



Larchfield Primary & Nursery School



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'Be the family you want'

Dear Parents and Carer givers,

I hope you are having a lovely summer break, I bet you are happier now that it is getting a bit cooler and return to school is getting closer.

We welcome Miss Freer to the Larchfield family this year. She is an experienced teacher and will be the Y4 teacher. I know you will all make her feel welcome by saying hello, if you see her.



Those of you who have been with me for the last 9 years, yes this is my 10th year proudly leading Larchfield, will know that I have initiated a large project every year since starting, from gaining a MUGA, replacing all the classroom furniture so it fits our children, fitting teaching walls with built in storage, enabling every class to have their own set of technology devices, designing a Beach Hut to provide a more informal space for our children who work with outside agencies, redecorating school throughout, refurbishing all the toilets, fitting canopies around the school, replacing all lighting throughout school, installing trim trails and the daily mile track and recarpeting the whole school to name a few! This summer we have replaced the outdoor learning environment for the Reception class, they now have a colourful soft surface from the entrance to the tyres, it is going to make such a difference and give our children a safer and clearer opportunity for outdoor learning.

With a new year and a long break, sometimes things are forgotten and so here are a few reminders:

Class information will be on the class pages of the website. Any questions or catch ups with teachers, please use asktherteacher@larchfieldschool.co.uk and they will get back to you.



- Uniform is white shirt and tie and **not polo shirts or summer dresses**, unless your child is in Reception or Nursery class

If you would prefer to buy uniform from our pre loved uniform at £1 per item, then please email in and we will have a look at what we have in stock. All pre loved items have been washed and are clean and ready to go.

- Please discourage your child from bringing in a rucksack, we struggle with corridor space
- Please label **everything**
- Encourage your child to have a hot school lunch, please order with them. If you choose it we often struggle when they don't like what you have chosen. If you qualify for free school meals or your child is in YR/1/2 then they will not cost anything and will save you a lot of money, time and effort. Equally we encourage all children to have a hot lunch as it is balanced, good quality and will again save time and money. It also gives the children the opportunity to try things they may not try at home and eat the same food as their friends.
- Please **do not include cold fast food** (ie cold fish fingers, chicken, pizza, noodles with protein) in your child's lunch if they are having packed lunch. We are also a nut and seed free school due to serious allergies of children and staff.
- Be patient with us as our staff give everything to meet the needs of our children, especially at the start of the year, but throughout.

- The home learning grid should be completed, it will help move your child's learning on and give you weekend/holiday activities.
- Any medication must be brought in and a medication form filled in at the office.

As you may know, our PTFA has been closed down, with accounts closed. This was not the school's decision and we had a very small team who tried to keep it going, which we thank them for. This means we currently don't have a PTFA. If we want to hold school family events such as Mothers' Day Teas, Fathers' Day scavenger hunts, Christmas fairs and cheaper school trips, we will need a PTFA to help fund and organise these. If we have any parents or friends willing to give back and support our super school then we would be able to start again afresh. We really need 3 committee members: Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. No job is a solo job and we are here to help anyone interested in relaunching our new adventure!



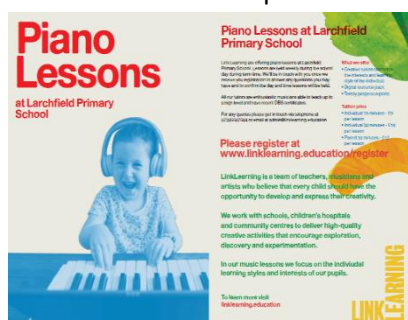
Whether you are new to Larchfield or have been part of the family for years, everyone is welcome to pop their hat into the pot!

I hope from the bottom of my heart that this can be set up again, with families fully supporting, remember it doesn't just take a village to raise a child but families to build a positive community. Building a team where everyone plays a small part will help to build a strong community and benefit our children and families.

You will know that we will now have Wraparoundcare4u in place from the first day back. This parent paid provision is available from the first day back (3.15–6.00), and can be booked and paid direct with them. <https://www.wraparoundcare4u.com/index.html> We, as a school, continue to provide Breakfast Club from 7.45–8.30, this is bookable and can be paid for via the Arbor app.

Due to changes, available spaces and the commitments on teachers' time and our focus on curriculum, it does mean that we are currently unable to ask our teachers to provide free after school clubs. This is very disappointing but we are trying to get the best balance for everyone. I hope you understand. We are currently looking to provide outside clubs but these will be payable direct to the facilitators and will take a little time to organise. If you know of any trusted clubs who may want to offer something from our school then please let us know.

Please see a couple of established music opportunities we already have on board, they are very popular in school. If interested please contact the companies directly.



Please see below the start to our year in diary date form. Please be mindful that this does change and so you will need to check each week when you receive the newsletter.

Have a great rest of the holiday and see you on the gate next Wednesday

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
Tues 1 st September	INSET Day
Wed 2 nd September	School returns
Tues 22 nd September	Y6 Residential and SATs meeting for parents – 5.45pm
Wed 23 rd September	Harvest line up – Donations from 21 st September please
Friday 25 th September	MacMillan coffee - TBC
Mon 28 th September	Y3/Y4 Bikability
Mon 28/29 th September	Y5/6 Bikability
Wed 30 th September – 2.45pm	English: Introduction to Phonics for parents/carers – Phonics (YR,Y1 and Y2)
October	Black History Month - Honouring Our Communities
Wed 7 th October – 2.45pm	English workshop for parents/carers – Reading (Whole School)
Fri 9 th October	World Mental Health Day
Wed 14 th October – 9.30am	New Reception 2026 tours
W/C 19 th October	International Week – curriculum focus
Tues 20 th October – 9.00am	Year 3 Sharing assembly
Wed 21 st October	Halloween Disco
Wed 21 st October	Interim reports
Thurs 22 nd October	INSET Day
Fri 23 rd October	INSET Day
W/C 27 th October	Halt term (1 week)
Mon 2 nd November	Return to school
W/C 9 th November	Kindness Week
Tues 10 th November – 3.30-5.30pm	Parents' Evenings
Wed 11 th November – 10.50am	Remembrance Day service – parents welcome
Thurs 12 th November – 4.30pm -7.30pm	Parents' Evenings
Fri 13 th November	Mufti day – donations for Christmas fair tombola please
Wed 18 th November – 9.30am	Reception 2026 tours
Tues 24 th November – 9.00am	Year 4 sharing assembly
Wed 25 th November – 2.45pm	Maths workshop for parents/carers
Wed 25 th November – 9.30am	Reception 2026 tours
Thurs 3 th December	Snowflake Day – Christmas/winter themed tops
Fri 4 th December	Christmas Fair at 2.00pm
Fri 4 th December – 9.30am	Reception 2026 tours
Wed 9 th December - TBC	Nursery sing-a-long with parents
Thurs 10 th December – 9.30am	YR – Nativity
Tues 15 th December – 9.30am	Y1/2 Nativity
Wed 16 th December – 9.30am	iRock concert – invite only
Wed 16 th December	Christmas lunch
Wed 16 th December – 1.00pm	Class parties
Thurs 17 th December – 1.00 – school end 1.30	Carols round the tree
Thurs 17 th December	Home Learning Grids sent home for new topics
Fri 18 th December	INSET
Mon 21 st Dec	Christmas break (2 weeks)
Mon 4 th January	Return to school
Wed 6 th January – 9.30am	Reception 2026 tours
Tues 2 nd February – 9.00am	Y5 sharing assembly

Tues 9 th February	Safer internet day
Mon 15th February	Half term (1 week)
Mon 22 nd February	Return to school
Thurs 4 th March – 2.15pm	Mothers' Day – Afternoon Tea – YR Mummies
Fri 5 th March	World Book Day – themed costumes
Fri 5 th March – 2.15pm	Mothers' Day – Afternoon Tea – Y1 Mummies
W/C 15 th March	Neurodiversity celebration week
Tues 16 th March	YR sharing assembly
Wed 17 th March	Spring Disco
Thurs 18 th March – 1.45pm & 6.00pm	Y3/4 production
Wed 24 th March – 9.30	iRock concert
Wed 24 th March	Interim Reports
Thurs 25 th March	Easter Bonnet Parade
Thurs 25 th March	Home Learning Grids sent home for new topics
Fri 26th March	Bank Holiday
Mon 30th March	Easter break (2 weeks)
Mon 12 th April	Return to school
Tues 20 th April 4.30-7.30pm	Parents' evenings
Thurs 22 nd April 3.30-5.30pm	Parents' evenings
Mon 3th May	Bank Holiday
W/C 10 th May	KS2 SATs Week
Tues 18 th May	Y1 Sharing assembly
Wed 19 th -Fri 21 st May	Y6 Paccar
Mon 31st May	Half term (1 week)
Mon 7th June	INSET Day
Tues 8 th June	Return to school
W/C Mon 7 th June	Start of Y4 Multiplication Check
Thurs 10 th /11 th June	Year 5 Camp
W/C 14 th June	Phonics Screening Check
Thurs 17 th June	School Games day (25 th June reserve date)
Fri 18 th June – 2.15pm	Fathers' Day Scavenger Hunt – YR/1
Fri 18 th June	Mufti day – donations for Summer Fair please
Thurs 29 th June – 9.00am	Year 2 Sharing assembly
Fri 2 nd July	Summer Fair 2.00pm – 4.30pm
Thurs 8 th July – 1.45pm & 6.00pm	Y5/6 production
Thurs 8 th July – 4.00pm	2026 Reception children Teddy Bear Picnic
Wed 14 th July – 9.30am	iRock concert
Wed 14 th July	End of year reports
Thurs 15 th July – 6.00pm	Meet the Teacher evening
Fri 16 th July – 2.00pm	Year 6 Leavers' afternoon tea
Mon 19 th July – 6.00pm	Y6 Awards night
Tues 20 th July	Whole school trip
Wed 21 st July	Home Learning Grids sent home for new topics
Wed 21 st July – 1.30pm	End of term