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Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to wish you a lovely break with your children as we come to the end of a busy term. The children have worked and played hard this term and there have been some great moments to celebrate. The most recent that comes to mind is the Easter Egg hunt, kindly organised by the PTA. The children worked in family groups to complete the hunt and it was such a joy to see them working together, older children supporting younger ones and to hear the words of support and encouragement. They really demonstrated our school values and were a credit to all of you. Thank you to the PTA and school staff for the time and resources given to run the event. We look forward to welcoming you back to school on Tuesday 22nd April, with the exception of Y6 who will be on their residential to St George's House.

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

Tuesday 22nd April	First day of Summer term 1
22nd – 25th April	Y6 residential to St Georges House
Monday 28th April	Class photos with Tempest
12th –15th May	Yr6 SATS week
Tuesday 20th May	2pm-3.15pm Nursery Taster session
26th May –6th June	½ term holidays
Monday 28th April	Class photos with Tempest
Monday 9th June	Back to school
23rd-26th June	Year 6 transition days with GTS
Wednesday 23rd July	Last day of term – Summer Holidays!

Please see the Autumn-Winter 2024/25 menu on the school website or [here](#).

No home learning this week.



Reminder: School Gates

The gates are opened for drop off at 8.45am and closed at 9.05am, for pick up the gates are opened at 3.30pm and closed at 3.45pm. **Please close the gate behind you at all other times to keep our children and staff safe.**

Reports 2025

You should have now received your child's report by email if your child is in year 1-6. If you have not received your child's report, please check your junk/spam before contacting admin. Please note that the office will be closed for the Easter Break, any emails or requests will be replied to upon our return.

School Money Bookings

Please note that bookings are now live on Eduspot/SchoolMoney to book Dinners, breakfast club and afterschool club for the upcoming summer term.

Our PTA needs you!

Our school PTA works really hard to make a difference to the provision for our children through their fundraising. They really need some more help but don't expect that everyone can help at every event or attend every meeting.

If you would like to offer your support to the PTA, even helping out on 1 or 2 events, that would be most appreciated and will enable us to continue to offer these experiences at a discounted rate to parents. If anyone is able to offer a small amount of their time to support the school's PTA then please contact the office and we can arrange an informal chat. It would be greatly appreciated.

Is your child entitled to Free School Meals?

If so, they may be eligible for the HAF programme. The programme provides activities during the school holidays and is free to access. Please note that spaces are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. The programme for the Easter holidays is not yet opened but check the website for further information and the latest updates.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/family-support/haf-programme/>

Pastoral Team

Please see the Summer Menu below, you can also find this on the school website [here](#).

	1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Hot Option 1	Margherita Pizza with Potato Wedges (v)	Sweet and Sour Chicken with Noodles	Roast Turkey with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Sausage Pinwheel & Herby Diced Potatoes	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers & Chips
	Hot Option 2	Sweet Potato and Lentil Curry with Steamed Rice (v)	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake & Crusty Bread (v)	Lentil Roast with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy (v)	Plant-based Sausage Pinwheel & Herby Diced Potatoes (v)	Golden Veggie Goujons & Chips (v)
	Jacket Potato	Cheese, Beans, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw	Cheese, Beans, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw	Cheese, Beans, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw	Cheese, Beans, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw	Cheese, Beans, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw
	Served with	Sweetcorn	Mixed Vegetables	Carrots and Green Beans	Mixed Salad	Peas or Baked Beans
	And for Pudding	Pip Organic Ice Lolly	Beetroot Brownie	Flapjack with Orange Wedges	Fruit Jelly	Shortbread Biscuit
	Packed Lunch + pudding of the day	Ham or Cheese Sandwich Salad Sticks Fresh Fruit Slices	Ham or Cheese Sandwich Salad Sticks Fresh Fruit Slices	Ham or Cheese Sandwich Salad Sticks Fresh Fruit Slices	Ham or Cheese Sandwich Salad Sticks Fresh Fruit Slices	Ham or Cheese Sandwich Salad Sticks Fresh Fruit Slices
		Week One: 21 Apr 12 May 9 Jun 30 Jun 21 Jul 15 Sept 6 Oct				
	2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Hot Option 1	Mac n Cheese & Crusty Bread (v)	BBQ Chicken with Steamed Rice	Honey Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Chicken Fillet Bites & Chips
	Hot Option 2	Sweet and Sour Plant Balls with Steamed Rice (v)	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake (v) & Crusty Bread	Vegemince Cottage Pie & Gravy (v)	Plant-based Sausages in Tomato Sauce with Pasta (v)	Vegetarian Enchilada & Chips (v)
	Jacket Potato	Cheese, Beans, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw	Cheese, Beans, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw	Cheese, Beans, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw	Cheese, Beans, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw	Cheese, Beans, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw
	Served with	Mixed Vegetables	Sweetcorn	Peas and Carrots	Mixed Salad	Peas or Baked Beans
	And for Pudding	Pip Organic Ice Lolly	Oaty Cookie	Toffee Cream Shortcake	Summer Berry and Apple Slice	Chocolate Shortbread with a Melon Wedge
	Packed Lunch + pudding of the day	Ham or Cheese Sandwich Salad Sticks Fresh Fruit Slices	Ham or Cheese Sandwich Salad Sticks Fresh Fruit Slices	Ham or Cheese Sandwich Salad Sticks Fresh Fruit Slices	Ham or Cheese Sandwich Salad Sticks Fresh Fruit Slices	Ham or Cheese Sandwich Salad Sticks Fresh Fruit Slices
		Week Two: 28 Apr 19 May 16 Jun 7 Jul 1 Sept 22 Sept 13 Oct				
	3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Hot Option 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Swirl with Potato Wedges (v)	Lasagne & Garlic Bread	Sausages Yorkshire Pudding Mashed Potato & Gravy	Breaded Chicken, Lettuce and Mayo Wrap with Steamed Rice	Fish Fingers & Chips
	Hot Option 2	Vegemince Bolognese with Pasta (v)	Loaded Bean Bake & Garlic Bread (v)	Plant-based Sausages Yorkshire Pudding Mashed Potato & Gravy (v)	Tomato and Courgette Frittata with Potato Wedges (v)	Cheesy Pinwheel & Chips (v)
	Jacket Potato	Cheese, Beans, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw	Cheese, Beans, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw	Cheese, Beans, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw	Cheese, Beans, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw	Cheese, Beans, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw
	Served with	Peas and Sweetcorn	Mixed Salad	Cabbage and Carrots	Crunchy Salad Sticks	Peas or Baked Beans
	And for Pudding	Vanilla Ice Cream	Blueberry Cupcake	Carrot Cake	Chocolate Oatcake with Orange Wedges	Vanilla Crunch Bar with Apple Wedges
	Packed Lunch + pudding of the day	Ham or Cheese Sandwich Salad Sticks Fresh Fruit Slices	Ham or Cheese Sandwich Salad Sticks Fresh Fruit Slices	Ham or Cheese Sandwich Salad Sticks Fresh Fruit Slices	Ham or Cheese Sandwich Salad Sticks Fresh Fruit Slices	Ham or Cheese Sandwich Salad Sticks Fresh Fruit Slices
		Week Three: 5 May 2 Jun 23 Jun 14 Jul 8 Sept 29 Sept 20 Oct				
		*Available Daily: Fresh Salad, Bread & Drinking Water + Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt as Pudding Alternatives				

Sporting News

Football Friendlies

Well done to our budding Footballers from KS2 who played in a friendly matches against Monkleigh last week. The Year 3 and 4 match was an opportunity for all our younger players to play and experience playing in a competitive game. The team played with great passion and teamwork and won 6 - 0.

The girls Football team played after the younger players, and they loved their first experience of playing a competitive game of Football against another school.

As the match went on the girls gained in confidence and won the match 2-0.

Well done to Mia and Dexter who were captains of the teams for the afternoon and led as excellent role models and team players.



Thank you to our Volunteers who continually help out at these events and make them possible to happen.



Virtual Gymnastics

Congratulations to Libby and Graicie who competed in the Devon Virtual Gymnastic event. The girls had to compete live online and be judged by a panel.

This is the first time Langtree have ever competed in a virtual event, and it is amazing that we had children qualify for the finals. The girls both represented North Devon and placed 4th place overall. Amazing!



Autism and Us' Parent Programme (Summer Term 2025): devon.cc/autism-and-us

Support for parents/carers resident within the DCC (Devon County Council) footprint of primary or secondary aged children (5-16) who are either on the neurodiversity assessment waiting list or who have received a diagnosis of autism.

Our 'Autism & Us' programme and associated themed/topic based workshops have now been adopted as a Devon County Council Core offer, which means the long term sustainable and consistent delivery has been secured for families.

They will be delivered each term of the academic year, by members of the SEND Communication & Interaction Team at Devon County Council.

We continue to offer access for parents and carers of CYP (Children & Young People) who are currently on the neurodiversity assessment pathway, in addition to families of CYP who have received an autism diagnosis.

Attending the 'Autism & Us' parent programme gives you opportunity to develop your understanding of autism and look at practical solutions to managing and supporting your child's presenting needs, whilst also connecting with other parents/carers.

We have recently seen a number of settings positively host our programme and workshops within the available school environment. Screening our live virtual sessions onto a screen, whilst enjoying each other's company, a hot drink and biscuits!

The benefits have been multiple, enabling parents/carers to connect with other families in their community, reduce any sense of isolation, avoid any computer set up and connection issues, enhance a positive relationship with school, be amongst others who maybe share similar experiences, and bring their own solutions for the benefit of other families.

Testimonials:

- As a member of school staff it been a pleasure to facilitate these sessions at our primary school.

It has given parents a platform to connect, share experiences and learn together.

Primary School - SENCo

- It made me feel like I wasn't alone. I don't think I would have done it online at home but coming in for the sessions was supportive and informative and I met other parents going through the same thing.

Primary School - Parent

Full programme details and application process below:

Autism & Us programmes:

- 4 weekly 'live online' sessions (approx. 2hrs each) related to the following topic/themes:
- weekly 'live online' sessions (approx. 2hrs each) related to the following topic/themes:

No.	Topic	Programme 1	Programme 2
1	Autism overview	Tues 29 Apr - 10 – 12	Thurs 5 Jun - 4.30 – 6.30
2	Sensory	Tues 6 May - 10 – 12	Thurs 12 Jun - 4.30 – 6.30
3	Communication	Tues 13 May - 10 – 12	Thurs 19 Jun - 4.30 – 6.30
4	Understanding and supporting behaviour	Tues 20 May - 10– 12	Thurs 26 Jun - 4.30 – 6.30

Apply direct by email to: educationlearnersupport@devon.gov.uk

To secure a place on either of the above programmes, or express your interest for forthcoming programmes.

We will confirm your booking request, and provide you with a direct link to the event. They will be delivered on line 'live' via the Microsoft TEAMS platform.

Schools who are offering to host should use the same booking email:

educationlearnersupport@devon.gov.uk We will confirm your booking request, and provide the school with a direct link to the event. Schools will then provide parent/carers attending numbers and contact emails for our register and follow up materials.

Additionally we will also be offering the following very popular themed/topic based workshops, which lead on from the above programmes for themes/topics that may be a priority area for you against your child's presenting needs:

Topic	Date/Time
Introduction to DIAS (Devon Information & Advice Service + the Ambassador Volunteer Programme)	Tues 24 Jun 10-12
Autism – Sensory processing + integration	Thurs 3 Jul 9.30-12.30
Autism and Girls	Thurs 19 Jun 9.30 – 12
Autism – Demand avoidance + PDA	Thurs 26 Jun 10 – 12
Autism – Managing stress + anxiety	Thurs 5 Jun 10-12
Autism – Vulnerability + online safety	Tues 8 Jul 10-12

Apply direct by email to:

educationlearnersupport@devon.gov.uk

To secure a place on any of the above topic based workshops. We will confirm your booking request, and provide you with a direct link to the event.

They will be delivered on line 'live' via the Microsoft TEAMS platform.

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educationlearnersupport@devon.gov.uk We will confirm your booking request, and provide the school with a direct link to the event. Schools will then provide parent/carers attending numbers and contact emails for our register and follow up materials.

Workshop blurbs:

Workshop	Explore
Autism & Girls	This workshop seeks to explore the background of the diagnosis of autism in girls and why historically the female / male ratio has been significantly lower. We explore the key characteristics of girls with autism including areas such as possible masking, communication, social understanding and associated vulnerability. Subsequently we seek to highlight key approaches / strategies which aim to help to support autistic girls within the home / family context.
Autism & Demand Avoidance	This workshop seeks to explore the key characteristics of the extreme demand avoidance profile while outlining the diagnostic background and how this fits into the strengths and needs of autistic children and young people. Subsequently it explores the characteristics of this profile and how it may manifest through a child's behaviour. A range of strategies / approaches are highlighted with the aim of supporting children and young people in the home with an emphasis on an individualised approach which allows for the prioritising of goals to support family life.
Autism & Anxiety	This workshop will explore our understanding of anxiety and how autistic children and young people may experience and express their own anxiety. The workshop will also consider and provide how we can support and reduce their anxiety within the home / family context through a range of approaches and strategies.
Autism & Vulnerability	This workshop will explore some of the vulnerabilities that ALL CYP may experience growing up. But this workshop will specifically shine a lens on how an autistic CYP profile may lead them to respond in different ways through their own developmental journeys. A range of approaches, strategies and supportive links will also be offered to support family life.
Autism & Sensory Processing + Integration	This workshop will explore the 8 senses, sensory integration and how this may affect how autistic children and young people respond to the environment and sensations they are feeling. It aims to raise awareness of sensory processing differences that may impact on an autistic person's life and provide a range of approaches and strategies to support through sensory regulation approaches within the home / family context.
Introduction to DIAS (Devon Information and Advice Service) + The Ambassador Volunteer Programme	<p>This workshop will introduce DIAS; who we are and what we do.</p> <p>We will look at how you and your child or young person can engage with the decisions that impact you, including how to get best out of conversations and meetings about your child's support, how to share your views and those of your child, and understanding your options and legal rights. We will take you through our information and resources that may be relevant for you and your child or young person, and talk through how and when it might be most helpful to link with our service.</p> <p>The Ambassador Volunteer Programme brings together parents and carers of children with SEND across the county, to share information, provide peer support and give feedback on the issues affecting them. Alongside the families, the programme also connects practitioners and organisations who provide services to support them. Here you can find out how the network may be able to help you.</p>

Breakfast and Afterschool Club

Please see the posters below for our Breakfast and Afterschool club. If you need to book a place for your child, please do so via Eduspot/SchoolMoney. Please note that there is a small cost to this provision.



Available every day...

- Board games
- Colouring
- Stories
- Lego and construction toys
- Small world play and cars
- Chromebooks on Fridays (educational games)



Breakfast Club

Breakfast club runs from 8am every day from Monday to Friday supervised by school staff. They will then drop the children off to their classes for the start of the day. Please book via School Money (please give 24hrs notice if you wish to cancel a booking).

Only £3.50 with breakfast included



Available every day...

- Lego and Meccano
- Other construction toys
- Outdoor play
- Drawing/colouring
- Board games
- Books

There will also be special occasion baking.



After School Club

After School Care is available from 3.30pm - 4.30pm every day from Monday to Thursday supervised by school staff. Please book via School Money (please give 24hrs notice if you wish to cancel a booking).

Only £4 with a snack and drink included.

Themed days...

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Lego challenges	Music and dance	Craft and Homework projects support	Chromebook time, e.g. Times Tables Rock Stars and other educational games

ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S ATTENDANCE?

If you have concerns and would like some support to improve your child's attendance, please make an appointment to speak to our attendance lead Mrs Donna Clark. We want to work in partnership to ensure you feel supported in ensuring your child's attendance is the best it can be.

There is a new web page available for parents to access if they are concerned about attendance and would like to find out more about Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA).

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/support-schools-settings/inclusion/ebsa/>

Please feel free to get in touch at any time for further support and signposting.



Nursery Taster Session

Tuesday 20th May 2pm – 3.15pm

Are you looking for a Nursery place?



'Children in the early years learn to take turns and to communicate their understanding of the world very well.'
Ofsted July 2023

'Children are well prepared for the next stage in their education.'
Ofsted July 2023

Come along to our Nursery Taster Session.

- You can stay and meet the staff, enjoy themed activities with your child and explore the indoor and outdoor spaces. It is also an opportunity to potentially meet other new parents.
- It's a great opportunity to discover what we have to offer and find answers to your questions.



This half term the theme is...Amazing animals.

Visit our website to find out more about the school and how to find us.



Langtree Community Garden

Can you help us?



We are looking for people within the Langtree community who can spare a little time to help maintain our beautiful flower and vegetable gardens.

From beginners to keen garden enthusiasts, we welcome you all and value any time that you can offer to help.

If you would like to volunteer or know someone who would like to be involved then please get in touch.

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You can find us on Facebook @ Langtree Community Garden or by contacting Emma on 07583408417



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FRIDAY 18TH APRIL

BUNNY HUNT



£8.50 Adults / £4.50 Child

Under 5s free

Additional charge for face painting
& bouncy castle



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Wishing you a wonderful Easter Break!