

**Executive Head Teacher**

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21/03/25

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a gloriously sunny week it has been! We have had some more sporting achievements this week with gymnastics and football matches (see sporting news for details). We had a visit from some of the school governors this week, who came to find out what it is like to be at Langtree School. They had a really enjoyable visit and were impressed by the warm welcome from staff and children and the children's commitment to their learning. They also enjoyed spending time outside with them during breaks where they saw them engaging in play and sports. This was just a snapshot of the hard work that goes on every day so well done to all.

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.

27th March	Class Photos and year 6 leavers photo
28th March	Class 2 Rosemoor trip
28th March	PTA Easter egg hunt 2.45-3.30 3.30pm Refreshments in the hall and collection of Easter Egg hunt details in the poster
3rd – 4th April	Y5 Residential to London
4th April	National child Measurement
7th-18th April	Easter Holiday
22nd April	First day of Summer term 1
22nd – 25th April	Y6 residential to St Georges House
12th –15th May	Yr6 SATS week
26th May –6th June	½ term holidays
9th June	Back to school
23rd July	Last day of term – Summer Holidays!

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

Please access your child's home learning via this [link](#).



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.**

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

Class Photos and Year 6 Leavers Photo - 27th March

On Thursday 27th March Tempest Photography will be coming into school to take class photos and year 6 leavers photos.

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.

Writing Showcase

The staff and children have been working really hard this year on developing great writing skills; creating writing that is engaging and enjoyable for the reader as well as carefully presented with fluent handwriting. We have a new display in the study suite to celebrate this achievement. Here are some examples of the work on show from Tia and Kelsie. Next time, we will share some Class 3 work.

Langtree Community School,
Fore Street,
Langtree,
Torrington,
United Kingdom,
EX38 8NF
4/3/25

Dear Treemouse

I am writing to you because I'm have some important news but its dreadful. You live in the scorching hot lush emerald green rainforest. Known as the lungs of the world you are probably wondering why it called that because trees breathe in carbon dioxide breathe oxygen we breathe in oxygen and breathe out carbon dioxide so we work together 10% of the oxygen comes from our rainforests. Because it's so hot and wet all year round you live in the tropical zone, and you are close to the equator.

You Do you know that they are chopping trees down because they want palm oil for crisps and more? But we can help by not buying stuff with palm oil in it, you can count on me.

from Tia

Rainforest Camp
amazon basin
south america
16th March 2025

Dear miss Karen,
When I arrived at the Amazon rainforest I began to study jaguars and how magnificent they are.

I started investigating the jaguars on the very bottom of the forest floor. I went deeper into the forest through tall trees and emerald green leaves.

Me and the guide were talking about where they used to live. jaguars once lived in a rainforest near the southern United States to Argentina. There are now fewer jaguars on earth because of deforestation. People tend to kill them for their fur or the sport but sometimes because they eat cattle.

Jaguars are the 3rd largest big cat in the world, the 2nd largest and the 1st largest is majestic tigers and scary lions. Their size is extremely heavy. Jaguars are between 95 to 160 and 1.5m to 1.8m long. Males weigh around 230 pounds to 350 pounds also they can be 100 to 150 kilograms.

Jaguars are Carnivores so they only eat meat. they hunt on over 30 species of animal some of the meals that hunt are possibly deer, pig, capybara, snakes, fish, frogs and even large armadillo snakes.

From yours sincerely Kelsie

Excellent fact: Unlike many domestic cats jaguars don't avoid water and they are adapted to live in wet environments.

Jaguars

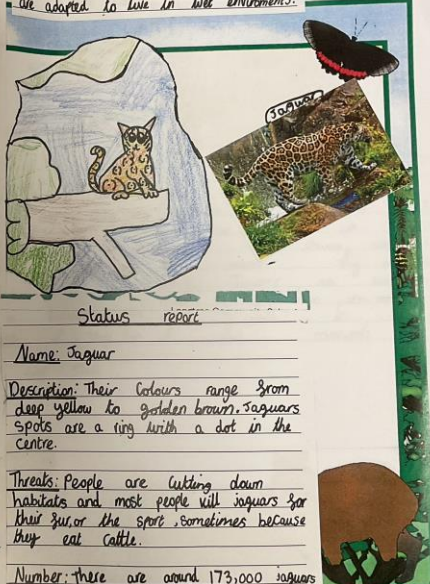
Status report

Name: Jaguar

Description: Their colours range from deep yellow to golden brown. jaguars spots are a ring with a dot in the centre.

Threats: People are cutting down habitats and most people will jaguars for their fur or the sport, sometimes because they eat cattle.

Number: there are around 173,000 jaguars left on earth.



Year 3 and 4 wrote letters to a rainforest tree mouse explaining why her tree was being cut down (using their Geography learning about deforestation). They also created fact pages about rainforest animals, including a letter reporting on research they had undertaken.

Sporting News

Gymnastics



Well done to all the gymnasts that took part in the virtual Gymnastic Devon event. The children have enjoyed watching some of the recorded sequences in assembly and they have received their certificates. Well done to who were highly commended by the organiser and an extra congratulations to Gracie and Libby who have been selected to compete in the next round via zoom at the end of the month and will be representing North Devon in this event.

Football

Well done to our Football League team that have been competing in the Learning community Football league on Tuesday nights on the MUGA. Great to see and hear the enthusiasm from all of our budding footballers in the area. The Footballers had their last set of matches last week and gained 2nd place in the league table. Congratulations to Langtree.



PTA Easter Event - 28th March

The easter Egg hunt is in the afternoon. To claim their prize, they will need to pay £3 via the school app. Prizes will be collected from the School Hall afterschool. Where there will be refreshments available as well as a raffle.

The poster features a bright yellow and orange background with a teal banner at the top. The banner contains the text 'Langtree PTA' and 'EASTER EGG HUNT' in a stylized font. Below the banner is a list of event details. At the bottom left, there is an illustration of a wooden signpost pointing right with 'EGG HUNT' written on it, and several colorful Easter eggs (purple, blue, yellow) in the background. A light pink speech bubble on the right contains text about refreshments and raffle tickets.

Langtree PTA
EASTER EGG HUNT

- Friday 28th March
- 2.45pm - 3.30pm (Event will be held in the school grounds and ran by School staff and PTA)
- £3 (To be paid via Schoolmoney App)

PTA will be serving refreshments and selling raffle tickets in the hall-come and enjoy a warm cuppa, while the children enjoy their Easter Egg prize!

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.

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



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



LANGTREE PARISH HALL
PRESENTS

**60's
night**

WITH BAND

**Carnaby
Street**

COME IN 60'S FANCY DRESS
OR A 60'S ICON

SATURDAY 29TH MARCH 2025

BAR OPENS AT 7.30PM

BAND AT 8.30PM

Tickets £12

To book call 01805 601602
or email hall@langtreeparishhall.co.uk

Wishing you a wonderful weekend!