Larchfield Primary & Nursery School

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Dear Parents and Care givers,

I'm sending out a very short newsletter for a short week, although I think we feel it's been a long one! 😊

I have a few staffing changes to share with you. We say goodbye and good luck to Miss Jackson today as she leaves us after 5 years to work with another school in Early Years. We wish her well for the future.
We are joined by Miss Fatima who will support Year 1, with Mrs Verma moving to Y4. I know you will make her feel welcome.
Our final piece of news is that Mrs MacLuftska is expecting her first child and will hopefully be with us until the arrival of her baby girl in early January.

Please see a pic of last week's certificate winners, due to the camera battery being flat!

I can't include disco pics as it hasn't happened at the time of me writing this, but I'm sure they will have had a spookingly fab time as asual.

We would like to thank those who stepped forward to support the setting up of the steering group as we await the launch of a new PTA in the spring term. We will let the School Family know dates, times and places nearer the time. In the meantime, thank you again as our shed is tidy and ready to go in prepararion for the Christmas Fair on Friday 4th December at 2.00, which you know will be led by the School.

Well done to those Y4/5 children who represented the school on Tuesday, they took part in a Basketball festival. As always they showed Pride in the Badge and had a great time. Thank you to Mr O'Brien and Mr Smith, our Governor lead for PE, for accompanying them.

Which day will my child be doing PE after half term?

Autumn 2

Class	Day 1	Day 2	Notes
YR	Thursday	-	Come to school in PE kit
1	Tuesday	Friday	Come to school in PE kit
2	Tuesday	Friday	Come to school in PE kit
3	Tuesday	Wednesday	Come to school in PE kit
4	Wednesday	Thursday	Come to school in PE kit
5	Tuesday (Swimming)	Thursday	Come to school in PE kit Swimming to include costume/trunks (not shorts)/towel/goggles/swimming cap – bring in a named bag on swimming day
6	Tuesday	Thursday	Come to school in PE kit

****Please remember that joggers must be plain, no logo and black.**

You will have received the Next Steps report for your child, please remember this is written by the teacher to help to sign post you and guide you to helping your child through their next stage of their learning journey. The children have done really well, and made a great start to the year. Please book your Parents Evening slot on Arbor as usual.

Don't forget Y6 parents that Paccar is open, to ease the payments.

Can you also remember our uniform policy is in place so that we can make our uniform affordable, equal to all and to give our children a sense of belonging. So, please no more hair bows, trainers instead of shoes, black uniform instead of dark grey or sparkly earrings or patterns in short hair.

We are also still seeing cold fast food and sweets in lunchboxes.Thanks for supporting and understanding that it is not personal, but keeping the high standards staff and children have at Larchfield and preparing our children for life beyond school.

I hope you have a great extended half term, please keep the children reading, doing their TTRS and home learning grid. It woud be a shame to waste all that hard work in this half term.

Mrs Kearney
Headteacher
**Please remember all questions to teachers or home learning communications should be sent to asktheteacher@larchfieldschool.co.uk. Absences and other enquiries go to the school office email larchfield@larchfieldschool.co.uk All new entries are in green

Date	Event
Mon 2nd November	Return to school
Friday 6th November	Tempest School photos – family photos 8.00
W/C 9th November	Kindness Week

Tues 10th November – 3.30-5.30pm	Parents' Evenings
Wed 11th November – 10.50am	Remembrance Day service – parents welcome
Thurs 12th November – 4.30pm - 7.30pm	Parents' Evenings
Fri 13th November	Mufti day – donations for Christmas fair – tombola/gifts/bottles please
Wed 18th November – 9.30am	Reception 2026 tours
Tues 24th November – 9.00am	Year 4 sharing assembly
Wed 25th November – 2.45pm	Maths workshop for parents/carers
Wed 25th November – 9.30am	Reception 2026 tours
Thurs 3th December	Snowflake Day – Christmas/winter themed tops
Fri 4th December	Christmas Fair at 2.00pm (Children's shopping time in the morning)
Fri 4th December – 9.30am	Reception 2026 tours
Tuesday 8th December	Visiting Panto – whole school
Wed 9th December - TBC	Nursery sing-a-long with parents
Thurs 10th December – 9.30am	YR – Nativity
Tues 15th December – 9.30am	Y1/2 Nativity
Wed 16th December – 9.30am	iRock concert – invite only
Wed 16th December	Christmas lunch
Wed 16th December – 1.00pm	Class parties
Thurs 17th December – 1.00 – school end 1.30	Carols round the tree
Thurs 17th December	Home Learning Grids sent home for new topics
Fri 18th December	INSET
Mon 21st Dec	Christmas break (2 weeks)
Mon 4th January	Return to school
Wed 6th January – 9.30am	Reception 2026 tours
Tues 2nd February – 9.00am	Y5 sharing assembly
Tues 9th February	Safer internet day
Mon 15th February	Half term (1 week)
Mon 22nd February	Return to school
Thurs 4th March – 2.15pm	Mothers' Day – Afternoon Tea – YR Mummies
Fri 5th March	World Book Day – themed costumes
Fri 5th March – 2.15pm	Mothers' Day – Afternoon Tea – Y1 Mummies
W/C 15th March	Neurodiversity celebration week
Tues 16th March	YR sharing assembly
Wed 17th March	Spring Disco
Thurs 18th March – 1.45pm & 6.00pm	Y3/4 production
Wed 24th March – 9.30	iRock concert
Wed 24th March	Interim Reports

Thurs 25th March	Easter Bonnet Parade
Thurs 25th March	Home Learning Grids sent home for new topics
Fri 26th March	Bank Holiday
Mon 30th March	Easter break (2 weeks)
Mon 12th April	Return to school
Tues 20th April 4.30-7.30pm	Parents' evenings
Thurs 22nd April 3.30-5.30pm	Parents' evenings
Mon 3th May	Bank Holiday
W/C 10th May	KS2 SATs Week
Wed 19th – 21st May	Y6 Paccar
Tues 18th May	Y1 Sharing assembly
Mon 31st May	Half term (1 week)
Mon 7th June	INSET Day
Tues 8th June	Return to school
W/C Mon 7th June	Start of Y4 Multiplication Check
Thurs 10th /11th June	Year 5 Camp
W/C 14th June	Phonics Screening Check
Thurs 17th June	School Games day (25th June reserve date)
Fri 18th June – 2.15pm	Fathers' Day Scavenger Hunt – YR/1
Fri 18th June	Mufti day – donations for Summer Fair please
Thurs 29th June – 9.00am	Year 2 Sharing assembly
Fri 2nd July	Summer Fair 2.00pm – 4.30pm
Thurs 8th July – 1.45pm & 6.00pm	Y5/6 production
Thurs 8th July – 4.00pm	2026 Reception children Teddy Bear Picnic
Wed 14th July – 9.30am	iRock concert
Wed 14th July	End of year reports
Thurs 15th July – 6.00pm	Meet the Teacher evening
Fri 16th July – 2.00pm	Year 6 Leavers' afternoon tea
Mon 19th July – 6.00pm	Y6 Awards night
Tues 20th July	Whole school trip
Wed 21st July	Home Learning Grids sent home for new topics
Wed 21st July – 1.30pm	End of term