



Executive Head Teacher

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10/10/25

Autumn Term 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy week it has been, including a termly visit from one of our school advisers. She was so impressed with the children; their attitudes, politeness and eagerness to talk about their learning. She recognised the hard work of the staff and children in continuing to ensure that Langtree is a good school where children make great progress and achieve well as well as having access to many sporting, art and music opportunities so well done to all.

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.

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
15/10/25	Harvest Festival in the Parish Hall - Hall will be open to parents at 2.15pm and performance at 2.30pm
16/10/25	Construction club cancelled due to staff training
24/10/25	Last day of school for $\frac{1}{2}$ term
3/11/25	First day back
7/11/25	PTA Halloween party
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

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)

Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival will take place in the Parish Hall at 2.30pm. Parents/carers may arrive from 2.15pm. Children will be taken back to their classes afterwards so that we can safely hand them back to you at the gates/doors as usual. There will then be the opportunity to look at their artwork and enjoy a drink and biscuit in the school hall.



Harvest Festival

Wednesday 15th October
2.30pm at Langtree
Parish Hall

Afterwards, there will be a display of all the children's art work/poetry in the **school hall** with coffee/tea and biscuits available. Donations will go to the PTA to help fund more resources, trips and projects for the children this year.

If you wish to make a donation we will be taking cans, jars and packets to Torrington Community foodbank.

Langtree Community School

Torrington Community Food Bank

SUGAR

Probiotic Yogurt

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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.

Years 2-6 will all have some outdoor PE (in addition to swimming) on Fridays. Please can you ensure that your child has a waterproof coat, change of clothes and shoes on Fridays.

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.

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.

School dinners

New menu Autumn/winter menu starting on November 3rd

Please book your child/ren meals via the online school money app. If you are having any problems, please contact the office as soon as possible. The teachers are unable to book your child/ren lunch.

The kitchen manager will use the data on the school money app to provide lunch for them. If your child/ren is not booked in this could result in your child not having what they would like for lunch. As meals are cooked to order. If you have forgotten to book your child/ren meal, please contact the office asap. Reminder if your child has moved into year 3 this September then you will need to now pay unless you are entitled to free school meals.

**1****Monday****Tuesday****Wednesday****Thursday****Friday**

Hot Option 1	Margherita Pizza with Potato Wedges (v)	Breaded Chicken with Savoury Rice	Roast Turkey with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Spaghetti	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers & Chips
Hot Option 2	Sweet Potato and Lentil Curry with Steamed Rice (v)	Homemade Bean Burger with Savoury Rice (v)	Plant Sausages, with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy (v)	Tex Mex Chilli Loaded Wedges (v)	Spanish Omelette & Chips (v)
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans
Served with	Fresh Seasonal Veg	Coleslaw	Fresh Carrots & Cabbage	Country Mixed Veg	Peas or Baked Beans
And for Pudding	Mousse	Sticky Toffee Cake	Iced Shortbread	Apple Crumble & Custard	Chocolate Oatcake with Orange Wedges

Week One: 3 Nov | 24 Nov | 15 Dec | 19 Jan | 9 Feb | 9 Mar | 30 Mar***Available Daily:****Fresh Mixed Salad, Bread & Drinking Water + Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt as Pudding Alternatives****2****Monday****Tuesday****Wednesday****Thursday****Friday**

Hot Option 1	Margherita Pizza with Tomato Pasta (v)	Sausage Pastry Pinwheel with Potato Wedges	Roast Gammon & Roast Potatoes with Gravy	Chicken Burrito Bake with Steamed Rice	Chicken Fillet Bites & Chips
Hot Option 2	Vegemince Bolognese with Pasta (v)	Plant Sausage Pastry Pinwheel with Potato Wedges (v)	Cheese and Potato Pie (v)	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake (v)	Veggie Fingers & Chips (v)
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans
Served with	Peas & Sweetcorn	Baked Beans	Fresh Carrots & Green Beans	Country Mixed Veg	Peas or Baked Beans
And for Pudding	Organic Pip Ice Lolly	Shortbread with Apple Wedges	Chocolate Cracknell	Iced Sprinkle Cake	Oaty Cookie

Week Two: 10 Nov | 1 Dec | 5 Jan | 26 Jan | 23 Feb | 16 Mar***Available Daily:****Fresh Mixed Salad, Bread & Drinking Water + Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt as Pudding Alternatives****3****Monday****Tuesday****Wednesday****Thursday****Friday**

Hot Option 1	Macaroni Cheese & Crusty Bread (v)	Chicken Curry with Steamed Rice	Sausages with Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed Potato & Gravy	Handmade Fish Pie	Fish Fingers & Chips
Hot Option 2	Vegetable Enchilada (v)	Veggie Curry with Steamed Rice (v)	Plant Sausages with Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed Potato & Gravy (v)	Cheese and Potato Pastry Pinwheel with Potato Wedges (v)	Quorn Nuggets & Chips (v)
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans
Served with	Fresh Seasonal Veg	Peas	Fresh Carrots & Peas	Sweetcorn & Broccoli	Peas or Baked Beans
And for Pudding	Iced Fruit Smoothie	Jam Sponge	Vanilla Arctic Roll	Carrot Cake	Apple Flapjack

Week Three: 17 Nov | 8 Dec | 12 Jan | 2 Feb | 2 Mar | 23 Mar***Available Daily:****Fresh Mixed Salad, Bread & Drinking Water + Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt as Pudding Alternatives**

After school Club and breakfast club

The children has been very busy in both of these clubs.

Play dough, making animals with adding the googly eyes for a great effect. Lego challenges of the highest tower which as you can see was extremely high. Chrome books are the highlight of the week where the children can play on TT rock stars.

If you would like to book your child into either club please book via the school money app. The cost for After school club is £4 and breakfast club is £3.50



Come along to our Afterschool Club to be a published artist!

Our after school club has been given the fantastic opportunity by Young Artists to create some beautiful masterpieces to be published in a new book.

The theme this term is Food Friends, where we get to make any character we like as long as it involves food.

We can create a football playing banana, a horse riding gherkin or a cupcake superhero the choice is yours!

So why not come along and join our after school activities and even become a published artist!

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.

Halloween Party

The PTA are putting on a Halloween party in the school hall on the Friday 7th November if you wish for your child to come along, please book on school money.

- 3.45pm- 4.30pm **Acorns and Oak** The children will need to bring their spooky costumes to school in a bag clearly labelled and will be able to change after school ready for the teacher to take them to the hall. (No Halloween costumes to be worn throughout the school day) Pick up will be from the office. Please be patient as we sign out your child on collection. If someone else is picking your child up please let the office know asap
- 4.45pm-5.30pm **Beech and Sycamore**. Drop off is at the office. Children will be signed in. Again, collection is from the office. Please be patient as we sign out your child on collection. If someone else is picking your child up please let the office know asap



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

Torrington Library activities over October half-term



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TORRINGTON LIBRARY

HALF TERM SPIKE LEGO WORKSHOP

Monday 27th October 2025
10.00am - 12.00pm
£3 per child. Age 6+

A fun workshop using SPIKE LEGO. A STEAM-based tool from LEGO that includes bricks, sensors, motors and wires to make robots and other projects.

To Book: Call 01805 622107 or visit Torrington Library

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The Secret Keeper

With Araceli Puppetry

Torrington Library | 25 October | 11- 1pm 2 - 4pm | £3

Step into a world where nature tells the story. Begin your journey with The Secret Keeper, a magical puppetry performance and then join us for the Spirit in Nature Workshop, where you'll create your own characters using natural materials.

Find out more and to book your place, please contact Torrington library or go to discover.librariesunlimited.org.uk/whats-on

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