

Longden CE Primary School and Nursery Newsletter - Friday 24th October 2025



The end of the first half term of the year has crept up on us! The second half of term will bring lots of excitement as Christmas approaches and we celebrate this special time as a school and community.

If you need any support as a family over the half term holiday, don't forget that Shropshire Family Information Service are there to offer guidance and support all year round. Further information on the services they offer can be found at <https://next.shropshire.gov.uk/early-help/family-help-services/family-information-service/>

Our parent group met with me for the first time last week, when we talked about communication with school. We listened to the various thoughts and the pros and cons of Dojo, ParentPay, our website and Newsletters as ways of keeping in touch with families. The consensus was that Dojo is good for quick messages and reminders, whereas it is appreciated if dates (particularly the annual calendar) and school events can be shared well in advance on the school website and through newsletters. It was appreciated that policies and class planning can be found on the website for those who would like to read them. ParentPay was thought to be a good way of gaining permission from parents and carers for any trips and visits we plan.

We also talked about some ideas we have as a school for revamping the big pond alongside nursery. It is ready for a tidy up and clean, and the little pond by Chestnut Class (which is hidden by bushes at the moment, but is covered and made safe) is hopefully going to become a bog rather than a pond in order to provide a different habitat for wildlife and so it can be used by children as part of the curriculum. We would love to hold a 'school grounds

day' linked to Forest School, when parents and families can come and help us carry out jobs such as this. Look out for more information after the holiday.

The council are planning on installing a 20 mph zone along the main road through the village near to our school, with the work beginning over the half term holiday. The zone will be on the main road and hopefully not cause too much disruption to you. The project is part of a wider plan to improve road safety around several schools in Shropshire and is part of a pilot in the hope it can be rolled out to more schools across the county. More information can be found here <https://newsroom.shropshire.gov.uk/2025/10/shrewsbury-road-longden-to-close-for-20mph-scheme-work/>

Wishing you a peaceful break and see you on Monday 3rd November when we return to school.

Mrs Johnson

Menu Changes (November 2025 - July 2026)- Please note that we are returning to Week 3 Menu

LONGDEN SCHOOL MENU- WEEK 1 					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main	Penne with Arrabiata Sauce or Macaroni Cheese	Mexican Style Beef Taco Boats with 50/50 Rice or Pasta	Roast Chicken with New Potatoes or Roast Potatoes	Butter Chicken Curry with 50/50 Rice or Pasta	Margherita Pizza with Chips or Pasta
Side	Pitta Mixed Vegetables Mixed Salad	Mixed Vegetables and Mixed Salad	Yorkshire Pudding Cauliflower Cheese Mixed Vegetables & Gravy	Naan Bread and Mixed Vegetables	Baked Beans and Mixed Veg
Dessert	Fruit Pot, Yoghurt or Waffle Fingers	Fruit Pot, Yoghurt or Oat Cookies	Fruit Kebab, Yoghurt or Angel Delight	Fruit Pot, Yoghurt or Shortbread	Fruit Pot, Yoghurt or Assorted Cookies

WC 10 Nov 2025, WC 1 Dec 2025, WC 5 Jan 2026, WC 26 Jan 2026, WC 23 Feb 2026, WC 16 Mar 2026, WC 20 Apr 2026, WC 11 May 2026, WC 8 Jun 2026, WC 29 Jun 2026, WC 20 Jul 2026

Available Daily: Healthy Side Salad, Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit Pots
Vegetarian options are available upon request- Please speak to the school office for more information




LONGDEN SCHOOL MENU- WEEK 2

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main	Mini Haddock Fillet with Rosti Bites or Pasta	Beef Meatballs in a Tomato & Basil Sauce with Spaghetti	Cottage Pie or Cheese & Potato Pie Crusty Bread	Chipolata Sausages with Petit Pain	Cheeseburgers with Ridge Cut Potatoes or Pasta
Side	Mixed Vegetables Mixed Salad	Garlic Bread Mixed Vegetables Mixed Salad	Mixed Vegetables & Gravy	Baked Beans, Scrambled or Poached Eggs Tomatoes Mushrooms	Baked Beans and Mixed Veg
Dessert	Fruit Pot, Yoghurt or Assorted Biscuits	Fruit Pot, Yoghurt or Sprinkle Cake	Fruit Kebab, Yoghurt or Angel Delight	Fruit Pot, Yoghurt or Raspberry Ripple Mousse	Fruit Pot, Yoghurt or Ice Cream & Sprinkles

WC 17 Nov 2025, WC 8 Dec 2025, WC 12 Jan 2026, WC 2 Feb 2026, WC 2 Mar 2026, WC 23 Mar 2026, WC 27 Apr 2026, WC 18 May 2026, WC 15 Jun 2026, WC 6 Jul 2026

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LONGDEN SCHOOL MENU- WEEK 3

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main	Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta Twists or Macaroni Cheese	Sausage Lattice New or Roast Potatoes	Toad in the Hole Mashed Potato	Fish Goujons Crinkle Fries or Pasta	Chicken Goujons Tater Bites or Pasta
Side	Baguette Mini Corn Cobs Mixed Salad	Mixed Vegetables and Mixed Salad	Yorkshire Pudding Cauliflower Cheese Mixed Vegetables & Gravy	Baked Beans Garden Peas Mushy Peas	Baked Beans and Mixed Veg
Dessert	Fruit Pot, Yoghurt or Assorted Biscuits	Fruit Pot, Yoghurt or Mini Trifle	Fruit Kebab, Yoghurt or Fruit Jelly	Fruit Pot, Yoghurt or Fruit Jelly	Fruit Pot, Yoghurt or Strawberry Sponge

WC 3 Nov 2025, WC 24 Nov 2025, WC 15 Dec 2025, WC 19 Jan 2026, WC 9 Feb 2026, WC 9 Mar 2026, WC 13 Apr 2026, WC 4 May 2026, WC 1 Jun 2026, WC 22 Jun 2026, WC 13 Jul 2026

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A Big Thank You from All of Us!

We're happy to share that our outdoor spaces are looking better than ever thanks to the addition of brand-new picnic tables, generously funded by our wonderful PTA. These tables will be a fantastic spot for learning, and relaxing in the fresh air.

*A special shout-out to **Lauren and Jacob Hartshorn** for their time and effort in assembling the tables.*



Poppy Appeal 2025

We are pleased to be supporting the British Legion's Poppy Appeal again this year. Oak class are helping again by selling poppies and other items at school. Orders can be placed via ParentPay until Thursday the 6th of November 2025.

Oak pupils will organise the delivery of items to your child's class on Thursday and Friday ahead of Remembrance Day. The British Legion have recommended various minimum donations. When making your donation, please specify what your donation is for. E.g. £1 for two poppies, £3 for two Snap Bands etc. We have limited supplies and whilst we will do our best to fulfil all orders, if your chosen items are unavailable we will substitute with other items of a similar value.

Suggested donations are:

Stickers, 50p (50 available)

Traditional Paper Poppies - 50p (30 available)

Reflector Poppies - 50p (140 available)

Adjustable Bracelets- £1.50 (40 available)

Snap Bands - £1.50 (75 available)

Thank you, in advance, for your continued generosity and support.

Best wishes on behalf of Oak Class Pupils



Dick Whittington- Theatre Severn **(Tuesday 2nd December 2025)**



*We're looking forward to our visit to see Dick Whittington at the theatre this December! Please ensure that **consent and payment** for your child are completed as soon as possible. The theatre has asked for **ice cream orders in advance**, so we must receive all responses by **Friday 3rd November** at the latest. Thank you to all parents who have volunteered to accompany us on this visit. Class teachers will be in touch to confirm.*

PTA Wild Disco- Friday 7th November 2025

Book your child in now on Classlists for the PTA's Wild Disco!



Christmas performances



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- **Monday 15th December at 1.30pm** – Willow and Ash Class
 - **Monday 15th December at 6.00pm** – Chestnut and Oak Class
 - **Tuesday 16th December at 1.30pm** – Chestnut and Oak Class
 - **Tuesday 16th December at 6.00pm** – Willow and Ash Class
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We're really looking forward to sharing these festive performances with you!

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

Term Dates | Longden CE Primary School and Nursery¹

¹<https://www.longden.shropshire.sch.uk/term-dates/>