



Newsletter Autumn Term 2 2025

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December - Things to look out for



We have lots of things going on in December so please see the calendar below for dates, anything in **BOLD** parents can attend if their child is taking part. We have Music concerts, Nativities, a Nursery Sing along and more!

Is my child too ill for school?

Illness levels in school remain really low, but as the cold weather approaches it is an opportunity to remind families of the NHS guidance on "Is my child too ill for school? Please see the NHS link on our school website under Attendance on the Pastoral page.

[Pastoral Support | Long Row Primary School](#)

Attendance

Maple class have had a fun time celebrating winning the best attendance for last term with a games session on the playground.

Recent weekly class winners who have played Attendopoly are: Pine and Oak

SMILERS Christmas Challenge



The SMILERS Christmas Challenge will be back again this year. Children will come home with this years challenge during the last week of term. Focus will be on festive activities that represent the 7 Ways to Wellbeing. You can help your child by joining in with the activities and returning their challenge to school by 7th Jan.

Henry Brothers - Bird Table

Henry Brothers visited us this month and generously donated a bird table for our children. They have been working in the local area, and we are truly grateful for their thoughtful contribution. Watching the wildlife is something we all enjoy, and we're excited to share footage from our wildlife camera with the children, showing the birds making use of the new table.



PTA Message

PTA will be selling refreshments at all the Christmas plays children from Reception and Year 1 & 2 will be doing, plus the music concerts taking place in December so you can sit back relax enjoy a drink and enjoy.

School run after school clubs for next half term

Below is the list of clubs starting in January, along with the forms required to register your child for the sessions. Once you have completed the form and made payment via ParentPay for the six sessions, your child's place will be confirmed. If the club becomes oversubscribed, we will contact you and arrange a full refund. All clubs will start the first week back as it is a 6-week term.

Monday Science Club Years 1 - 6

<https://forms.office.com/e/Jered8VSq6>

Tuesday Mindfulness Year 2 - 4

<https://forms.office.com/e/ha8YG5KGE4>

Thursday Clay Club Year 1 & 2

<https://forms.office.com/e/BQjqINJZq1>

Friday AVSSP - Hockey KS2

<https://forms.office.com/e/8uxkFKBFim>

All clubs start at 3.15pm and finish promptly at 4.15pm.

New Reception 2026 visits

We've welcomed many new families to explore our EYFS setting ahead of joining us in September in reception. There are just two visits remaining—both on **8th January 2026 at 11:00am and 2:00pm**. The deadline for applying for a reception place is 15th January 2026. If you or someone you know would like to book a tour, please contact the office to reserve a place.

[How to apply for a primary school place - Derbyshire County Council](#)

We also have spaces available for an **immediate start** in our **Pips** and **3-Year-Old Nursery**. Children can join these groups throughout the year, and we're excited to welcome new faces anytime!

School Statement: Use of Electronic Devices

At Long Row Primary and Nursery School we are committed to providing a focused and distraction-free learning environment for all pupils. To support this aim, no personal electronic gadgets are permitted on school premises. This includes, but is not limited to:

- **Smartwatches**
- **Mobile phones**
- **Fitness trackers**
- **Personal Tablets, laptops, or any device capable of connecting to the internet**
 - **Any device with recording, messaging, or tracking capabilities**

These items can disrupt learning, pose safeguarding concerns, and detract from the social and educational experience we strive to foster. Pupils are expected to leave such devices at home. If a pupil is found with a device, it will be looked after by a member of staff and returned only to a parent or carer.

We understand that some parents may wish their Y6 child to carry a mobile phone for safety reasons when travelling alone, to and from school. In such cases, phones must be switched off and handed in at the start of the school day, and collected at home time. Under no circumstances should phones or smart devices be used during the school day. We take no responsibility for the loss or damage to these items.

This policy aligns with guidance from other Derbyshire schools.

We appreciate your support in helping us maintain a safe, respectful, and distraction-free environment for all learners.

Thank you for your support,

Andy Fairhurst

Chair of Governors

(On behalf of the Board of Governors at Long Row Primary and Nursery School)

Jewellery

We have revised our jewellery policy and have shared the link to our website where the policy is kept. Please have a read, it includes information about earrings and watches.

[jewellery-in-school-policy.pdf](#)

We Need You!

As many of you know, when we return from the panto the playground can be quite dark. If anyone has access to an industrial generator lights that we could borrow for that evening, we would be hugely grateful.

We also have several blinds that need a little TLC or replacement. If you know someone who could help, please let us know—we'd really appreciate it!

We're always looking for ways to make our school even better for your children. If you have any skills or expertise you'd be happy to share, and a little spare time, please complete the form below to tell us what you can offer. We'll keep this on file for future opportunities. No contribution is too small—and we might even throw in a cuppa while you work!

Thank you so much to all our amazing parents—we truly believe you're the best around!

<https://forms.office.com/e/uyCn08y0WD>

Diary Dates

December

Monday 8th December - Rock steady music concert 2.30pm-3.15pm

Tuesday 9th December - Strings, Piano, Flute and Brass music concert 9.30am-10.30am

Wednesday 10th December - Reception Nativity 9.30am-10.30am

Monday 15th December - Open Classrooms History /Art 3.15pm-4pm

Tuesday 16th December - Nativity Year 1 & 2 9.30am-10.00am & 10.30am -11am

Tuesday 16th December- Nursery Singalong 2.30pm-3pm

Wednesday 17th December - Pantomime, No Nursery in the afternoon. Coaches will be due back about 4.30pm, this is obviously subject to change with traffic and we will keep you updated throughout the journey on our progress via the Arbor app.

Thursday 18th December - Christmas dinner day

Friday 19th December - Choir and Year 6 performing at Christ Church in Belper

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