

Longden CE Primary School and Nursery Newsletter - Friday 11th April 2025



Thank you all for coming to our egg-xciting assembly this morning.

A reminder that Monday 28th April is a staff training day, and the children return to school on Tuesday 29th April. We hope you have a restful break and that the children enjoy the Easter celebrations. It's a fun and busy school holiday with lots of laughter, but often with lots of whizzing about and juggling jobs too. Don't forget to take a little time for yourselves as families if you can and reach out if you need support. More info on what help is on offer locally can be found here <https://next.shropshire.gov.uk/customer-services/community-hubs/central-shropshire-shrewsbury-and-surrounding-areas/>






Sports Clubs Summer Term 1- ***Now available to book on ParentPay on a first come- first served basis***

Longden CE Primary School & Nursery					
After School Sports and Activity Clubs Summer Term 1 (w/c 28th April - w/c 19th May 2025)					
Day	Club	Details	Time	Cost	Age Groups and Tutors
Tuesday	Football	The group will be split into three teams based on age/ability (Y1/2; Y3/4; Y5/6)	3:15pm-4:15pm	£3.50 per session	For Years 1- 6: run by Passmaster coaches
Tuesday	Dance Club	*** NEW *** Creative, freestyle, child-led movement to music. Could be Country dancing or hip-hop. **Please note this a one off club in place of Loopy Loos which is taking a break this half term**	3:15pm-4:15pm	£3.50 per session	For Years 3-6: with Tina from Passmasters
Wednesday	Cookery Club	**Only available to children who have not attended previously** Are you ready to embark on a culinary adventure? Our brand-new Cookery Club is calling young chefs in Years 3-6 to the kitchen! Join our school cook, Lauren for a fun, hands-on cooking experience that will teach you how to create delicious and nutritious dishes. All ingredients will be provided (max of 10 children)	3:15pm-4:00pm	£4.80 per session	For Years 3-6: with Lauren Mansell and Annabelle Shedden
Wednesday	Jammy Dodgers	'Jammy Dodgers' - a multi skills fun club with small sided games. Run by an experienced PE coach, Sasha, from Passmasters	3:15pm-4:15pm	£3.50 per session	For Reception, Year 1 and Year 2: run by Passmaster coaches
Wednesday	Y6 SAT's Club	Y6 only- running for 2 weeks at start of Summer Term	3:15pm-4:00pm	No charge	Y6 SAT preparation with Mr Higgs
Thursday	Cricket Club	Cricket Club for Y3-Y6 (18 children)	3:15pm-4:15pm	£3.50 per session	For Years 3-6 with Mr Whittall (Parent Volunteer)
Thursday	Ukulele Club	Years 2 and 3 from beginner level (max of 15 children)	3:15pm-4:15pm	No charge	Years 2 and 3: with Mr Higgs
Thursday	Livewires	Inclusive fun club from Reception to Year 6, aimed at children with disabilities or those who may need a little encouragement to participate in sport. Child-led fun games and activities with a focus on keeping fit and active whilst building friendships.	3:15pm-4:15pm	£3.50 per session	For Reception to Year 6: run by Passmaster coaches
<p>Please note: To sign up for any after school clubs please log into ParentPay and click on the Yellow Banner on the homepage. All clubs are available to book in blocks every half term. Please book before the start of each half term to ensure your child's name is on the register. *Clubs will run from w/c 28/04/2025 until w/c 19/05/2025* Cricket will run for 8 weeks from 15/05/2025 until 10/07/2025 for 8 weeks total*. Please note we accept tax free childcare vouchers for payment of sports and activity clubs. Please enquire at the school office for further information.</p>					

Summer Term Menu



Menu Week 1






LONGDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL MENU WEEK 1: 24 th Feb, 17 th March, 7 th April, 28 th April, 19 th May, 9 th & 30 th June					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
THE MAIN EVENT	Tomato and Mascarpone Pasta or Mac and Cheese  Toasted Ciabatta	Ham & Cheese Melt Baguette  Herby Diced Potatoes Baked Beans	Roast Gammon Mash & Roast potatoes  Yorkshire Pudding Cauliflower Cheese, Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognese  Garlic Bread	Pizza  Chips or Pasta Beans
ON THE SIDE	Sweetcorn and Salad	Peas and Salad	Carrots and Broccoli	Carrots and Salad	Sweetcorn and Salad
TO FINISH	Assortment of Biscuits	Mini Doughnuts	Angel Delight	Mini Vanilla & Toffee Cheesecakes	Ice Cream & Sprinkles
AVAILABLE DAILY	Available Daily: Healthy Side Salad, Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit Pots <u>Vegetarian options are available upon request- Please speak to the school office for more information</u>				





Menu Week 2






MENU

LONGDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL MENU WEEK 2: 3rd & 24th March, 5th May, 16th June, 7th July

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
THE MAIN EVENT	Jumbo Fishfinger  Wedges or Pasta Beans	Jacket Potato Tuna Mayo/ Chilli/Cheese/ Beans  Coleslaw	Chicken Breast Roast Potatoes & New Potatoes  Yorkshire Pudding Stuffing Gravy	Chinese Chicken  Noodles or Pasta Crusty Bread	Pizza  Chips or Pasta Beans
ON THE SIDE	Peas and Salad	Broccoli and Salad	Carrots and Broccoli	Green Beans and Salad	Sweetcorn and Salad
TO FINISH	Assortment of mini muffins	Iced Shortbread Biscuits	Fruit Jelly	Iced Sprinkle Cake	Assorted Cookies
AVAILABLE DAILY	Available Daily: Healthy Side Salad, Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit Pots <u>Vegetarian options are available upon request- Please speak to the school office for more information</u>				

Menu Week 3

LONGDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL MENU WEEK 3: 10 th & 31 st March, 12 th May, 2 nd & 23 rd June, 14 th July					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
THE MAIN EVENT	Tomato and Basil Pasta or Mac and Cheese  Crusty bread roll	Sausages Mini Roast Potatoes or Pasta  Baked Beans	Roast Pork/Beef Roast Potatoes New Potatoes  Yorkshire Pudding Cauliflower Cheese Gravy	BBQ Chicken Wrap  Potato Puffs/Pasta Baked Beans	Pizza  Chips or Pasta Beans
ON THE SIDE	Sweetcorn and Salad	Peas and Salad	Carrots and Broccoli	Carrots and Salad	Sweetcorn and Salad
TO FINISH	Choc Ice	Shortbread	Fruit Jelly	Cornflake Cakes	Assorted Cookies
AVAILABLE DAILY	Available Daily: Healthy Side Salad, Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit Pots <u>Vegetarian options are available upon request- Please speak to the school office for more information</u>				

Breakfast Club at Longden - 7.45am-8.30am



Breakfast Club

Please note that each Friday, there will be pancakes or homemade waffles available along with cereals/toast and fruit.

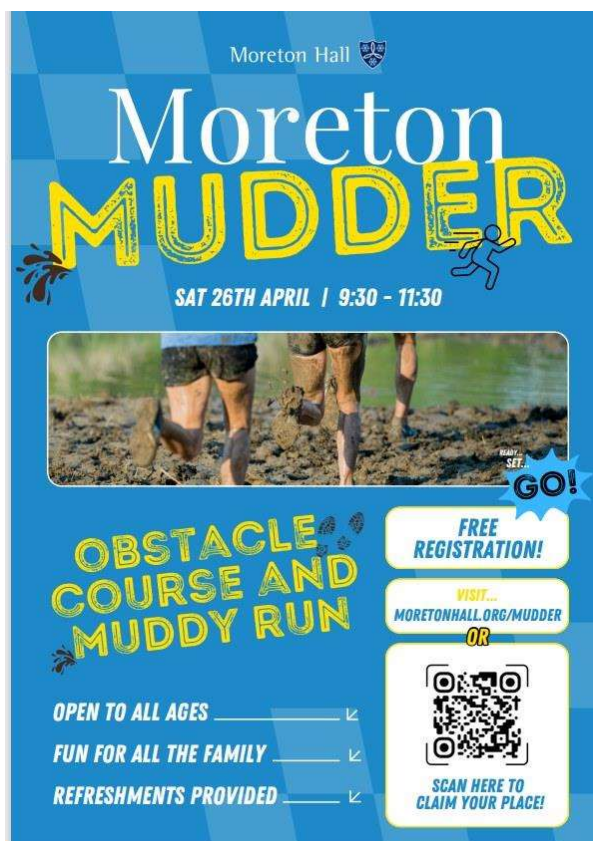
Bookings for Summer Term 2025 (29th April - 23rd May 2025)


The booking form **to access advance rate breakfast club sessions** from 29th April is now available here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/RyAUnkSY2X>

If you would like to book your child in for any ad hoc sessions, please get in touch with the school office.


Easter Holiday



Moreton Hall 

Moreton MUDDER

SAT 26TH APRIL | 9:30 - 11:30




GO!

**OBSTACLE
COURSE AND
MUDDY RUN**


**FREE
REGISTRATION!**


VISIT...
[MORETONHALL.ORG/MUDDER](https://moretonhall.org/muddier)


OR



SCAN HERE TO
CLAIM YOUR PLACE!

OPEN TO ALL AGES 

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY 

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED 

The Shropshire and Welsh Marches based Curlew Recovery Project



World Curlew Day Celebration

Egg Painting Workshop with Artist Liz Toole



Paint a replica Curlew egg
to use in a real Curlew's nest!

Then, paint another, in any style, to take home for Easter

15th
APRIL

2pm - 4pm

Snailbeach Village
Hall, SY5 ONS

£10 per person (inc, accompanying adult
for under 11's)



Suitable for ages 5 and above.

Children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult

Places are limited so book your place and your eggs now at :

www.curlewcountry.org



Easter Holiday Football Clubs

14th - 17th & 22nd - 25th April, 9am to 3pm


For children ages 5 to 12, our holiday clubs are open to all abilities
with a focus on fun and football!

at **The Croud Meadow, SY2 6ST & Ludlow Football Stadium, SY8 2BN**


Scan the QR code or visit our website to book a single day for £18,
or save when you book multiple days!

foundationstfc.co.uk/fun





PASSMASTER COACHING



£30 per person per day. Sibling discount 10%

Registered company

Indoor courts

Prizes, medals, trophies

Y5-8 Netball CAMP

Delivered by professional netball coaches

Tuesday 15 April and Wednesday 16 April 9 am - 3 pm

Let your kids learn the basics of netball, develop their skills, and make new friends. On-court match experience.


Refine your skills, build your unique game and grow your passion. Select your area for development and begin to specialise.

<https://www.passmastercoaching.co.uk>

<https://passmastercoaching.schoolipal.co.uk>

contact@passmastercoaching.co.uk

Shrewsbury College, London Rd Sports Centre, Shrewsbury SY2 6PR



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PASSMASTER COACHING

EASTER

ACTIVITY HOLIDAY CLUB

MOUNT PLEASANT PRIMARY, WHITEMERE ROAD, SHREWSBURY SY1 3BY




14, 15, 16, 17 APRIL 8 AM - 4 PM
22, 23, 24, 25 APRIL 8 AM - 4 PM
£22 PER DAY
PRIMARY SCHOOL Y1-Y6

MORE INFO: CONTACT @PASSMASTERCOACHING
[HTTPS://WWW.PASSMASTERCOACHING.CO.UK](https://www.passmastercoaching.co.uk)



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EASTER FOOTBALL CAMP

CHILDREN NEED A PACKED LUNCH, A REFILLABLE DRINKS BOTTLE, SPORTS CLOTHING, A WATERPROOF JACKET, AND FOOTWEAR SUITABLE FOR ASTRO AND INDOOR PLAY.

**APRIL 14, 15, 16
23, 24, 25**

SHREWSBURY COLLEGE, LONDON RD,
SHREWSBURY SY2 6PR

£20 PER DAY 9-3 (FREE EARLY DROP
OFF 8.15 AM)

SUITABLE FOR RECEPTION CHILDREN - Y6

[HTTPS://PASSMASTERCOACHING.SCHOOLIPAL.CO.UK](https://passmastercoaching.schoolipal.co.uk)

contact@passmastercoaching.co.uk



SCAN ME



EASTER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS Worried about costs? Rea Valley Foodbank is here to help families with food and other essentials. We now aim to offer as much choice as possible.

Why not try it, just call for a chat with

Rev. Greg Smith 07902 794653

or Rev. Richard Lonsdale 07922 830488

or ask to be referred by the School or Nursery

Email reavalleyfoodbank@gmail.com

<https://reavalleyfoodbank.co.uk/getting-a-referral/>



We are now on Facebook take a look for the latest news and information.

Diary Dates for the Summer Term

Start of Summer Term - Tuesday 29th April 2025

**WE'RE
BACK!**

Maple Class Parents Evenings- **Tuesday 29th April & Thursday 1st
May 2025**

Academy Photography- Class Groups & Sports Teams- **Thursday 1st
May 2025**



Reception Class- NHS Vision Screening- **Friday 2nd May 2025**



Y6 Crucial Crew- **Tuesday 10th June 2025**

Fathers Day Poems Assembly- **9am Friday 13th June 2025**



Sports Day- **Tuesday 24th June 2025**



* Chestnut* Whole Class Celebration Event- Shropshire Music Service
@ Theatre Severn- **Monday 30th June 2025**

Nursery Sports Day- **Wednesday 2nd July 2025**



Arthog Residential (Y5/6)- **Monday 7th- Friday 11th July 2025**



Carding Mill Valley Big Day Out- **Tuesday 15th July 2025** (YR-6)



Y6 Leavers Assembly- **13:15pm Friday 18th July 2025**

After School Care Notice



A reminder to all parents who use After School Care.

Please ensure that if you wish your child to stay at after school care that their place is confirmed in advance on ParentPay. This can be completed up until 10am on the day of the booking and can also be booked several weeks in advance.

*If you miss this deadline or plans suddenly change meaning you require this at short notice, please contact the school office by emailing admin@longden.shropshire.sch.uk or calling 01743 860480 and **wait for confirmation that there is space for your child/children to attend.***

*We have had several occasions of up to **ten** children not being booked in, making it incredibly difficult to plan staffing.*

Please contact the office if you have any queries and thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Use of the school driveway and car park - staff and authorised visitors only



*Please remember to park on Plealey Lane when bringing your child(ren) to and from clubs **before** and **after the school day**. The school drive is busy with staff and authorised visitors throughout the day. We want to avoid pedestrians and vehicles using this access at the same time, and so reducing the number of vehicles using this access is of benefit to us all.*

Informing us of an absence

A reminder that any information regarding an absence, medical appointments or early collections/late arrivals must be emailed to absence@longden.shropshire.sch.uk¹ by 9am. If your child is off for more than one day, please email an update daily.

School Uniform - Lost Property and Preloved Uniform

***Lost Property** - there is a large amount of lost property in school. If you are missing things please **check the box under the counter in the library**. Please ensure all items are labelled so we can reunite items with their owners.*

***Pre-loved uniform** - there is now a clothes rail in the reception lobby where items of pre-loved uniform are available. Please pop in and help yourself as required. We welcome donations of any preloved uniform. Please ensure items are washed, thank you.*

Longden CE Primary School and Nursery - Term Dates 2024/25 and 2025/26 now available on our website

<https://www.longden.shropshire.sch.uk/term-dates-and-school-opening-hours/>

¹<mailto:absence@longden.shropshire.sch.uk>

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Key Longden Calendar Dates for the 24/25 academic year

An overview of all the key dates of events and activities throughout the 24/25 academic year is available on our website: <https://longden-shropshire.secure-primariesite.net/term-dates/>

Forest School - things we always need!



MyNametags

Fed up of scouring lost property and want to make sure your children's belongings make their way back home for a change, whilst also raising valuable funds for resources and experiences that benefit all of the children at Longden?

The PTA have teamed up with MyNametags, a great company that produce custom name stickers, who will donate 24% of the value of every order back to the PTA.

Last time we checked there was also something in it for you - we found a 15% discount code although no guarantees how long that will work :)

Enter **VOUCHER15CODES** in the discount code box at checkout first then further down, tick the box that asks if you have a school id, and enter **108853** in the box after it (if it's not pre-populated).

<https://www.mynametags.com/affiliate?id=108853>

Top Tip: enter your mobile number as the second line on the name label - it's surprising the number of times you'll be reunited with your children's belongings when strangers find them at the park/pool/Attingham and will then text or call!



Free School Transport

Is your child attending the nearest and/or catchment primary school and living two miles or more from school? If so, they may be entitled to receive free school transport. Please read through the guidance notes below and following that, should you wish to apply, please follow the link below.

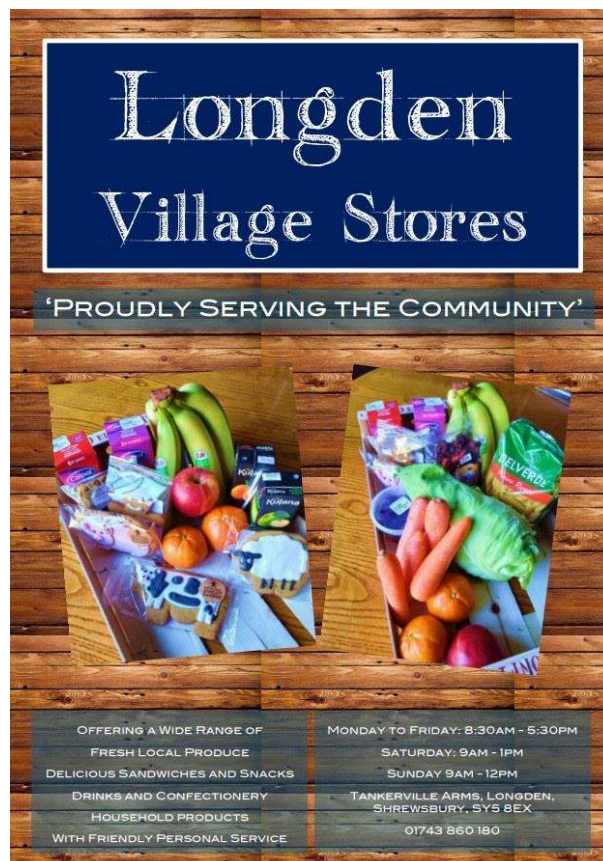
You can apply for either free school transport at a community school or school transport assistance on denominational (religious) grounds

In order to be eligible to receive free school transport the following criteria must normally be met:

- The pupil must be ordinarily resident in Shropshire
- The pupil must be in attendance at either the nearest, or catchment area school and live more than 2 miles away (for primary aged pupils) or 3 miles away (for secondary aged pupils). Distances are measured using the shortest pedestrian route between the home and school.

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/school-transport/available-support/primary/>

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SUNDAY 9AM - 12PM

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SHREWSBURY, SY5 8EX
01743 860 180

Useful links for Families

Shropshire Parenting Help and Support Line

The Parenting Help and Support Line are here for parents with a friendly listening ear and practical advice on everything from behaviours that challenge to sleep issues. No judgment, just support. Call 01743 250950 Monday - Thursday, 9.30am - 4.30pm or Friday, 9.30am - 3.30pm or email: parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk²

The poster features the title 'Shropshire Parenting Help and Support Line' in green. Below it, the phone number '01743 250950' is in a yellow box. Operating hours are listed: 'Mon - Thurs, 9.30am - 4.30pm' and 'Fri, 9.30am - 3.30pm', with the tagline 'No judgment, just support.' Below this, a man and a woman are illustrated. The woman is holding a smartphone and pointing towards a QR code. Surrounding them are speech bubbles with topics: 'Sleep', 'Child Development', 'Babies', 'Teens', 'Family life', 'Help', 'Behaviour', 'Toddlers', and 'Tweens'. A red arrow points to the QR code with the text 'Find out more here'. At the bottom left is the 'Shropshire Supporting Families through Early Help' logo, and at the bottom right is the 'Shropshire Council' logo.

²<mailto:parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk>

Does your child struggle with their sleep?

Free Sleep Tight Workshops

Join us on one of our virtual or face-to-face workshops and:

- Find out why sleep is important for our health and emotional wellbeing
- Get support to help improve sleep and bedtime routines
- Meet other parents/carers to share and discuss experiences

Our next Workshops start:

Sleep Tight on Thursday 19th September 2024 from 12.45pm to 2.45pm Virtually via MS Teams

Sleep Tight SEND Friday 20th September 2024 from 9.30am to 11.30am at Wilfred Owen School, Shrewsbury, SY2 5SH

Sleep Tight SEND on Thursday 7th November 2024 from 12.45pm to 2.45pm Virtually via MS Teams

To book a place email Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk or call 01743 250950

Find out more here



Raising any safeguarding concerns as a parent

- Please report your concerns to Shropshire First Point Of Contact on 0345 678 9021
- If you need to report concerns out of office hours please contact the Emergency Social Work Team³ on 0345 678 9040 selecting option 1

You can also speak to:

- Protecting Vulnerable People (West Mercia Police): 0300 333 3000
- NSPCC: 0800 800 5000
- Childline: 0800 1111

You can also talk to Mrs Johnson in school.

If you want to report criminal behaviour, please telephone 0800 555 111 or go to <https://www.westmercia.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>

³<https://shropshire.gov.uk/emergency-social-work-team/>

The Parenting Team/Sleep Tight Workshops

The Parenting Team | Shropshire Council⁴

Top Tips for Safety on Social Media

Dear parents and carers,

We're delighted to let you know that **Longden CE School and Nursery** has become a member of The National College – a multi-award-winning online training provider for staff and parents.

What does this mean for you? As part of our membership, The National College provides dedicated training and resources for parents and carers – particularly, around online safety and keeping children safe online.

Online safety advice on any topic Of course, staff will continue to teach children about the risks online. But with the internet so readily accessible, the most effective approach to online safety needs everyone involved, including parents and carers. That's why you've now got access to **hundreds of courses, explainer videos and online safety guides** to support your awareness of the online world. Topics range from understanding apps like TikTok and Instagram to recognising the signs of online harm and what you can do to help.

Sign up is easy Signing up to the platform is simple. Just follow <https://v2.nationalcollege.com/enrol/longden-cofe-primary-school> and complete your details. Once you're set up, you'll be able to choose 'Parent/Carer' as your user type and get instant access to all training and resources.

Download the app for free Another fantastic benefit of The National College is its National Online Safety app, which you can download for free. It gives you access to all their parent and carer resources on the go, whenever you want. You can download the National Online Safety app using the links below: App store⁵ Google Play⁶

They're always here to help The National College has a brilliant support team if you have any questions. Their help centre⁷ provides a comprehensive bank of answers to most FAQs, but if you still can't find the answer you're looking for, you can always get in contact⁸ with them. I hope you'll sign-up and make the most of their resources.

⁴<https://next.shropshire.gov.uk/the-send-local-offer/early-help/the-parenting-team/>

⁵<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/national-online-safety/id1530342372>

⁶<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.co.nationaleducationgroup.nos>

⁷<https://help.nationalcollege.com/en>

⁸<https://nationalcollege.com/contact-us>



10 Top Tips for Parents & Educators

SAFETY ON SOCIAL MEDIA