



Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025

## **Church Langton Church of England Primary School**

### **Newsletter – Updates and Announcements**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to see the children return to school over the past three weeks. As we step into the new academic year, I want to extend a heartfelt welcome to all our families, new and existing. We were all thrilled to see our school community reunite, refreshed and ready for new adventures.

I'm delighted to see our children settling back into routines, their smiles shining brighter with each passing day. Also, watching our new starters confidently step into the first days of their primary education, their enthusiasm is contagious, and we are all excited to nurture their growth, curiosity, and creativity throughout the year. For our children who find returning to school tricky, please do speak with the class teacher so we can help to make the transition into school as smooth as possible.

The dedicated staff team have been preparing engaging lessons, inspiring environments and exciting experiences to motivate and challenge our children. As ever, we're committed to providing a supportive, inclusive environment where every child can thrive. Thank you for entrusting us with your children's education. We look forward to working together, sharing milestones, and making this year unforgettable.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Best Wishes

Mrs Lucy Anderson  
Headteacher

#### **Morning 'Drop-Off'**

In the interest of safeguarding both children and family members, please do not enter the school building in the morning with your child. Instead, kindly drop them off at the designated area. A member of staff will always be available on the playground to answer any questions or support children if needed. Thank you for your cooperation.

#### **Welcome Meetings**

A big thank you to everyone who attended our welcome meetings. We're glad you could join us. As discussed, detailed information about each class is available on teams or directly from the class teacher. You will have also now received the class half-termly newsletter, which was sent out last week, and an overview of the teaching content in our PSHE sessions.

#### **Breakfast club - opening time update**

Breakfast club will open from 7.40am, starting from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, allowing the session to run for 1 hour before the children are taken over to their classrooms.

## Harevst Festival

Join Revd. Crystal, and the whole school, on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 9am, as we celebrate the Harvest Festival. Please drop off your donations in the foyer. We'd love to see you at the church service, led by Revd. Crystal, featuring our talented children. Let's come together to give thanks for the harvest and share with those in need.

## Vision and Values

As I mentioned at the welcome meetings, we have been reviewing our vision and values. Our theologically rooted vision will remain unchanged, **“Teach children how they should live, and they will remember it all their lives.” Proverbs 22:6**, however we are looking to refine our core values to make them memorable and impactful for all stakeholders.

Without doubt, school staff and child have voted for **kindness** and **respect** to be named as core school values, but we are looking to seek your views too! We now have Curiosity – Ambition – Resilience - Courage to choose from!

Before taking the final decision to governors at the beginning of October, please complete the form below if you would like to share your views on our third value!

<https://forms.office.com/e/T6hsZPFL0V>

## Reading – A message from Mr Baylis, English Leader

As a school we value reading as the basis for all future learning and love the enthusiasm that both our children and parents show for it. After the parent welcome evenings, it was a recurring theme that some parents would value a list of books they could encourage their children to read. We have included three documents here which are book lists compiled by Ashley Booth and contain a number of books that would give children both breadth and enjoyment in their reading. Enjoyment is always key so please still pursue authors and genres that the children love and foster any excitement they find in all types of reading. Whilst you may want to dip into the different lists, if you feel it appropriate, please also keep in mind that this is far from an exhaustive list and that there are a huge array of other books and recommendations you may wish to seek out. We hope this is a useful starting point.

## Attendance, Term Dates and Penalty Notices

The importance of good attendance is a high priority for all schools. At Church Langton we expect the best possible attendance. This means your child/ren attending school every day they are well. This academic year we will continue to monitor attendance weekly and make contact with families if attendance begins to fall between 95-90%, in order to offer support. If your child's attendance falls under 90%, this would mean they are classed as persistently absent and we would work together to create a plan to improve attendance. All attendance communication is aimed to highlight where attendance needs to improve and offer support if required. Your child's attendance certificate is available on Arbor throughout the year and the policy, with additional information, is available on our website. I look forward to working in partnership to ensure all children have good attendance.

100% attendance	Attending school every day	95% attendance	9 days of absence
90% attendance	19 Days of Absence	85% attendance	28 days of absence
80% attendance	38 days of absence	75% attendance	46 days of absence

You will find information from Leicestershire County Council regarding the National Framework for Penalty Notices in the school office.

With the above in mind. Please refer to the term dates on the school/Learn AT websites to guide you when booking time out of school. If you need to request authorisation for absence, in exceptional circumstances, please contact the school office for further information.

### **Online Safety - Supporting Children's Safety in the Digital World**

With the rise in children encountering harmful content online, it is increasingly important that families and schools stay informed about the risks and challenges children face in digital spaces.

Internet Matters offers clear, age-appropriate advice to help parents and carers support their children's use of technology. From understanding the risks of popular apps to setting up parental controls and addressing issues like cyberbullying and screen time, the platform provides practical guidance tailored to each family's needs. <https://www.internetmatters.org/>

### **The Langton Community Hall Carpark**

We are extremely lucky to have the continued use of the Langton Community Hall carpark. A rarity in primary schools, particularly those in rural locations. Please remember to be considerate to other drivers and pedestrians when parking. As a school that holds kindness and respect in the highest regard, I urge you to mirror these expectations in adult interactions too. In addition, we do have families with blue badges, therefore I respectfully ask you to be mindful when parking and to keep the allocated accessible spaces free for families who need to park closer to school. Many thanks in advance for your continued support and cooperation.

### **Medication in School – important reminder**

If you have not already done so, please ensure that all regular medication held in school has been returned to the office by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September, with an updated form. Also, please make Mrs Lykholat aware of any new medical conditions, you can check on the Arbor app for information already available to the school.

Regular medication kept in school (inhalers etc.) should be returned to the office in a clear labelled bag/box with your child's name and ideally a photograph. The required form is available from the office. For us to administer any medication in school the form must be completed. Any ad hoc medication (e.g. Calpol/anti-biotics) must also come into school via the office and signed consent given.



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