



Longwick C of E Primary School

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Newsletter 5

From small beginnings, great things grow Matthew 13:31-32



Curiosity · Perseverance · **Respect** · Responsibility

Dear Families, **A busy week at Longwick**

It has been another busy week in school, with lots of learning taking place both inside and outside the classroom. Thank you, as always, to all our **families who continue to support our school** and reinforce our expectations at home. Working together really does make a difference.



Our focus on **Respect** is particularly important at the moment. We have noticed that many children are not always showing the level of respect towards one another, or towards adults, through their words and actions, that we expect at Longwick. Respect means listening, speaking kindly, valuing others and understanding that we can disagree without being unkind.

A good Bible story to explore together is The Good Samaritan – see the link: [The Good Samaritan \(Luke 10:25-37\)](#), which reminds us to treat others with kindness, care and respect – not simply our friends or those who agree with us.

This week we are recognising **Dyslexia Awareness Week**. Dyslexia can affect the way children process language, particularly reading, spelling and writing, but every child has their own individual strengths and ways of learning.



As part of our continuing work on inclusive teaching, staff will be **trying and developing a number of approaches recommended by the British Dyslexia Association (BDA)**. These include practical, multi-sensory approaches to spelling and opportunities for children to see, hear, say and practise words in different ways. Many of these strategies can benefit **all learners**, not only children with dyslexia.

Link: [British Dyslexia Week](#)



Year 5/6 enjoyed their final farm visit last week, where the focus was on leaf identification, linking closely with their science learning. They also explored the work of environmental artist **Andy Goldsworthy**, created their own natural artwork and enjoyed a conker competition! These experiences form part of our growing **enrichment and outdoor learning programme**.

Please keep an eye on the school calendar for further opportunities planned for other year groups throughout the year.

Next week we will be celebrating Harvest in school. Please do take a look at our Harvest display when you are next in school – including Mr Pitkin's enormous pumpkin, which is certainly worth seeing!

A few important reminders

Attendance: We have a two-week half-term approaching, so please do not extend this by taking holidays during term time. Every day in school matters. Please also remember that arrival after **9.00am**, once registers have closed, although recorded as an 'L' mark is identified by the LA as an absence.

Uniform: The weather remains relatively warm, but children should continue to attend in the correct school uniform. Please revisit our uniform expectations and ensure that **all clothing is clearly named** – this makes returning lost items much easier.

Break time snacks: some children are feeling hungry from all their hard learning and are eating food from their lunch boxes to eat at break time. Talk to your children about feeling hungry mid-morning and please provide a healthy snack for them to eat. We always have fruit in school if you need some support with this.

Packed lunches and drinks: Please support us in ensuring we can keep our children healthy. We kindly ask that children are provided with a healthy, balanced packed lunch. Crisps and chocolate biscuits should not be included every day and children do not need two chocolate biscuits in one lunchbox. Children should also bring **water only** in their drinking bottles – no squash or juice. Please remember that we are a **nut-free school**.



Parents' Evenings – Tuesday 13th October and Thursday 15th October

Parents' Evenings are coming up shortly. Bookings will open on Tuesday 6th October at 1pm. This is an important opportunity to hear how your child has settled into the new school year, discuss their learning and progress, and identify any next steps together.

Finally, thank you to all our families who have been so supportive this half term. We have introduced a great deal in a short period of time and really appreciate your encouragement, communication and support for the school.

Ms Collinson

What have we been learning in school?

Reception – Wrote the story of the colour monster

Year 1 – Learnt about number bonds up to 5

Year 2 – Learnt about waterproof materials and why they are important

Year 3 – Learnt how shadows are formed

Year 4/5 – Painted ancient greek vases

Year 5/6 – Made their own circuits on the computers in science

Value Champions of the week:

 Reception	Autumn and Oliver
Year 1	Oliver and Roman
Year 2	George and Louie
Year 3	Eliza and Eoin
 Year 4/5	Aubrey and Cole
Year 5/6	Leah and Tommy-Lee

Longwick Primary School Attendance week ending 2nd October

Overall school
attendance

95.9%

Government Target:

95%

**Congratulations! This week's Attendance Award goes to
Year 5/6**

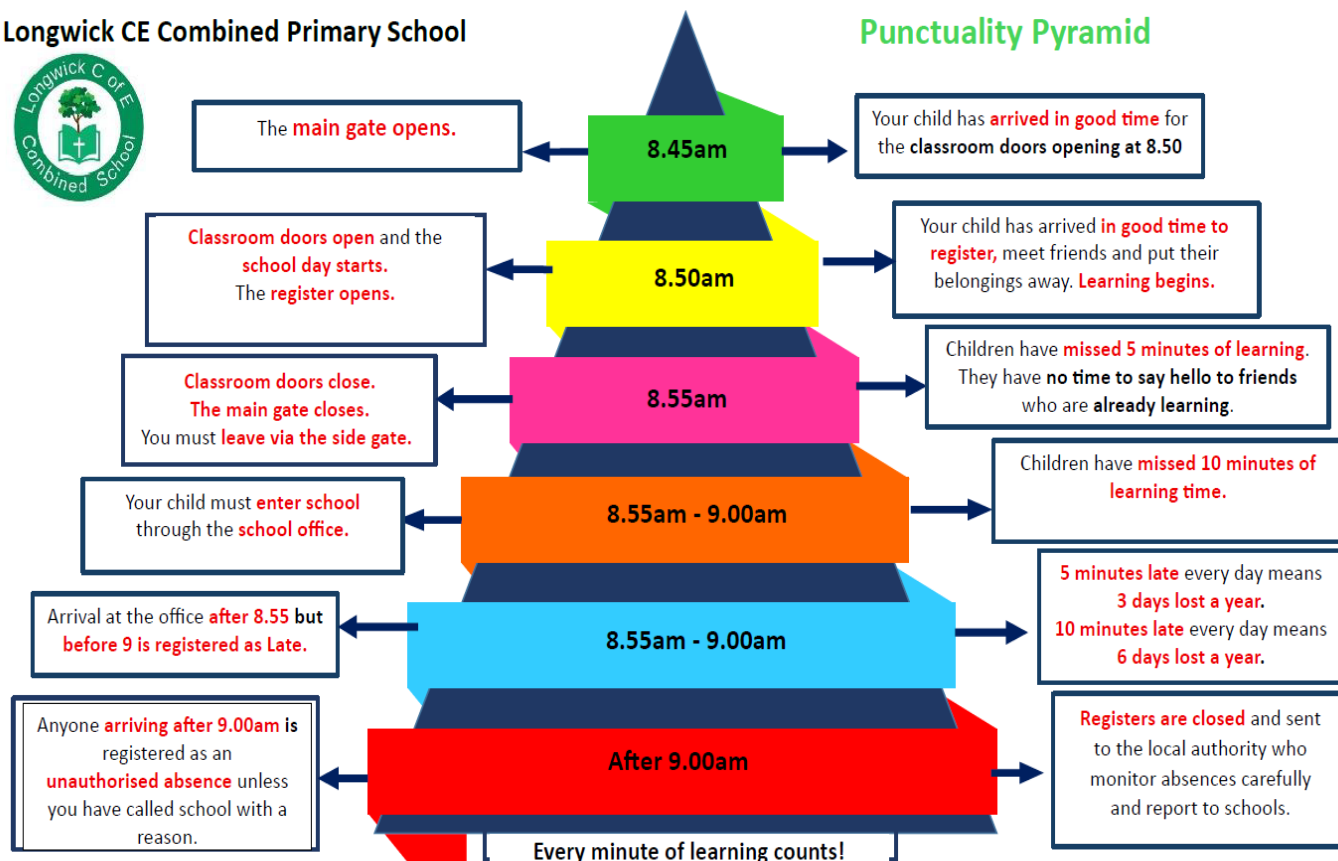


Attendance

Longwick CE Combined Primary School



Punctuality Pyramid



The JR Sports Group

Making each day brighter for every child



Fun first



Inclusive



Safety



Quality



All the children have been very busy with lots of different activities this week. Not including all the extra clubs we have too, multisports, football and gymnastics.



New From Friends of Longwick PTA

Contact us! Email friends@lgw.odbst.org or message Alicia on 07804620414

Friends is now online!

Please follow us on Facebook to keep up with all our latest news and share our events with your friends and family.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/19YnsFYYSw/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

Raise Free Funds for Our School While You Shop Online!

Did you know you can help us raise extra money for the school without it costing you a single penny?

We are registered with easyfundraising, which means over 8,000 of your favourite brands—including Amazon, John Lewis, eBay, Argos, and thetrainline—will donate a percentage of what you spend to us.

It covers everything from your weekly grocery shop and fashion orders to insurance renewals and holiday bookings. The retailer pays the donation directly as a thank-you, so it never adds a single extra penny to your shopping bills.

How to get started in 3 simple steps:

1. Sign up: Visit our [easyfundraising page](#) to create a free account.
1. Shop first: Whenever you plan to buy something online, open the easyfundraising app or website first and click through to the retailer you want.
1. Raise a donation: Check out as normal. The brand will automatically turn your purchase into a free cash donation for our school!

Dates for your diary

 Wreath Making Workshop

Friday 4th December 7-9pm £45 including a drink and mince pie.

Info and tickets here: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsoflongwickschool/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=123667>

 Christmas Fayre Friday 11th December

Our much-loved Christmas Fayre will be back this December and we're already looking forward to a fun-filled afternoon for the children and families. To make it a success, we're looking for volunteers to help with planning and organising. If you can spare some time, we'd love to hear from you. Every helping hand makes a difference!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of the PTA.