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Autumn Term 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was a wonderful Harvest and farming themed week here at Langtree School last week. The children in Years 2-6 enjoyed a wonderful trip to Farmwise in Exeter on Tuesday. Read on further down for more information and photos. Thank you to Miss Fleming for coordinating the trip and to the staff and volunteers that made it possible. Around the school, the sound of Harvest songs was ringing out along with lots of hard work to create, stories and art work in preparation for Harvest. Thank you to everyone who attended; the children and staff for their hard work, Sarah Huxtable for representing the church and the PTA for refreshments. It was a lovely occasion and the children loved being able to share their amazing artwork and writing with you all.

We thank you for your ongoing support of the school and your child/ren. Remember, if you have a concern please contact us via families@langtree-school.org, 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/723698
Please follow the link for curriculum maps
https://www.langtree.devon.sch.uk/web/curriculum/628383
Please see below important dates and information that you may find useful.

Dates for your diary - Autumn Term 2026

Date	Event
23rd Oct	Last Day of Autumn Term
2nd Nov	First day back to school
13th Nov	Children in Need
W/B 23rd Nov	Parent Consultations
26th Nov	Tempest – Individual and Family photos
4th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day (every Friday in December)
9th Dec	Christingle 5.30pm All Saints Church
14th December	Nativity 2.15pm Parish Hall
16th Dec	Christmas Dinner Day
18th Dec	Last day of term

Farmwise Trip

Years 2-6 had a fantastic time visiting Farmwise at Westpoint Arena. The children had an early start, travelling from Langtree to an event attended by students from more than 50 schools. Upon arrival, the children were divided into three groups and given timetables for the day. They had the opportunity to explore six of the twelve farming zones, learning about different aspects of agriculture through a range of hands-on activities.

In the fruit zone, one group enjoyed tasting honey and cocoa nibs. While the honey proved popular, many of the children found the cocoa nibs rather bitter! In the forestry area, the children planted a chestnut tree and some were even given the opportunity to fire mudballs into the trees using a slingshot.

A definite highlight of the day was meeting and holding newly hatched chicks. Amazingly, one of the chicks was less than an hour old, making it a very special experience for the children.











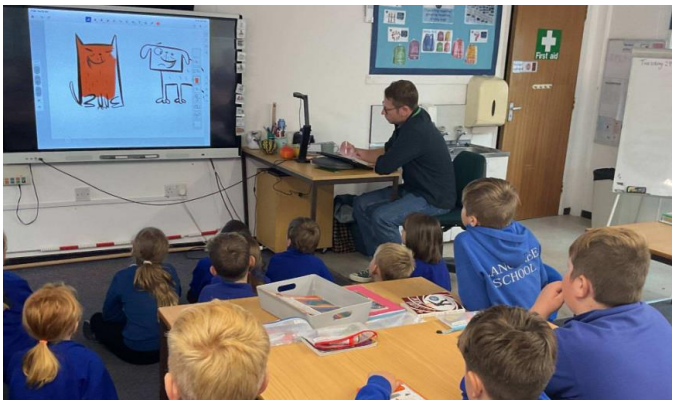


Appledore Book Festival

Thank you to the PTA for funding another great year of visitng authors. As John Townsend wasn't able to make it due to ill health, the charity that supports the festival supplied books for each child anyway and they spent some time finding out about him in class.

Years 2-6 enjoyed a visit from Tom McLaughlin and it has been wonderful to see and hear about so many children who have been inspired by his work. The children also received copies of some of his books.





Home Learning

You will have received a home learning link in an email. The new webpage explains how home learning and our reading reward schemes work. We would like to reinforce that home learning should help to support reading and complement/extend learning. It should not be a battle or cause stress. Please make sure you speak to your child/ren's class teacher if you have any concerns.

https://www.langtree.devon.sch.uk/web/home_learning/723698

PE Days

PE day is Wednesday for ALL children. We ask that they please come to school in their PE kits, they will stay in this all day, so do not need a change of clothes.

Music Lessons

We are lucky to have a visiting flute and piano teacher, Ania, who comes to school on Tuesdays. If you are interested in your child/ren having lessons, please read the information below and contact Ania directly to arrange this.

'My name is Ania Job, I have over thirty years' experience of teaching both piano and flute. I try to make the lessons for primary school children as fun as possible! However, they do need to be prepared to do a little bit of practice in between lessons so will need their own instrument at home.

Please do email / phone me if you have questions.'

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Healthy Snacks

Thank you to everyone who has taken on board the healthy snack choice menu; it is great to see so many children tucking in to more healthy options.

