

**Executive Head Teacher**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

14/2/25

Thank you for supporting your child/ren and the school this half term. The children have been enjoying some great learning opportunities from Really Wild learning to Children's Mental Health Week. Over the half term, we have also had a number of visitors to the school who have all commented on how polite and friendly the children are and how calm and focused they are as learners. Thank you to the staff and children for creating such a great learning environment. Outside the classroom, we have enjoyed great sporting success including a great win at the local area netball tournament this week. Well done Langtree Purple Team! See the sporting news for more detail. Thank you to Mrs Heard for organising these opportunities and the hard work that goes into training the children.

Remember, if you want to know what is planned for your child's class this term, follow this link and scroll down to find the Class Curriculum maps.

<https://www.langtree.devon.sch.uk/web/curriculum/628383>

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.

24th Feb	First day of Spring term 2
4th March	Year 5 London Meeting 3-3.30pm with Mr Long
6th March	World Book Day (details to follow)
12th March	No after school care (Wednesday)
14th March	Non-uniform day to support PTA Easter event (details to follow)
17th March	School photos
28th March	PTA Easter event (details to follow)
3rd – 4th April	Y5 Residential to London
7th-18th April	Easter Holiday
22nd April	First day of Summer term 1
22nd – 25th April	Y6 residential to St Georges House

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

Home Learning

Well done to everyone who completed home learning projects this half term, from world maps to wave paintings on canvas to recycled robots! The creativity and commitment has been great and really enhanced the children's learning. Many are displayed in classrooms and it has been lovely to see the children proudly sharing them with their classes.

Look out for new projects after the half term holiday!

There will be no home learning set this week but here are some ideas should you wish to try some of them out. You are welcome to bring in anything you create or photos to share after the holiday. Teachers have shared these ideas with the children.

Fun at Home!



OFFLINE ACTIVITIES TO TRY

Make a treasure hunt	Make or do a jigsaw puzzle	Build a blanket fort
Put on a play or puppet show	Play with balloons	Write or recite a poem
Create an obstacle course	Plan and hold a picnic	Learn a magic trick
Build the tallest tower	Make your own kite	Make a greeting card
Bake or cook something	Make a paper airplane	Take photos of 10 living things
Make up a dance or song	Make or play an instrument	Paint or draw a picture
Make a joke book	Try some origami	Play or make a board game

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Parking

The Parish Hall car park. Please, **do not** park in the bus and taxi spaces. We want everyone to be safe so please be mindful of other users of the car park and where you are parking. If you have a disabled badge, please ensure it is shown when using the disabled parking spaces.

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.**

Clubs and School dinners bookings

Bookings are now open via Eduspot/SchoolMoney for School Dinners, Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club for the remaining spring term. Music club will also be continuing on a Monday after the half term, we have opened the bookings up again on Eduspot/SchoolMoney, so every child has a fair chance of a spot. Please note, bookings are based on a first come first serve basis.

Please note: Wednesday 12th March - after school care is unavailable due to staff training.

Reminder: Please respect our staff

All of our staff are committed to supporting your children. It's unfortunate that we feel we have to remind families to please treat our staff with the kindness and respect, whether this is face-to-face or via telephone or email. We are happy to have conversations with parents and we understand some things can be difficult or emotional, but please remember to be polite and considerate, we will always do our utmost to help and offer support where we can.

Would you like to join the PTA?

If you would like to join 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.

World Book Day - Thursday 6th March.

The children can dress as a favourite book character (and bring the book if possible) or in pyjamas and bring a favourite bedtime story. Please do not feel that you need to spend lots of money on costumes. It's always great to see homemade costumes using what you already own.

There will also be a home challenge for children to turn a toilet roll into a book character and bring to school for a book character display.

There will be a reward for anyone who takes part!

Here is some inspiration...



Sporting News

In KS2 some children have been practicing and video recording their different level gymnastic routines which have been now sent off to the School Games organiser at GTS to be judged. Any selected entries will be invited to take part in the Devon Games round and compete via zoom for the next round. This is a new event for Langtree School and the children have enjoyed prepping and recording their sequences.

Well Done to our KS2 netball teams who headed off to GTS to compete in the annual Bee Netball Tournament. The children played against teams from the learning community. Well done to team Blue who came 4th and congratulations to Team Purple who were undefeated and came 1st place. Team Purple now advances to the North Devon Finals and have a chance to play against teams from all over North Devon.

Thank you to you our volunteer, Jill Mitchell as without your help these events would not happen.



Children's Mental Health Week - 3rd-7th February

The children took part in some fabulous activities to understand and promote mental health, including sparkle jars (things that they are grateful for an make them feel safe), worry bags (learning about the importance of sharing worries and asking for help). The whole school came together to think about Children's Mental Health and had lots of fun and interesting discussions. It has been lovely to see their work displayed in classrooms. Some children worked on their worries and how they can get help and support if they are worried, others looked at their lives, what makes them special and how they want to grow in the future.



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.



Langtree Community School

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

Images: A slice of toast with jam, a bowl of cereal with milk, a plate of fruit (apple, banana, orange), a set of colored pencils, a bowl of colorful Lego bricks, a book titled 'MES BLES ROCK ARTS', and a poster for 'MULTIPLICATION & DIVISION. SOLVED.' with '100 IN ACROSS'.



Langtree Community School

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

Images: A chalkboard with 'Homework help', a bowl of nuts, a bowl of colorful Lego bricks, a bowl of fruit, a book titled 'MES BLES ROCK ARTS', a poster for 'MULTIPLICATION & DIVISION. SOLVED.' with '100 IN ACROSS', and a 'GoNoodle' logo.

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