

Longden CE Primary School and Nursery Newsletter - Thursday 21st November 2024



Thank you for your understanding during this snowy and icy week, I'm sorry I seem to have missed most of the excitement while I was on jury service. Thank you to the children, staff and parents for managing the changing weather situations so well and for making sure that everyone kept safe.

As we move towards December, please can I take this opportunity to remind you of our winter weather procedures. It is always a really difficult decision to make when considering school closure or adapting the school day due to adverse weather.

We try to decide whether or not school will be open as early as possible to give parents plenty of notice. This would normally be around 7am, or possibly the evening before if severe weather was forecast. We notify staff first, then we post on Dojo and notify our chair of governors, Shropshire Council and Shropshire Radio. We have families travelling to Longden from a wide area, so please keep us informed if you are unable to get into school even when we are open.

If snow starts to fall during the day and we decide to close early, we will put a message on Dojo. Please can parents use their links to 'spread the word' when they see these messages so that everyone is informed. We ask that in these circumstances parents collect their child as soon as possible, or make arrangements for them to go home with another parent. This is so that staff who live further away have the chance to get home early too before they potentially get stuck at school.

Hopefully this reminder won't be needed, and please do get in touch if you have any questions or suggestions that will help us plan and prepare for extreme weather.

Mrs Johnson

Chestnut Class Visit the Flaxmill - **Tuesday 26th November 2024.**

Please complete consent on ParentPay.



Tickets for Christmas Performances



Christmas Performance Tickets

The performances are split this year with EYFS & KS1 performing one afternoon and one evening performance together. Then KS2 will perform one afternoon and one evening show.

EYFS & KS1 (Willow and Maple) performances are Monday 16th December at 2.00pm and Tuesday 17th December at 6.00pm. KS2 (Ash, Chestnut and Oak) performances are Monday 16th December at 6.00pm and Tuesday 17th December at 2.00pm. There are 100 seats available for each performance.

*Each family can request up to **four tickets in total**, across the four performances.*

Please submit requests for tickets by Friday 6th December using this form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/TUNa92QVFA>.

Christmas Dinner Day



School Christmas Dinner, Thursday 12th December

*Help us prepare for the school Christmas Dinner that is taking place on Thursday 12th December. **Could this pre-order form be completed for every pupil please by Monday 25th November.** This exercise is just to give Lauren an idea of numbers so she can prepare in advance. Final confirmation of dinner orders will happen as usual, on the morning during class registration for pupils and payment (unless eligible for free school meals) will be organised via ParentPay as usual.*

The cost for the special Christmas meal will be £3.00 for nursery pupils £3.10 for school pupils.

Christmas Dinner Menu:

Roast Turkey with Chipolatas

Stuffing Balls, Roast & Creamed Potatoes, Fresh Carrots, Sprouts & Garden Peas

Christmas Gingerbread, Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Many thanks

A vegetarian option is available. Please add a note at the bottom of the form if you would like to order one for your child. <https://forms.office.com/e/SH5zPp0auw>

**Ice Cream Orders now OPEN for Sleeping Beauty at Theatre Severn -
Friday 10th January 2025- Please order by *Friday 29th November 2024***

Pupils (and adults!) have the option of ordering an ice cream at the theatre on Friday 10th January. Cost is £2.60.

Please specify choice in notes on ParentPay.

Choices are: Vanilla Ice Cream Tub, Chocolate Ice Cream Tub, Orange Calippo and Sorbet (Dairy Free)

The PTA have organised lots of exciting things in the coming weeks. Please see below for more details!

Calling Santa's little helpers... Please complete the form here indicating any dates you may be able to help out in the build up to Christmas!

<https://forms.office.com/e/Trdi7VqLVQ>

PTA Wreath Making - **Wednesday 27th November 2024**



Date: Wednesday 27th November

Time: 7-9pm

Location: School Hall

Price: £20

We are so excited to be holding a Christmas Wreath making Workshop at School this year!

Come and join the fun on Wednesday 27th November, 7-9pm.

Spaces are limited, so please book your space/s via ParentPay by Friday 22nd November.

We look forward to seeing you there!

From the PTA Team :-)

Christmas Fair - Friday 6th December 2024



Grown Ups Christmas Social



Friday 13th December

Time: 8-11pm

Location: Longden Village Hall

Price: £10

Kick off the Christmas festivities with our adults only social evening - a chance to relax and mingle with our fellow parents and carers!

Line up the childcare, invite others along, and join us for a pop up bar at Longden village hall. We'll have a delicious selection of beverages, including wines from Tanners.

Tickets cost £10 and include a first drink of your choice and some accompanying nibbles! On sale on ParentPay now.

Feel free to organise a taxi home and leave the car behind at the end of the night!

Wreaths by Jen Potter



Christmas Wreaths For Sale, £20 each

Our wonderful Jen Potter has offered to make some lovely Christmas Wreaths for us to sell this year!

All proceeds will go to the school!!

Made to order and delivered to school for collection.

Please purchase via ParentPay and message Jen your preferred design on **07966361115** (see photos above).






Limited number available! Don't miss out!

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 1 day, please email an update daily.

Updated Menu from 11th November 2024

Menu Week 1






LONGDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL MENU WEEK ONE: 11 th Nov, 2 nd Dec, 13 th Jan, 3 rd Feb, 10 th & 17 th Mar 2025					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
THE MAIN EVENT	Beef Burgers 	Chilli Con Carne 	Traditional Roast Pork 	Pasta Neapolitan(V) or Macaroni Cheese 	Chicken Nuggets 
	Herby Diced Potatoes	50/50 Rice or Pasta Nachos	Yorkshire Pudding & Tasty Gravy	Garlic Bread	Chips or Pasta
ON THE SIDE	Pasta, Sweetcorn Baked Beans Salad	Crusty Bread Cauliflower, Sweetcorn	Roast Potatoes New Potatoes Broccoli, Peas	Green beans, Carrots/Salad	Sweetcorn Green Beans Baked Beans
TO FINISH	Fruit Muffin	Chocolate Shortbread	Fruit Jelly	Strawberry Mousse	Assorted Cookies
AVAILABLE DAILY	Available Daily: Healthy Side Salad, Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit Pots Pre order only Jacket Potato Cheese/ Beans Vegetarian options are available upon request- Please speak to the school office for more information				

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






Menu Week 2

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LONGDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL MENU WEEK TWO: 18th Nov, 9th Dec, 20th Jan, 10th Feb, 3rd & 24th Mar, 14th April 2025

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
THE MAIN EVENT	Butter Chicken Curry  Naan Bread 50/50 Rice	Big Breakfast  Sausage Scrambled Eggs	Traditional Roast Chicken  Yorkshire Pudding and Tasty Gravy Cauliflower Cheese	Toad in the Hole  Mashed Potatoes	Breaded Salmon Fishcake  Chips or Pasta
ON THE SIDE	Sweetcorn Peas Salad	Baked Beans Mushrooms Crusty Bread	Roast Potatoes Mashed Potatoes Carrots & Peas	Carrots Green Beans Salad	Baked Beans Peas & Sweetcorn Salad
TO FINISH	Fruit Jelly	Iced Sponge Cake	Angel Delight	Cornflake Cake	Eton Mess
AVAILABLE DAILY	Available Daily: Healthy Side Salad, Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit Pots Pre order only Jacket Potato Cheese/Beans <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 THREE: 25 th Nov, 16 th Dec, 6 th Jan, 27 th Jan, 17 th Feb, 10 th Mar, 31 st Mar 2025					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
THE MAIN EVENT	Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta or Mac 'N' Cheese  Toasted Ciabatta Bread	Meatballs in a Rich Tomato Sauce  Garlic Bread	Traditional Roast Pork Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy  Seasoned Stuffing & Tasty Gravy	Chicken & Cheese Quesadilla  50/50 Rice or Pasta	Selection of Pizza  Potato Wedges Pasta
ON THE SIDE	Baked Beans Peas & Sweetcorn Salad	Carrot & Broccoli Salad	Roast Potatoes Mashed Potatoes Carrots & Cauliflower	Green Beans Sweetcorn Baked Beans, Salad	Baked Beans Peas & Carrots Salad
TO FINISH	Fruit Topped Waffle	Sparkling Fruit Jelly	Iced Sponge Cake	Chocolate Brownie	Assorted Cookies
AVAILABLE DAILY	Available Daily: Healthy Side Salad, Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit Pots Pre order only: Jacket Potato Cheese/ Beans Vegetarian options are available upon request- Please speak to the school office for more information				

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							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		6	13	20	27			
T		3	10	17	24	T		1	8	15	22	29	T		5	12	19	26	T		3	10	17	24	31	T		7	14	21	28			
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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			
S		7	14	21	28	S		5	12	19	26	S		2	9	16	23	30	S		7	14	21	28	S		4	11	18	25				
Su		1	8	15	22	29	Su		6	13	20	27	Su		3	10	17	24	Su		1	8	15	22	29	Su		5	12	19	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						
M		7	14	21	28	M		4	11	18	25		
T		1	8	15	22	29	T		5	12	19	26	
W		2	9	16	23	30	W		6	13	20	27	
Th		3	10	17	24	31	Th		7	14	21	28	
F		4	11	18	25	F		1	8	15	22	29	
S		5	12	19	26	S		2	9	16	23	30	
Su		6	13	20	27	Su		3	10	17	24	31	

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

2024/2025	
Autumn 1st Half	35 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)	

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-primariesite.net/term-dates/>

Dates for the diary - Autumn Term

Christmas Fayre at the Red Lion - Monday 2nd December 2024

Christmas Fayre

The Red Lion,
Longden Common



Monday 2nd December
6pm - 9pm

A festive Evening to Enjoy,
Start Christmas Shopping Or
Treat Yourself!

Stalls

Mulled Wine

Bar

Mince Pies

Christmas Cards

Christmas Music

Sealegs Puppet Show at Longden - **Thursday 19th Dec 24**



Whole School - Sleeping Beauty Pantomime @ Theatre Severn -
Friday 10th Jan 2025

Nativity The Musical, Barnes Theatre, Shrewsbury, Wed 18th
December 2024 - Sun 22nd December 2024

One of our pupils, Rowan, will be appearing in this production. Follow this link to get tickets for this family show in December. Good luck Rowan!

Nativity! The Musical Tickets ²

²<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/shrewsbury/barnes-theatre/smtc-presents-nativity-the-musical/e-zmjmeb>

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Nativity!

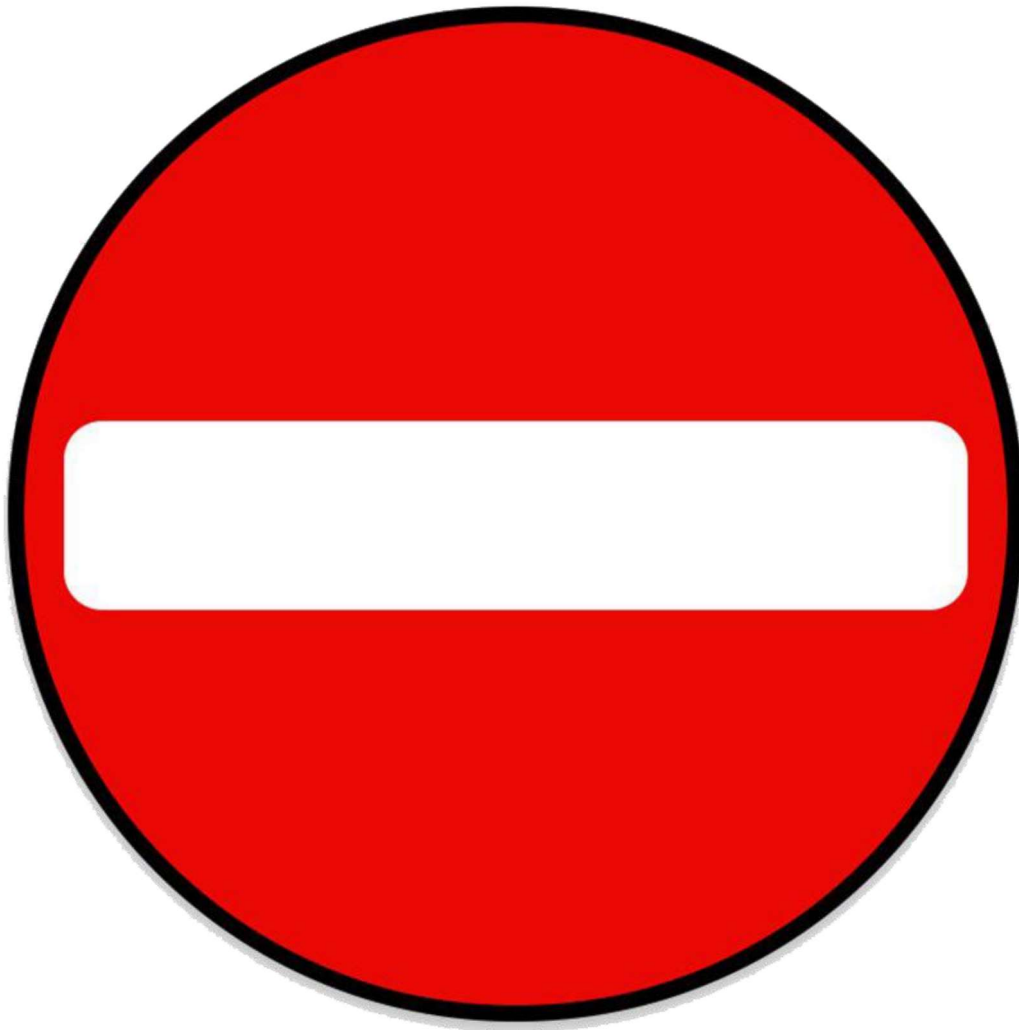
The Musical

It's time to sparkle and shine!

Barnes Theatre
Shrewsbury

December 18th - 22nd 2024

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.*

Thank you for your understanding.

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!



Passmaster Coaching - All Girls Development Squad



September 2024

Launch of all-girls development squad in Shropshire

A Shropshire-based sports coaching company has launched a new all-girls football development squad to give U10 and U11 players greater access to advanced-level training.

The development programme, led by experienced professional UEFA B licence coaches, aims to help young female players develop their technical skills alongside their typical grassroots team.

The academy-style training programme, led by Passmaster Coaching, is run on Thursday evenings at London Road Sports Centre, Shrewsbury. The company is inviting a limited number of players to join the new squad. Players will also have opportunities to play development games against other teams.

"We wanted to give girls more opportunities to develop their technical skills, as the options are quite limited in Shropshire, and we were keen to promote the girls' game, which is growing all the time," said head coach and Passmaster director Lee Green.

"The programme is designed to complement any grassroots football teams or other sessions that players may already be attending, ensuring they continue to progress in a supportive and professional environment.

"Our goal is to help each child maximise their potential, allowing them to express themselves in every session."

The planned syllabus focuses on improving a wide range of technical skills, such as ball control, passing, dribbling and shooting, while enhancing players' overall understanding of the game.

The sessions are delivered by Lee Green and fellow coach Steve Green, who have extensive coaching experience developing young talent.

The parents of interested players are asked to email contact@passmastercoaching.co.uk with their child's name and the name of their current grassroots team.

Yours sincerely,

Tina Dean

Passmaster business manager

Shropshire Parenting Help and Support Line

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01743 250950

Mon - Thurs, 9.30am - 4.30pm
Fri, 9.30am - 3.30pm

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

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/>

Family Foundations for first time parents

Baby on the way?

Feel confident with our Family Foundations group

Is this your first baby together? Find out how Family Foundations could benefit your family, through one of our free, online, info sessions. Sessions will last 45 minutes with time for questions afterwards.

- Wed 6 Nov 2024, 5pm
- Mon 11 Nov 2024, 1pm
- Wed 13 Nov 2024, 9.30am
- Mon 9 Dec 2024, 1pm
- Fri 13 Dec 2024, 9.30am
- Wed 18 Dec 2024, 5pm

Email parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk to book




Find out more here 





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

Shrewsbury Hockey Club



**ENJOY HOCKEY!
AT SHREWSBURY
HOCKEY CLUB**



Learn from fully qualified England Hockey accredited coaches.

Children age 4-10 - Sundays at 10.30am-12pm.

Children age 10+ - Tuesdays at 6-7pm & Wednesdays at 7-8.15pm.

Sessions at **Roman Road Sports Centre, Meole Brace School.**

✓ Beginners Welcome ✓ Equipment Provided ✓ Free Taster Session

  **ENGLAND HOCKEY**

Contact: James - 07837 708 773
shrewsburyhc_juniors@outlook.com
www.shrewsburyhockeyclub.co.uk

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/>