Longden CE Primary School and Nursery Newsletter - Monday 3rd February 2025

We are looking forwards to welcoming you into school on Friday school next week, when the children will tell you all about the maths they do in class. A reminder that this assembly is on Friday 7th February at 9am in the hall. Children can come to school in their own clothes, with a maths theme if they can!

On Monday we will be putting out some of the new stories we have bought for each class that celebrate diversity. If you would like to come and have a look, these will be in the hall after school.

There are a few other dates to tell you about too...

Booka Book Fayre Thursday 27th February (after school, parents welcome)

World Book Day 6th March (come dressed as a book character)

Red Nose Day 21st March - theme to be announced!

Mother's Day assembly 28th March at 9am

Easter Bonnet parade assembly 11th April

We hope that you will be able to join us!

Sally Johnson

Theatre Severn - SAVE THE DATE

The children had a wonderful time watching the pantomime at Theatre Severn.

Please note that we have booked our next whole school visit to watch Dick Whittington at Theatre Severn on Tuesday 2nd December 2025.

NSPCC Number Day 2025- Friday 7th February

Children's Mental Health Week - ***Monday 3rd- Friday 7th Feb***

We are pleased to be participating in Place2be's, Children's Mental Health Week, 2025.

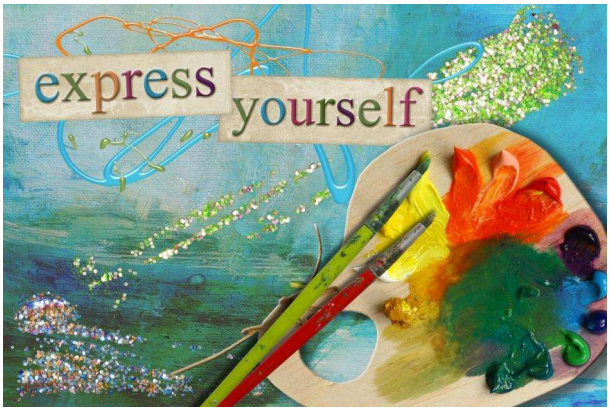
The aim of Children's Mental Health Week is to help our children to develop self-awareness and resilience 💗

This week aims to encourage children to explore what it means to be themselves and how it can help them grow. You might spot some of your favourite Inside Out 2 characters, helping us explore our theme of 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself'.

You can find more information and support at:
https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/

'Be Yourself' Day - ***Wednesday 5th February***

On Wednesday 5th February, children and staff are invited to dress in their own clothes, so just wear what makes you feel happy and comfortable.



Y6 Steam Roadshow at Longden! ***Tuesday 11th February***

Half Term Week: **17th- 21st February 2025**

FOOTBALL HALF TERM
HOLIDAY CAMP

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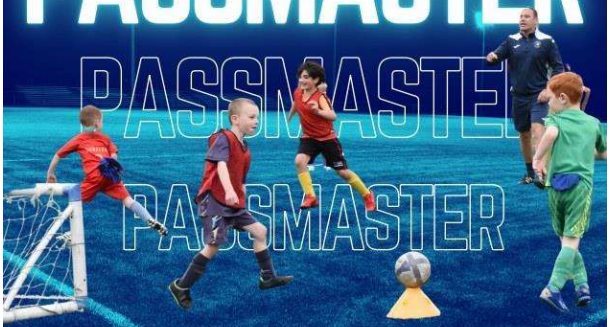

FEB 18, 19, 20, 21.

SHREWSBURY COLLEGE, LONDON RD, SHREWSBURY SY2 6PR

£20 PER DAY 9-3 (FREE early drop off 8.15 am)

Suitable for Reception children - Y6

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Join the Excitement

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

For more information: contact@passmastercoaching.co.uk

Registration: https://passmastercoaching.schoolipal.co.uk

New Spring/Summer Menu Starting 24th February 2025

Week 1 Menu Spring-Summer 2025

MENU

LONGDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL MENU WEEK 1: 24th Feb, 17th March, 7th April, 28th April, 19th May, 9th & 30th 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 Bolognaise** 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* *Vegetarian options are available upon request- Please speak to the school office for more information*				

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Week 2 Menu Spring-Summer 2025

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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/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	Profiteroles	Fruit Jelly	Iced Sprinkle Cake	Assorted Cookies
AVAILABLE DAILY	*Available Daily: Healthy Side Salad, Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit Pots* *Vegetarian options are available upon request- Please speak to the school office for more information*				

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Week 3 Menu Spring-Summer 2025

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LONGDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL MENU WEEK 3: 10th & 31st March, 12th May, 2nd & 23rd June, 14th 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** 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* *Vegetarian options are available upon request- Please speak to the school office for more information*				

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Sports Events Coming Up

3rd February	Y5/6 Football
6th February	KS2 Netball
13th March	KS2 Cross Country
21st March	Y3/4 Hockey
25th March	KS2 Girls Football
27th March	Orienteering
1st April	Y3/4 Boys Football
3rd April	KS2 Netball
8th April	Y5/6 Boys Football
10th April	KS1 Multiskills

Breakfast Club at Longden

Breakfast Club

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

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

Bookings for 2nd Spring Half Term 2025 (24th February to 11th April 2025)

The booking form to confirm advance rate breakfast club sessions from 24th February to 11th April is now available here:

https://forms.office.com/e/v6J1smRt5w

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

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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.uk[1] by 9am. If your child is off for more than one day, please email an update daily.

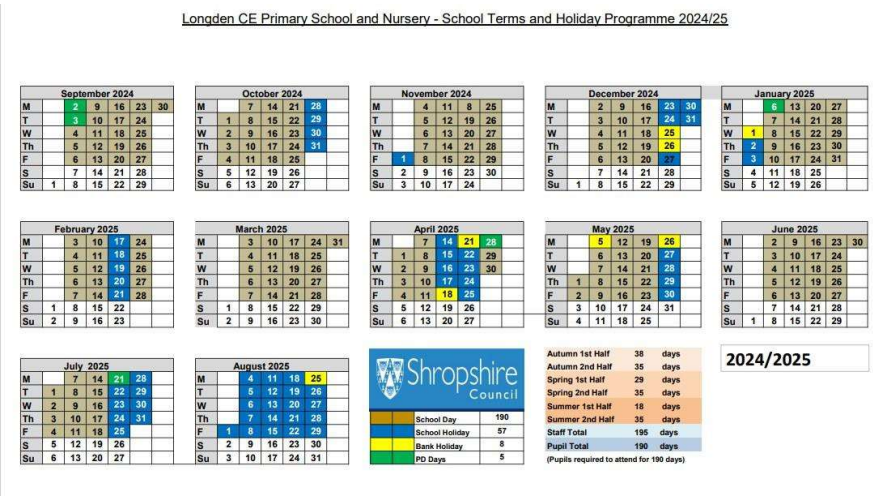
School Uniform - Lost Property and Preloved Uniform

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 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/



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

September 2024						
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Shropshire Council

	School Day	190
	School Holiday	57
	Bank Holiday	8
	PD Days	5

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

(Pupils required to attend for 190 days)

2024/2025

[1] mailto:absence@longden.shropshire.sch.uk

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 now available on our website: https://longden-shropshire.secure-primarysite.net/term-dates/

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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.

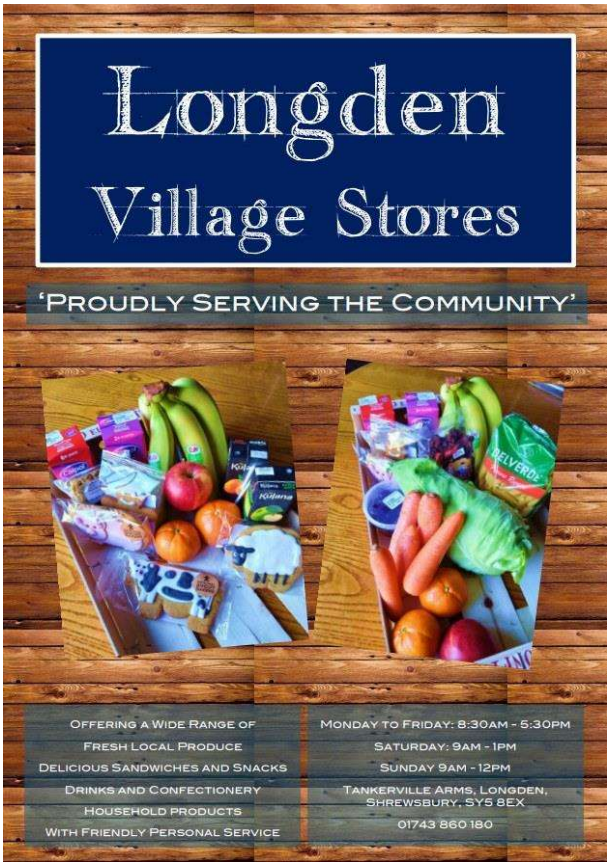
You can apply for either free school transport at a community school or school transport assistance on denominational (religious) grounds

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/

Supporting our Local Shop



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.uk[2]

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Shropshire Parenting Help and Support Line

01743 250950

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No judgment, just support.

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**

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 Team[3] 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/

The Parenting Team/Sleep Tight Workshops

The Parenting Team | Shropshire Council[4]

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.

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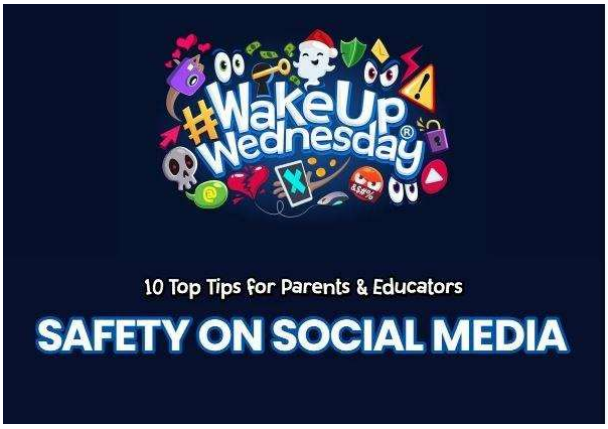
[3] https://shropshire.gov.uk/emergency-social-work-team/
[4] https://next.shropshire.gov.uk/the-send-local-offer/early-help/the-parenting-team/

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 store[5] Google Play[6]

They're always here to help The National College has a brilliant support team if you have any questions. Their help centre[7] 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 contact[8] with them. I hope you'll sign-up and make the most of their resources.



[5] https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/national-online-safety/id1530342372
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