

# Longden CE Primary School and Nursery Newsletter - Friday 10th October 2025



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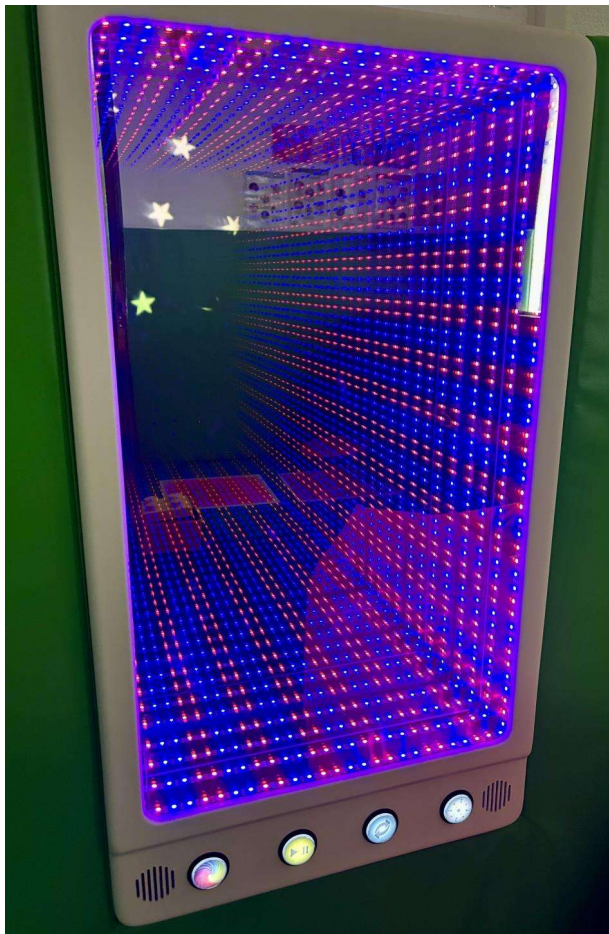
*Our new 'sensory room' is up and running, thanks to funding from Shropshire Council. We have called it the Acorn Room, and any children who need support for their mental health and well-being are able to use the room with a member of staff. The equipment has been specifically chosen to foster self-regulation, reduce stress, improve concentration and social skills. It helps children find calm, improve communication skills and can act as a 'reset button' for those who need it. We hope that this space will be used throughout the day and by all age groups. You will see from the photos that it is a very engaging and peaceful space. It includes an infinity tunnel where colours and music can be changed at the push of a button, bubble tube with mirrors, a projector to provide changing patterns, pictures and colours on the wall, fibre optic cables, sensory floor gel pads, bean bags, fidget toys and more! If you would like to see it for yourselves, please ask and we will be happy to show you.*

*Thank you to those parents who have offered to join a working party to meet with me each half term. The groups will hold their first meeting soon - updates in future newsletters soon.*

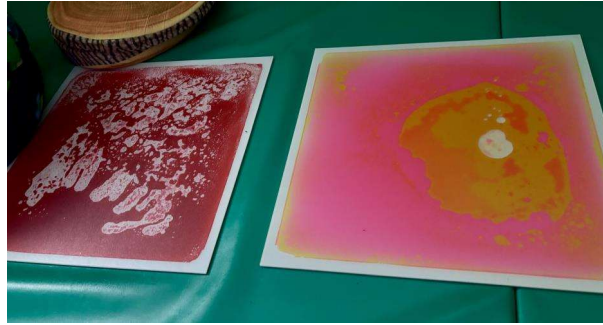
*Have a lovely weekend,*

*Mrs Johnson*

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Thank you for Rea Valley Foodbank



Sincere thanks and appreciation for your very generous Harvest Festival donations. We would like to thank the parents and carers, pupils and staff for their support for our local group. All items donated go to local people in need. It greatly helps us to reduce our costs.

Thank you so much.

Kind regards

Rea Valley Foodbank

## Parent/Carer Meetings: Tuesday 13th October 1.15pm-4.00pm - Chestnut (with Miss Noblet)

An opportunity for parents of children in Chestnut Class to come and meet Miss Noblet, find out how they have settled in to the new term and to ask any questions you might have. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you require an alternative appointment date. **See DoJo for information on how to book appointments.** Thank you.

## Parent/Carer Meetings: Thursday 16th October 1.15pm-4.00pm - Willow, Ash and Chestnut (with Miss Saunders)

An opportunity for parents of children in Willow, Ash and Chestnut Class to come and meet their child's teacher, find out how they have settled in to the new term and to ask any questions you might have. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you require an alternative appointment date. **See DoJo for information on how to book appointments.** Thank you.

## Parent/Carer Meetings: Thursday 23rd October 1.15pm-5.00pm (Oak)

An opportunity for parents of children in Oak Class to come and meet Mr Higgs, find out how they have settled in to the new term and to ask any questions you might have. **See DoJo for information on how to book appointments.** Thank you.

## Breakfast Club Bookings - November and December 2025 - please confirm required sessions

Please confirm breakfast club sessions (from 7.45am) required between Mon 3rd November-Friday 19th Dec. Charges will show in your child's ParentPay account. Please complete a form for each child attending by **Monday 20th October 2025**. Once sessions are booked payment will be due and no refunds will be issued due to non attendance in the event of illness or other reasons. The Breakfast Club Policy is available for review on our website and should be read before making bookings: <https://www.longden.shropshire.sch.uk/policy-documents/> Booking sessions constitutes agreement with this policy. Please note that session costs have been heavily subsidised in the last year as we received a grant from the DfE to support attendance at sessions. Please see the updated policy for details of increased charges for both pre-booked and last minute sessions. We are still able to offer a partial subsidy until December 2025. If you have any questions please contact the school office. Thank you.

<https://forms.office.com/e/X4Y7895VUM>

## Longden CE Primary School and Nursery - Our Vision and Values

Last year we invited our school community to decide which Christian Values best describe our school. We are now able to share the final document that outlines the vision and values of our school. Please see the document on our website:

<https://www.longden.shropshire.sch.uk/our-school-vision-and-values/> which shows that

friendship, respect and compassion are three core values that support ‘care, share and be fair’ and help us as a school community to live out the golden rule of ‘Do to others what you would have them do to you.’ (Matthew 7:12). During worship we have been exploring friendship and respect and this week compassion. As our core values the children are beginning to link stories from the Bible and quotes from the Bible to understand the Christian roots of these values. The worship themes for the rest of the term will include an in depth look at the value of Humility as well as events in the Christian calendar such as Remembrance Sunday, Advent and Christmas. In worship I have shared some of this document with the children but sharing it at home and talking about how the children see our vision and values at school will really help to embed an understanding for all. Thank you for those who contributed to helping us create this final statement which we see being lived out in school daily. Kind regards, Mrs Portman

## Longden CE Primary School and Nursery - Term Dates for 2025/26 on our website

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

Longden CE Primary School and Nursery - School Terms and Holiday Programme 2024/25

September 2024	October 2024	November 2024	December 2024	January 2025
M 2 9 16 23 30	M 7 14 21 28	M 4 11 18 25	M 2 9 16 23 30	M 5 12 19 26 27
T 3 10 17 24	T 8 15 22 29	T 5 12 19 26	T 3 10 17 24 31	T 7 14 21 28
W 4 11 18 25	W 9 16 23 30	W 6 13 20 27	W 4 11 18 25	W 1 8 15 22 29
Th 5 12 19 26	Th 3 10 17 24 31	Th 7 14 21 28	Th 5 12 19 26	Th 2 9 16 23 30
F 6 13 20 27	F 4 11 18 25	F 1 8 15 22 29	F 6 13 20 27	F 3 10 17 24 31
Su 1 8 15 22 29	Su 6 13 20 27	Su 2 9 16 23 30	Su 1 8 15 22 29	Su 4 11 18 25 26
February 2025	March 2025	April 2025	May 2025	June 2025
M 3 10 17 24	M 3 10 17 24 31	M 7 14 21 28	M 5 12 19 26	M 2 9 16 23 30
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July 2025	August 2025	 School Day 190 School Holiday 67 Bank Holiday 8 PD Days 5		<b>2024/2025</b> Autumn 1st Half 38 days Autumn 2nd Half 35 days Spring 1st Half 29 days Spring 2nd Half 35 days Summer 1st Half 18 days Summer 2nd Half 35 days Staff Total 195 days Pupil Total 190 days <small>(Pupils required to attend for 190 days)</small>
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