



Executive Head Teacher

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24/10/25

Autumn Term 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term has been busy with sporting events, Harvest, Appledore Book Festival authors and all of the amazing learning opportunities the staff have provided. The Harvest Festival was a great success and it was wonderful to see such a packed hall full of families there to support the children. The visitors to the art gallery in the hall afterwards raised £50 for the PTA through donations for teas and coffees. The children have worked so hard this past 8 weeks and should be proud of their positive attitudes and determination. We'd like to also thank you all for your support this half term and hope you have a lovely break with your children. We look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 3rd November.

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.

	Dates for your diary
7/11/25	Swimming for year 3 & 5 Dates of lessons: 7th, 14th 21st 28th November
3/11/25	First day back
7/11/25	PTA Halloween party
12/11/25	Acorns community play session 1.330pm-3pm
13/11/25	Tempest - School Photos - details attached
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
4/12/25	Last Construction club
8/12/25	Christmas performance Parish Hall 2.30pm
11/12/25	Construction club - last session
10/12/25	Christingle
17/12/25	Christmas dinner
19/12/25	Last day of term - Happy Holidays
5/1/26	First day back

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](#)

Staffing News

At the end of this term (Christmas), Mr Long will be leaving us to take up a new post and we wish him well. We'd like to thank him for the opportunities he has provided the children while at Langtree; we know he'll be missed. Whilst we are sad to see Mr Long go, we have been fortunate in appointing an amazing teacher, Miss Fleming, who will have the opportunity to meet parents and children before we finish at the end of this term.

Bookings NOW OPEN

Bookings are NOW open on Eduspot/SchoolMoney. Please make sure you book your child for School Dinners/Breakfast/Afterschool Club before our return to school on Monday 3rd November.

Y6 - St Georges House Residential

Thank you for confirming your child's interest in the Year 6 Residential to St Georges House. We will confirm the deposit and instalment/payment dates after half term.

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.

Please see the New Winter Menu overleaf...

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Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Hot Option 1

Margherita
Pizza with Potato
Wedges (v)Breaded Chicken
with
Savoury RiceRoast Turkey
with Stuffing,
Roast Potatoes
and GravyMeatballs in Tomato
Sauce with SpaghettiFish 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

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Cheese *and/or* BeansJacket Potato with
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Cheese *and/or* Beans

Pasta

Homemade Tomato
Sauce & Cheese (v)Homemade Tomato
Sauce & Cheese (v)Homemade Tomato
Sauce & Cheese (v)Homemade Tomato
Sauce & Cheese (v)Homemade Tomato
Sauce & Cheese (v)

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
& CustardChocolate Oatcake
with Orange Wedges

Week One: 3 Nov | 24 Nov | 15 Dec | 19 Jan | 9 Feb | 9 Mar

Available Daily: Fresh Salad, Bread & Drinking Water & Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt as Pudding Alternatives

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Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Hot Option 1

Margherita
Pizza with
Tomato Pasta (v)Sausage Pastry
Pinwheel with
Potato WedgesRoast Gammon
& Roast Potatoes
with GravyChicken Burrito
Bake with
Steamed RiceChicken 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)

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Pasta

Homemade Tomato
Sauce & Cheese (v)Homemade Tomato
Sauce & Cheese (v)Homemade Tomato
Sauce & Cheese (v)Homemade Tomato
Sauce & Cheese (v)Homemade Tomato
Sauce & Cheese (v)

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

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Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Hot Option 1

Macaroni Cheese
& Crusty Bread
(v)Chicken Curry
with Steamed RiceSausages with
Yorkshire Pudding,
Mashed Potato
& GravyHandmade
Fish PieFish 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

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Pasta

Homemade Tomato
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Served with

Fresh Seasonal Veg

Peas

Fresh Carrots
& PeasSweetcorn
& BroccoliPeas *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

Tempest school photos Thursday 13th November



Siblings and individual photos

If you would like your child to have their picture taken with their siblings **that do not attend** the school, the school will be open at 8.05am. Once the photo has been taken you can either pop your child into breakfast club (please book in advance via the school money app) if not then we request you then after you will need to go and wait outside of the school until the gates open at 8.45am.



Acorn and Oak Classes



As Christmas is fast approaching, we are asking for any donations of Christmas decorations. We are looking for lights, tinsel, as well as baubles. Also, if you have any log slices (large or small) and pine cones that would be really helpful. If you could please drop any items to Acorn or Oak class, that would be wonderful- thank you!

Spare clothes - We do have a small supply of clothes; however, we are running low. If you are having a sort out and have any spare clothes that you no longer need, we would be very grateful. We are looking for socks, pants, joggers, t-shirts, sizes 2yrs to 7years. If you do, please pop them to Acorn class.

Poppy Appeal

Tuesday 4th November - Monday 10th November

In preparation for Remembrance Day, we will be raising money to support the excellent work of the British Legion in helping both serving and ex serving personal and their families. We will be doing this through donations for a variety of poppy items.

We aim to raise as much as we can, as it is for an incredibly worthy cause.

There will be an opportunity for children at breaktimes to donate and collect their poppy item in Mr Longs class every day next week until the 10th November or while stocks last. For Oak and Acorn classes we will visit in the afternoon on some days in case they also wish to donate and collect their poppy items with the support of an adult

The school cannot take any responsibility for any money.

Please help us support this very important cause



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.

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.

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

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
- *If your child does not attend Acorns on this day, they are more than welcome to come along, please book via the school money app. Drop them off at the school office where they will need to be signed in at 3.45pm*
- 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

LANGTREE PTA

HALLOWEEN *Party*

FRIDAY

7TH NOVEMBER 2025

LANGTREE SCHOOL HALL

ACORNS & OAK - 3.45-4.30PM

BEECH & SYCAMORE : 4.45PM-5.30PM

£3.50 PER CHILD (TO BE PAID VIA
SCHOOLMONEY)

SNACKS & A DRINK
PROVIDED



Torrington Library activities over October half-term



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HALF TERM SPIKE LEGO WORKSHOP

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

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