sessions 1.30-3pm
27 th Nov-18 th Dec	Advent assemblies with Rev Warren/Rev Catherine
8 th Dec	Christmas performance Parish Hall 2.30pm (Reception - Year 6)
10 th Dec	Christingle 5pm at All Saints Church , Langtree
11 th Dec	Construction club - last session
11 th Dec	Parent forum 2.45pm
17 th Dec	Christmas dinner
19 th Dec	Last day of term - Happy Holidays
5 th Jan	First day back 2026
8 th Jan	Class open evening 3.30 - 5.30pm
22 nd Jan	PTA bags 2 school
14 th Jan 28 th Jan 11 th Feb	Acorn Toddler sessions 1.30-3pm
13 th Feb	Last day of term
23 rd Feb	First day back
4 th Mar 18 th Mar	Acorn toddler sessions 1.30-3pm
1 st & 2 nd Apr	London trip year 5
3 rd Apr	Bank holiday & Last day of term
20 th Apr	Back to school
20 th -24 th Apr	St George's House trip year 6 - all week
4 th May	Bank holiday - no school
22 nd May	Last day of term
8 th June	Back to school
29 th June -2 nd July	Year 6 transition week at GTS (4 days)
22 nd July	Last day of term

Please see the Autumn 2025 menu on the school website or [here](#).

Christmas Jumper Days

Christmas jumper days are nearly here!

We've raised so much money for Save the Children over the past few years and look forward to seeing what we can achieve this year.

The children can wear Christmas jumpers to school (with school uniform) on Friday 5th, 12th and 19th December. They can also wear them on Wednesday 17th December for Christmas dinner day.

The PTA will, as ever, be providing their wonderful Christmas jumper swap shop in the school reception area where you can exchange/buy festive knits! Please see the flyer below for more details.

Please follow the link/scan the QR code to make a donation (for the three weeks). Please do **NOT** bring cash donations into school.

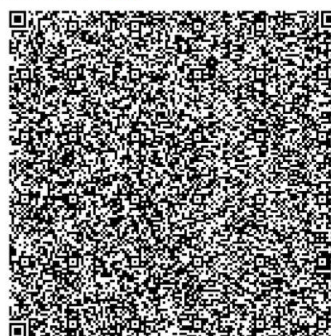
<https://christmas.savethechildren.org.uk/fundraising/CJD250025914>



SCAN TO DONATE

We've also got our own QR code - simply scan the code with your phone camera and donate directly to our team!

Not sure how it works? Check out our [FAQs!](#)





Langtree School PTA

CHRISTMAS JUMPER SWAP SHOP

Bring a Christmas Jumper that is
in good condition, and swap it
for free.

Or purchase a Christmas
Jumper for the upcoming
Christmas Jumper days at
school for £1 each

Christingle

Our Christingle service will take place at All Saints Church, Langtree at 5pm on Wednesday 10th December. All families are welcome to attend and are responsible for their children throughout the service. The children will be making Christingles in school during the day and school staff will transport these to the church.



Nativity Performance

The Nativity performance will be in the Parish Hall at 2.30pm on Monday 8th December. It will include children from Reception to Year 6 and is a festive showcase of acting, dancing and singing that celebrates our Christmas traditions and tells the story of the Nativity. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible. Details about arrival times and collecting children will be shared nearer to the time.



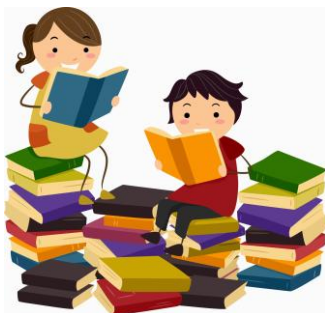
Parent Forum

We invite you all to attend a parent forum on Thursday 11th December at 2.45pm. The focus will be on our relational behaviour policy and how this looks day to day in school. Afterwards, there will be time for a cup of tea and a chat with Miss Rushworth and Mrs Clark (SENDCo). There is no need to book, please just arrive at reception no sooner than 2.40pm.



Open Classroom Evening

In the new year, you are invited to visit classes and meet the teachers after school on Thursday 8th January any time between 3.30 and 5.30pm. This will be an opportunity to see the classrooms, explore learning and talk to the teachers in an informal setting. It would be great to see as many of you there as possible so we can share the amazing learning that your children are doing and celebrate the incredible progress they are making.



Breakfast Club & After school club

After school club Monday to Thursday 3.30-4.30pm - £4

Breakfast Club Monday Friday 8am -8.45am - £3.50

Each session children can have a snack and then have a chance to play with Lego, cars, jigsaws and games as well colouring.



Booking via school money app

Y6 - St Georges House Residential

Y6 parents will have received an email with the details of the deposit and instalment amounts for the residential to St Georges House. These payments are now live on Eduspot/SchoolMoney. If you have any financial concern around the payments for the residential, please do let the school office know.

Y5 - London Residential

Y5 parents will have received an email with the details of the remaining instalment amounts and payment due dates. These payments are now live on Eduspot/SchoolMoney. If you have any financial concern around the payments for the residential, please do let the school office know.

School dinners- Christmas Dinner booking Wednesday 17th December

Christmas is fast approaching!

Christmas dinner is Wednesday 17th December, turkey and all the trimmings. If you would like your child/ren to have Amanda's amazing Christmas dinner book in plenty of time. There will be 2 options Option 1 - Christmas dinner -Turkey and all the trimmings

Option 2 - Vegetarian option

Both are available to book online

There will **not** be any jacket potatoes available, so please DO NOT BOOK JACKET POTATO - thank you

There will be Christmas crackers for everyone (packed lunch children included) Thank-you to the PTA who have provided these for us.

Lateness

Just a reminder that your child must be settled into class ready for lessons to start at 9.05am. The gates open at 8.45am to allow time for this. Regular lateness can have a significant impact on your child's learning and contributes towards unauthorised absence. If this is something you are finding difficult, please get in touch with us so we can help support you to find a solution. We are always here ready to listen.

We also understand that sometimes unpredictable events may cause delays. In these instances, please contact the school as soon as you are able.

Reporting absences

If your child is absent please phone the school office before 9.15am **everyday** your child is not in school. In the event we are unable to answer please leave an answer phone message.

Acorn and Oak Classes



As Christmas is fast approaching, we are asking for any donations of Christmas decorations. We are looking for lights, tinsel, as well as baubles. Also, if you have any log slices (large or small) and pine cones that would be really helpful. If you could please drop any items to Acorn or Oak class, that would be wonderful- thank you!

Acorn Toddler Sessions

A chance for you to meet other parents in the area whilst your children are having fun.

If you have a child/ren from 0-Nursery age why not pop along and see what we are all about

These will be run in Acorn class from **1.30pm-3pm** on the dates above. We would like to invite you to come along meet each other, meet the staff and invite other parents in the area to this session as well as for the children to spend time together having fun!

All you have to do is come to the school office where you will be signed in and then off for fun in Acorns class.

There is a no mobile phones policy in school, you can leave any in the office where they will be put in a locked drawer.

Any questions please contact the school office by telephone 01805 601354 or email

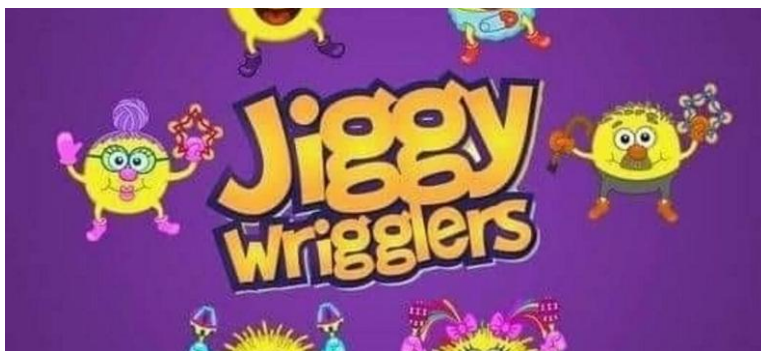
families@langtree-school.org

We look forward to seeing you soon

EYFS team Steph, Luci & Bara

Acorns News

Exciting news! We have Clare from the Jiggy Wrigglers coming to Acorns Nursery Toddler Session on Wednesday 10th December - we look forward to seeing you there!



Admissions to Reception Year at Primary/Infant Schools and Year 3 at Junior Schools for September 2026

The application system to apply for a reception place at primary/infant schools and year 3 at junior schools in September 2026 opens on **15 November 2025**. The closing date is 15 January 2026. Further details can be found at [Apply for a reception or year 3 place at a primary school](#)

Apply for a primary school place

Was your child born
between 1 September 2021
and 31 August 2022?



Apply online at:

devon.cc/admissionsonline

or scan the QR code. Applications open from
15 November 2025 to the **15 January 2026**

If you can't access the school
admissions website you can get
more information by emailing
admissions@devon.gov.uk or
call our Education Helpline on:

0345 155 1019



You must apply through the Admissions Team, even if you've already given details to a school. Applications made directly to schools or on their lists will not be accepted.



PTA information

Langtree School PTA

SAVE THE DATE!



BAG 2 SCHOOL

**22 JANUARY
2026**

IF YOU ARE HAVING A CLEAR OUT OF CLOTHES, BAGS OR OTHER GOOD QUALITY ITEMS, PLEASE CONSIDER PUTTING A FEW ASIDE FOR THE NEXT LANGTREE SCHOOL PTA FUNDRAISER. YOUR DONATIONS MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE AND HELP US SUPPORT THE CHILDREN AND THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY.



- Clothes
- Paired Shoes
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves & Ties
- Bra's
- Jewellery
- Socks
- Belts



- Duvets
- Pillows
- Carpets & Rugs
- Soiled/Ripped/Painted Clothing
- School uniform
- Corporate clothing
- Textiles & cut offs
- Furniture
- Batteries



Have a great week!