



Newsletter Summer Term 2026

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Attendance Update

A Fantastic Term! Attendance this term has been exceptional at 97.4% – a fantastic achievement 🙌

Thank you to all our parents and carers for your ongoing support. We know that consistent, high attendance (above 95%) gives children the very best chance to succeed, both in school and in later life.

It has been wonderful to see so many classes achieving weekly attendance awards this term, including Saplings, Sycamore, Maple, Pine and Willow. A special mention goes to Maple and Sycamore, who are currently leading the way on our '*Attendopoly*' board as they race to reach the finish by the end of the year!

The overall class winner for the Summer 1 term is Pine. This class will enjoy a whole-class games session as their reward when we return after half term – well done!

Pastoral support on school website

At Long Row Nursery and Primary School, we are committed to supporting the wellbeing of all our children and their families.

Our website includes a range of information, signposting and guidance to help support you and your family. You will find practical advice and helpful resources on topics such as:

- Children's mental health and emotional wellbeing. SMILERS resources
- Sleep routines and support
- Attendance guidance and expectations
- Separation and divorce
- Family support
- Potty training and early development

We have also shared a range of trusted external links and services that offer additional support for families who may need it.

To explore these resources and find the support that best suits your family, please follow the link below:

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

PTA Message

The PTA would like to thank all family, friends and neighbours who have supported the spring fair.

We had an extraordinary amount of stall donations and raffle prizes donated, as well as a fantastic amount of raffle tickets sold.

We hope the children enjoyed the event.

We are thrilled to announce that we raised a total **PROFIT of £2604.32.**

This will all go back towards enhancing the children's experiences in school and ticking items off of the children's wish list.

Thank you again, and we'll be back selling ice lollies every Friday throughout July.

I would also personally like to thank all the teachers, staff and PTA members for their hard work in making this year such a success.

Thank you,

Rachael McCredie

PTA chair

Transition to secondary

All Year 6 parents will have been informed of their child's secondary school place for Year 7.

We understand that moving to secondary school is an exciting time, but it can also bring lots of questions. To help support you with this transition, here is an overview of what will be happening during the Summer term:

- Secondary schools will contact you directly to invite you to a parent meeting or briefing about your child starting in Year 7.
- We will hold detailed transition meetings with secondary schools to ensure a thorough handover for each child.
- Staff from secondary schools will visit Year 6 pupils at Long Row for a question-and-answer session, where children will also have the opportunity to meet their new Head of Year.
- Year 6 pupils will attend transition days at their secondary school, giving them a chance to experience their new environment.
- PSHE sessions will take place in class to support children with the transition process.
- COMPASS Changing Lives will deliver a workshop for all Year 6 pupils, focusing on managing worries and adapting to change when moving to secondary school.
- Additional visits and tailored pastoral support will be provided where needed for individual children.

We are proud of our strong relationships with Belper School and other local secondary schools, and we work closely with them to ensure our Year 6 pupils have a smooth and successful transition into Year 7. Secondary schools also place great importance on supporting children to settle in well, offering comprehensive support both during transition visits and when pupils begin in September 2026.

Year 6 information

End of year performance (22nd July):

Our pupils have already started preparing for their end of year performance of 'Gigglebox'. Parents/carers are invited to watch on Wednesday 22nd July, at 6pm. Pupils to

return to school at 5.45pm please. Tickets (a maximum of 4 per pupil) can be purchased <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/cp2VuL1dt6> at £3 each. This will cover the purchase of the script, music, backdrops and performing licence. Siblings in school will have seen the dress rehearsal during school hours earlier that week. At the end of the performance, we would like to surprise the children with a slide show of photos of our leaving pupils. Please email a photo of your year 6 child when they were starting primary school to info@longrow.derbyshire.sch.uk marked for the attention of Mrs. Hamlin by Wednesday 15th July, and we can include this in the slideshow.

Leavers' assembly (23rd July)

During the final afternoon of our academic year, we will be having a whole school leavers' assembly. After this, the parents/carers of our year 6 pupils are welcomed into school at 2.45pm for our (now) traditional 'clap out' of primary school.

Hoodies

The pupils that have purchased leavers' hoodies are allowed to wear them instead of their usual school jumper/cardigan during our 4 days of (in school) transition- Monday 13th – Thursday 16th July. Our year 6 pupils are also permitted to wear these on the final day of term (Thursday 23rd July).

Transition to new year groups at Long Row

On the 10th of July 2026 you will receive your child's school report via Arbor. At the same time, you will find out your child's class for next year.

This year, children will not be asked to choose friends for their class. Staff observations throughout the summer term, during lessons and social times—with a particular focus on friendships at lunchtime—will form the basis for peer groupings for 2026/27.

Careful planning goes into organising classes for the next academic year. This includes considering class sizes, children's abilities, class dynamics, and friendship groups. Staff, who know the children well, work together to review these groupings to ensure the best possible start to the year.

Children will still have plenty of opportunities to spend time with their wider year group, including during some lessons, assemblies, school trips, and, of course, at break and lunchtime each day.

During the week beginning 13th July, all children will have the opportunity to spend four days in their new classrooms with their new classmates and teacher.

Our whole-school Enterprise Transition provides a fun and engaging way for children to build new relationships. It also helps prepare them for change and supports their understanding of the move into a new year group.

Children always enjoy these four days, and this experience plays an important role in helping them feel settled and ready to learn in September.

We would love for you to join us at school at 3.00pm on Thursday 16th July to see and celebrate the children's work from Enterprise Transition Week.

After school clubs for next half term

Below is the list of clubs starting after May half term, 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. The last session will be the first week back after the Easter holidays.

Monday - Football - Fully booked

Culinary delights - Fully booked

Tuesday - Wellbeing for reception and Year 1

[After school Wellbeing club with Mrs Jones and Mrs Smurtwaite - Reception and Year 1 – Fill in form](#)

School Orchestra - (See website for how to enrol)

Wednesday - Drama club with Captive Audience, please contact Caroline 07799892320

Thursday - AVSSP Boxercise

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/http81tRfSw>

Friday AVSSP - Archery - Fully booked

All clubs start at 3.15pm and finish promptly at 4.15pm, apart from Football which is 4.30pm.

Stay and play sessions

The new stay and play sessions have proved to be a big hit. These are for all 2-4 year olds and their parents / carers (Long Row and non Long Row pupils). The session is FREE for any children. Please see below for the sessions we have planned up until summer. The session is for parents and carers to attend with their children, stay together, and enjoy the activities as a shared experience. Each session will start at 2pm - 3pm.

Thursday 18th June - hall

Wednesday 15th July - Forest schools

PE changes for next half term

Here are the PE days for classes next half term. This information will also be on the school website calendar.

Seedlings and Saplings - Thursday & Friday mornings

Yew - Monday and Friday

Willow - Monday and Friday

Fir - Monday and Friday

Maple - Monday and Thursday

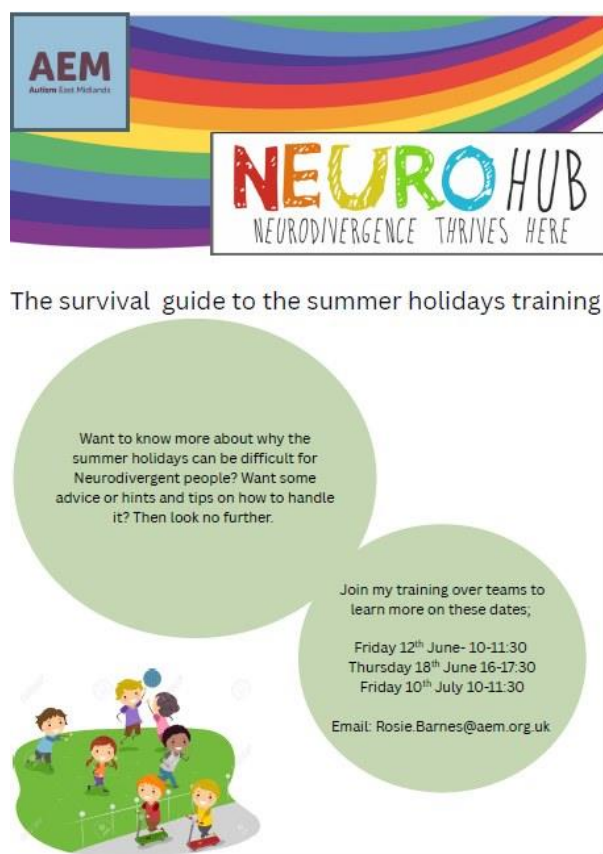
Pine - Monday, Thursday - Forest School PM

Oak - Wednesday and Thursday

Sycamore - Wednesday Swimming , Thursday

Chestnut - Tuesday & Thursday

Neuro Hub



Diary Dates

May 2026

22nd Friday Break up day

June 2026

1st Monday - Inset Day - No children in school

2nd Tuesday - All children back in school

19th Friday - 1pm Sports Day

22nd Monday - 2.20pm Ukulele Concert - All children who have been learning this instrument Parents welcome

24th Wednesday - The School Council will be making milkshakes to sell to pupils during the day. £1 for a milkshake and biscuit. Money (in a named purse or envelope) to be brought to school that morning please (and handed to class teachers).

July 2026

1st Wednesday - 12.15pm Grandparents lunch for year 3/4

6th Monday - Year 5 Day at Lea Green

7th Tuesday - 9.30pm Strings, Flute, Piano & Brass concert - All children who learn one of these instruments will be performing, parents welcome.

8th Tuesday - 9.30pm Drums with Zara - All children who learn drums will be performing, parents welcome.

20th Monday - 2.30pm Rock Steady Concert

22nd Wednesday 3.15pm - Open classrooms

23rd Thursday 2.15pm - Year 6 leavers assembly

Break up day Thursday 23rd July 2026

September 2026

4th Friday - Inset Day

7th Monday - First day back to school for all students

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