

**Executive Head Teacher**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

31/1/25

It has been an exciting couple of weeks with a visit from Kim with his animal encounter experience and some sporting events including a virtual gymnastics competition and netball tournaments. Look out for the results and more information about these events. Thank you to the PTA and Mrs Heard for providing these opportunities.

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.

Home Learning can be found every week on our School website or [here](#).

Please see the class blog page for further information or consult the previous week's homework tasks.

29th January	No After School Care (Wednesday)
3rd – 7th February	Children's Mental Health week
24th Feb	First day of Spring term 2
12th March	No after school care (Wednesday)
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 new Autumn-Winter 2024/25 menu on the school website or [here](#).

PE Days for the Spring Term

This term, PE days will be as follows:

Class 1 - Wednesday / Class 2 - Friday / Class 3 - Tuesday



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.**

Clubs and School dinners bookings

Wrap around care - Breakfast club and after school club are online to book. It will be closed at the start of each week. If you need to book your child in last minute, inform the office and they will confirm your child's space.

Thank you to all the parents and carers that have booked your child/ren school dinners and wrap around care via the SchoolMoney app. It has made an enormous difference and reduced school staff having to follow this up - thank you!

Please note: Wednesday 29th January- 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.

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

We will soon be focusing on Children's Mental Health week commencing 3rd February. Class teachers have lots of resources to share with the children and a range of activities for them to take part in throughout the week that will promote good mental health and encourage the children to develop their own understanding of themselves and how they can grow and be more resilient. Please see the poster below for "Tips for Families", which you may find useful. You will have also received the parent information booklet via email which details a little more about what will be happening in school throughout the week.

TIPS FOR FAMILIES

Place2Be's
CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

- 1 Encourage journalling**
Just like Riley, encourage your older children and young people to express their emotions and thoughts through journalling. It can be less confronting than speaking out loud and is a helpful way to process what is going on.
- 2 Make space for reflection**
When children and young people reflect on their different emotions, it can help them better understand themselves and what they need. Go for a walk, drive, or try some mindful colouring or baking together.
- 3 Be visual**
Use imagery, such as emojis or flashcards to help children and young people recognise and label their feelings.
- 4 Practice mindfulness**
Try mindful activities, and quiet family time, to enjoy being in the present moment. This can help children and young people be aware of their thoughts and emotions and learn a useful new coping technique.
- 5 Communicate**
Feedback is crucial for helping us see our blind spots and gain greater insight. Children and young people are no different. Creating safe and supportive ways to share your own experience with your child can help them understand themselves and their impact on the world around them.

If you're a parent or teacher, you'll find loads of useful advice to help you support the brilliant young people in your lives - from FAQs to downloadable packs. [Here4You.co.uk](https://www.here4you.co.uk)

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

Really Wild Learning Experience

Last Tuesday we were lucky enough to have Kim from the Really Wild Learning Experience join us for the day. He worked with all children in the school in classes throughout the day, showing them the wide variety of animals he was able to bring with him. This helped each of the classes with their learning in Science and Topic. Langtree were able to offer this experience for your children at no cost to you as parents. We are only able to do this through the tireless work of our PTA and their fundraising. It is from this money that we were able to pay Kim and offer this fantastic experience.



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.

Wishing you a restful weekend!