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**26/09/25**

**Autumn Term 1**

Dear Parents and Carers,

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What glorious sunshine! The children have really enjoyed being able to get outside and enjoy the dry weather. We have also been lucky to have the Appledore Book Festival author visits, which the children really enjoyed. All of the authors commented on how amazing the children were; how they listened, engaged and how polite and welcoming they were so well done to everyone!

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](mailto: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](https://www.langtree.devon.sch.uk/web/home_learning/695825)

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

W/C 12/9/25	Swimming for year 3 & 5 10 sessions Dates of lessons: 12th, 19th, 26th, September 3rd 10th, 17th October 7th, 14th 21st 28th November
01/10/25	<b>After School Club is cancelled on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October due to staff training</b>
15/10/25	Harvest Festival in the Parish Hall - Hall will be open to parents at 2.15pm and performance at 2.30pm
24/10/25	Last day of school for $\frac{1}{2}$ term
3/11/25	First day back
13/11/25	Tempest - School Photos
21/11/25	Flu immunisations
21/11/25	Children in Need (School council to arrange)
24/11/25	Parent Consultations week
27/11/25 - 18/12/25	Advent assemblies with Rev Warren/Rev Catherine
8/12/25	Christmas performance Parish Hall 2.30pm
10/12/25	Christingle
17/12/25	Christmas dinner
19/12/25	Last day of term

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

### **Apply for Primary School Places**

The portal for applications for Primary School places is now **OPEN**, until 15/1/26. If your child is heading into reception in September 2026, please get your application in before the closing date above.

### **Admissions to Year 7 for September 2026**

The application system to apply for Year 7 in September 2026 opens on 1 September 2025. [Apply online at the Citizens Portal](#). The closing date is on 31 October each year. Further details can be found at [Apply for a secondary place - Children, families and education](#)

## **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](#)

### **Useful Links and Information:**

Here are some useful links that may assist you with your query

In Year Admission Information - [Apply for an in-year place - Education and Families \(devon.gov.uk\)](#)

School Catchment Area Checker - [School designated \(catchment\) areas - Education and Families \(devon.gov.uk\)](#)

Admission Advice for international arrivals [Admission advice for international arrivals - Education and Families \(devon.gov.uk\)](#)

Guide to School Appeals [School admission appeals - Children, families and education](#)

School Term Dates [School term dates - Education and Families \(devon.gov.uk\)](#)

School Admissions Team Telephone - 0345 155 1019 (Education Helpline)

### **Afterschool Club - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October - CANCELLED**

After School Club is cancelled on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October due to staff training. If your child usually attends Afterschool Club on this day, please make other care arrangements for them. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

### **Y5 London Residential 2026**

Thank you for completing the online form to confirm your child's interest in attending the Y5 London Residential. Please see the email sent out to Y5 parents today regarding more information about the non-refundable deposit payment. The deposit is now live on Eduspot/SchoolMoney and is **due for payment before Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025**.

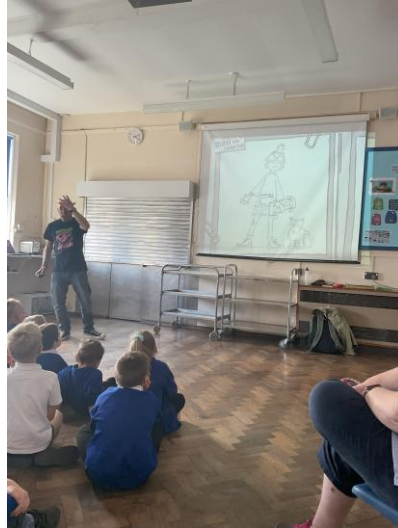
### **Appledore Book Festival Author Visits**

The PTA kindly funded this amazing experience so a big thank you to them. The festival organisers also arranged for every child to receive a book by one of the authors. Here are some photos from the event.

**Tracey Corderoy visiting Nursery - Year 2**



**Dave Cousins visiting the whole school**



### **Dropping Children off in the morning**

**Thank you for sticking to the drop off points; it is having a positive impact on teachers being able to start the day and children developing their independence.**

It goes without saying that if you have a concern we would like to know and support you as quickly as possible so, if it is urgent, please pop in. However, where possible please phone/email to make an appointment or catch the teacher at the end of the day when they have more time. Please see the drop off points below.

### **Drop Off Points**

**Acorns/Oak** - drop off to the staff at the classroom doors.

**Beech** - Year 2 at the bottom of the classroom steps/Year 3 & 4 at the green gate at the top of the steps.

**Sycamore** - at the main gate or green gate at the top of the steps.

### **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. Thank you.

### **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.

### **PE Days**

All year groups will have P.E on Friday

Years 3 and 5 will be swimming on a Friday afternoon.

Reception will be joining nursery for P.E and outdoor play on Friday

All children can come to school in P.E kit on a Friday including those who are swimming.

### **Weather**

Due to the changes in weather please could you ensure that your child has a waterproof coat in school. If your child needs a spare set of clothes due to toileting issues, please bring these in as we are running very low on spare clothes

### **Lost Property**

We have an increasing number of cardigans and jumpers in lost property, as well as lunch boxes & tubs. The lost property is in the main hall and is available after school.

**Please label your child's uniform, coats, tubs, lunch boxes and water bottles as this will help your child find their lost items.**

### **Flu Immunisations - 21st November**

All children in Reception-Year 6 are offered the Flu Immunisation. Please complete the form in the email that has been sent out to opt in.

### **Music Lessons**

Ania Job visits us every Tuesday to provide flute or piano lessons. She is a very experienced teacher who has successfully coached a number of our children through exams over the past two years. Lessons can be individual or paired (which halves the cost).

If you are interested in your child/ren having lessons, please contact Ania directly at

[aniaflute@gmail.com](mailto:aniaflute@gmail.com)

## Thrive

	<p>Many of you know me as Miss Wildern in the office. I am also a qualified licensed Thrive practitioner and, on a Monday, I work doing Pastoral care, FIG and Thrive</p> <p>This is with children on a one-to-one basis. The Thrive Room has developed so much and is an amazing space to work in.</p> <p>What is Thrive?</p> <p>The Thrive approach is rooted in neuroscience development theory, providing educators with practical tools to identify emotional needs and respond with targeted support. Its aim is to create emotionally safe environments where children can flourish. The approach emphasizes that emotional wellbeing is central to effective learning.</p>	
<p>Thrive book recommendation</p> <p>The Invisible string by Patrice Karst</p>		<p>The start of a new school year can feel quite scary for you as parents and for the children, and being at home for 6 weeks can make it hard to step back into school. I recommend the Invisible String book. It helps reassure children that even though their adult is not with them at school, you are always there for them, attached to each other with an invisible string.</p>
	<p>Our amazing creatures</p> <p>Using foam clay was fantastic. Very sensory with the texture and how different it felt at the start, cold to touch, how good it was to squeeze, squash roll and shape. It was relaxing and fun. Making simple choices, what colour to use, what to make. How to deal with not having the colour they wanted and relating this for every day.</p> <p>Being curious using 'I wonder....' The children came up with some brilliant curious questions</p>	
	<p>The Worry Monster</p> <p>In the Thrive Room we have the Worry Monster, and he eats all the children's worries. Children can write or draw their worries, and the worry monster eats them. I check the Thrive room monster every Monday and see if there are any worries. A child asked does it always have to be worries, no, he likes to eat anything you want. This year I was pleasantly surprised as I have had an amazing note from a child that just wanted to tell me some exciting news.</p>	

## PTA

### Langtree Community school Parent & Teacher Association (PTA)

**Would you be able to commit some time to become a part of the School PTA...**

Raising money for the school, to improve things for our children through various fund raising events and grant applications. We couldn't achieve this without the support of the parents and families of the children so thank you all for your ongoing support.

Anyone can join the PTA, please speak to Miss Wildern in the office or anyone on the PTA. The more people we have the more the support we can share between each other.

We work with school to see what they have on their wish list for funds to be used on.

The funds raised have gone towards-

- New footballs and netballs. Also new balls for games trolley, 3 new large chalk boards and a new tuff tray for playtime.
- X6 ear defenders, X6 lcd drawing pads, X5 liquid motion sensory times.
- Compost for school gardening boxes.
- Leavers Hoodies for Year 6.

As well as many other amazing class items.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support

**Have a great weekend!**