

Longden CE Primary School and Nursery Newsletter - 29th August 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had an enjoyable and peaceful holiday and that the children are ready for the excitement of the new school year. Staff have been busy getting everything ready for when the children return on Wednesday 3rd September, and we are looking forwards to hearing all about their summer adventures!

Just a quick reminder of the new gate times, as previously shared, we have to legally ensure 32.5 hours of school time each week, and so **gates will be opened at 8.15am ready for a prompt 8.30am class start**. Doors will open at 8.20am so that children can put their coats and bags away and are in class for 8.30am activities.

Gates to the school playground will be locked shortly after 8.30am. Anyone arriving after this time should walk up the main school drive and come in through the school entrance please. We ask for your support in being prompt please, it's important that classes have a smooth start to the day.

Nursery children with siblings in school can be taken to nursery after school drop off at 8.30am if this helps families begin their day. All other nursery children should be dropped off between 8.35am and 8.45am. All nursery children will begin their session at 8.45am. Please ensure your child arrives in time for the start of this session. The nursery day ends at 2.50pm, and parents are asked to collect promptly at this time as the staff and building need to be prepared for After School Care, who use the building from 3pm. Our nursery building has had a much needed makeover and looks brilliant, with further plans to develop the nursery outdoor play areas too. More info soon.

I will send a more detailed update next week.

I hope you all enjoy this final weekend of the holidays.

See you on Wednesday!

Mrs Johnson

Breakfast Club Bookings from September

Please confirm breakfast club sessions required between Weds 3rd September & Fri 24th October 2025 via this quick form¹. Charges will show in your child's ParentPay account. Please complete a form for each child attending **by Monday 1st September 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: Breakfast Club Policy 2025/26²

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.

New Autumn Menu from September

A new three week rolling menu will be served from September, and these menus are on the school website to view and to check the corresponding dates. We will start with **Week One from 3rd September**. We hope to arrange some more dates for parents and carers to come in to join pupils again and will confirm dates soon. These were really popular and we look forward to welcoming you back in again. Feedback on the menus is always welcome.

Please note, there will be a price rise of 10p on all meals from September 2025. Nursery meals will be charged at £2.60 and all other pupils at £2.70.

<https://longden-shropshire.secure-primariesite.net/school-meals/>

Nursery Session Fee and Snack Fee increase

We are writing to inform you of some necessary changes to pricing that will take effect from September 2025. We understand that any increase in costs can be unwelcome news, and we

¹<https://forms.office.com/e/idpm1A53zZ>

²<https://www.schoolbus.co.uk/compliancemanager/public/breakfast-club-booking-and-charging-policy/92a70de8-a7e4-4704-b99c-8c51c4bd7ec6/106881>

want to assure you that these rises have been considered carefully and are necessary to maintain the high-quality care and services we provide for your children. The hourly rate for privately funded nursery sessions will increase by 50p. The new rates will therefore be £5.50 per hour for 2-year-olds and £6.50 per hour for 3/4-year-olds. The daily snack fee will also rise by 10p to 80p.

Please see the updated Nursery Charging Policy for further details. Nursery Charging and Admissions Policy 2025-26³

Sports & Activity Clubs and After School Care Autumn 2025

Sports and Activity Clubs will recommence from **Monday 8th September 2025**. Further details about new clubs available from September will be provided in week commencing 1st September.

The regular after school care sessions are available from Wednesday 3rd September, 3-6pm. Please book on ParentPay as usual.

Classlist



Our PTA have introduced Classlist, an app designed to simplify communication and payment processes between families and the PTA. As well as being a dedicated platform for sharing PTA updates, Classlist also connects families and can be used to arrange sharing lifts for sports events, buying and selling items, seeking recommendations, and even celebrating special milestones.

³<https://nationalcollege.com/longden-cofe-primary-school/policies/9fbc3ad2-a592-4e86-a137-70707b721d62>

To see the most benefits of Classlist, and to ensure everyone is in the loop for forthcoming events, the PTA kindly request that every parent/guardian in school downloads the app and signs in.

You can find out more here: <https://youtu.be/Y5VP7jnUQ9M?si=DLK5QLCtltDyJD5N>The PTA are hoping that this will help them organise the most successful and collaborative year yet!

Many thanks, from your PTA :)

School Shop Direct



School uniform for September back to school needs to be ordered by
8th August 2025
Orders after this date may not be ready in time for back to school

There are several ways to order uniform

SHOP - SHREWSBURY
Opening times
Monday – Friday 9-5pm
Saturday 10-4pm

Extended summer holiday opening hours please see the website.

ONLINE
www.schoolshopdirect.co.uk

EMAIL
Items can be ordered by messaging Info@schoolshopdirect.co.uk

CONTACT

Telephone	01743 440 449
E-mail	info@schoolshopdirect.co.uk
Web	www.schoolshopdirect.co.uk

17-18 Sundorne Trade Park, Featherbed Lane
Shrewsbury SY1 4NS (SY1 4YA for Sat Nav)

1. In store

The shop is open Monday to Saturday year-round. You are welcome to call in at any time to try on , reserve and buy uniform.

2. Online

The online store is fully open, and orders can be posted to a home address, or we offer a click/collect from store service.

3. Email

Email with the following details and we will prepare your order for collection

Name
Contact number
School
Items required

4. Telephone

If you would like to speak to a member of staff regarding uniform, please call 01743 440 449

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

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

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 Team⁴ 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

⁴<https://shropshire.gov.uk/emergency-social-work-team/>

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/>