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### Autumn Term 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

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This is the last newsletter for the term so we wish you all a peaceful holiday and happy new year but what a week it has been in school! We have had our wonderful Nativity performance, a visit to West Heanton Care Home, a visit from Jiggy Wrigglers for EYFS and our Christingle service. The children have really shone in all of these activities; finding the courage to perform, sharing festive joy with the community, bringing seasonal cheer to the elderly and coming together to celebrate. It has been a joy to watch. We appreciate the time and support from families for these events, the wonderful volunteers who have organised costumes and made Christingles and the time and effort staff have put in to make it all happen. Read on to find out more...

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.*

	Dates for your diary
16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Acorns Christmas morning 9.30am -10.30am School Hall
17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas dinner
19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Last day of term - Happy Holidays</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>First day back 2026</b>
8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Class open evening 3.30 - 5.30pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	PTA bags 2 school
14 <sup>th</sup> Jan 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Acorn Toddler sessions 1.30-3pm
13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>Last day of term</b>
23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	<b>First day back</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> Mar 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Acorn toddler sessions 1.30-3pm
1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr	London trip year 5
3 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	<b>Bank holiday &amp; Last day of term</b>
20 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<b>Back to school</b>
20 <sup>th</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup> Apr	St George's House trip year 6 - all week
4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank holiday - no school
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	<b>Last day of term</b>
8 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Back to school</b>
29 <sup>th</sup> June -2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 6 transition week at GTS (4 days)
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	<b>Last day of term</b>

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

## Acorn Christmas morning



**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

*School Hall - doors open at 9.15am and the performance starts 9.30am*

This will be an hour to enjoy your children's beautiful singing voices, take part in Christmas activities alongside them, and show casing their wonderful creations that they have been working very hard at in class.

Mince pies, biscuits tea and coffee are available for a small donation. This will go towards supplies for Acorns, such as baking materials and arts and crafts.

If your child doesn't normally attend this day, they are more than welcome to come to Acorns at 9am. (Please let a member of staff know if you would like your child to attend.) This will support the staff to get everything ready. After they have been dropped off, please pop to the office to be signed in and at 9.15am the hall will be open for you find your seats and be ready to welcome the children.

Any questions please ask a member of the Acorns EYFS team

A very special visitor is due to pop in to say a HO HO HO Happy Christmas SHHH it's a surprise!

Warm Christmas wishes

Steph, Luci, Bara (Santa little helpers)



## Reverse Advent Calendar - Donations please!

Now that December is here and Christmas decorations are appearing I'm sure that there will be lots of Advent calendars being opened every morning!

This year in school I am organising a Reverse Advent Calendar and would like your support. In these last weeks of the term I am asking the children to give something for Advent. Through their giving I am hoping to collect for the **North Devon Foodbanks** in Holsworthy and Bideford. Your donations will be very much appreciated.

If you feel able to help we will be collecting the following things:

Tinned soup, Tinned Meat or Fish, Tea or coffee, Long life fruit juice, Dried milk, Packet Rice/Pasta, Breakfast cereals, Snacks/ Pasta sauce, Biscuits, Tinned or Instant custard, Sponge puddings, Tinned vegetables

If you can't donate the exact items listed but have something else, please feel free to send it into school. Every little thing helps! Everything will be collected centrally before being passed on. To help us do this, please could we have your donations by end of Thursday 18th December.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs L Larkum

Oak Class Teacher



## Nativity

On Monday, Years 1-6 performed in the Parish Hall. They sang and acted brilliantly and told the story of Christmas past and present brilliantly. There was also some great inflatable guitar playing! Thank you to all of the staff for their hard work and to Jill Mitchell who provided and fitted all of the costumes.



## West Heanton Care Home Visit

On Tuesday, Acorn and Oak classes went to West Heanton Care Home to sing to the residents. It was lovely to see the smiles on the faces of the residents and the children. They sang several Christmas songs, handed out Christmas cards made by all of the children in school and enjoyed gingerbread and hot chocolate with the residents in the day centre. Thank you Steph for organising such a special trip.





### **Jiggy Wrigglers**

On Wednesday afternoon, Jiggy Wrigglers came to visit for our toddler session. The Nursery and Reception children had an amazing time and had so much fun with song and movement.

### **Christingle**

Many families joined together at All Saints Church on Wednesday evening for our Christingle service. It was a beautiful service with some wonderful carols with readings about the Christingle and it what it represents. Well done to the children who read and thanks to Reverend Warren for leading the service. Also a big thankyou to the PTA volunteers who made the Christingles with all of the children in the morning.





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

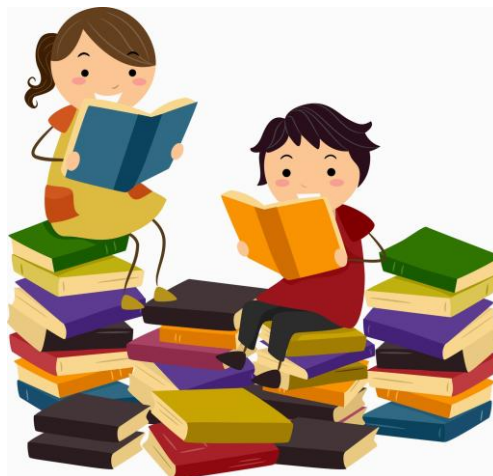
### **Nativity Performance**

Thank you to those of you who were able to come along and watch the nativity on Monday. The children did really well and we hope you enjoyed watching them sing and perform.



### **Open Classroom Evening**

In the new year, you are invited to visit classes and meet the teachers after school on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> 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.





## 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](https://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](mailto: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.

**Devon**  
County Council 

### 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 17<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas is fast approaching!

Christmas dinner is **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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.



### **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.

### **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.

### **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

### **SEND NEWS**

Please see the latest DCC updates.

Click on the link to view...

[November Devon SEND newsletter](#)



# Acorns Nursery Toddler Session

At Langtree Community School

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**9:30am – 10.30am**

Nursery places  
available from  
age 2

Reception  
places for  
September  
2026

*Meet our friendly staff and other  
new parents for stories, songs, crafts and  
more.*

## **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 and 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](mailto:families@langtree-school.org)

We look forward to seeing you soon

EYFS team Steph, Luci & Bara



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



**Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year!**

We look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January.