

Longlands Primary School

SEPTEMBER BULLETIN



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of the first month of the new school year, we wanted to say a big thank you for all your support so far.

It's been a really positive start to the term, and we're so pleased with how well the children have settled back into school life. There's been lots of learning, laughter and new friendships already, and it's been lovely to see the children coming in each day ready to get stuck in. Keep an eye out for our Curriculum newsletter, which will be sent out at the end of this half term, to find photos and information regarding all the incredible learning that our children have taken part in this half term.

One of the new things we've introduced this term is music in the mornings as the children arrive. It has created such a fun, upbeat atmosphere to kick off the day — a real mood-booster for everyone! DJ Baines is now officially taking requests, so if your child has a favourite (school-appropriate!) song they'd love to hear, let us know by email and we'll try to get it on the playlist.

Thank you for ensuring that your children are in school uniform and for following our uniform policy. Can I please remind all parents and carers of the following:

- Please ensure your child is in full uniform every day, unless it is their PE day.
- Summer uniform (summer dresses and polo shirts) can be worn up to October half term.
- Ties must be worn with shirts (not compulsory for polo shirts) and shirts must be tucked in.
- Sensible all black school shoes—not boots, not shoes with heels nor trainers.
- Hair accessories need to be black, grey, white or navy blue.
- PE kits need to be plain and in line with our uniform list (no football kits).
- Earrings need to be plain stud earrings and need to be removed for P.E and swimming.
- Please ensure all school uniform is named so that it can be returned to your child if found.

For more information regarding our school uniform, please see the policy on our school website.

We know that when school and families work together, it makes a big difference to how children learn and grow. Thank you for all the ways you help, whether it's getting your child ready each day, supporting their learning at home, or simply encouraging them to do their best. It all matters.

We're really looking forward to the rest of the term and everything that's to come.

Kind regards,

Mr Baines

Mr Baines, Head Teacher

ROCK UK 2025

On Monday 22nd September, Year 5 pupils set off on their residential trip to Rock UK in Wales. We were blessed with three beautifully sunny days in Wales, where the children enjoyed taking part in activities such as caving, climbing, abseiling, archery, vertical challenge and a lovely hill walk in picturesque Trelewis.

At the start of the journey, the children were tasked with games that would test their listening and teamwork skills. They found this tricky at first, but after taking part in all the activities here at Rock UK, I was pleased to see that they improved significantly in both these areas!!



When in the caves, the children had to encourage each other through. Each of them taking on a role to help them get through each mapped out area.



Rock UK 2025 continued.....

When climbing, the children were tasked with holding each other's ropes and cheering each other on. If someone was unsure or nervous the children would help them out and showed kindness towards them, which was great to see!



During the hill walk, each child was given a job whether it was using the map, holding the supply bags or litter picking. They had to work together to make sure they all made it up the hill and to find their way down. All these tasks have improved their independence, resilience and teamwork skills and of course they also all had lots of fun!



I would like to thank Miss Childs, Miss Laughland and Mr Beevers for all their help and support in making this trip enjoyable and successful for the children.

Miss Gayson

Wrap around care provision



Mrs Foster and her team run a great child care facility where children play and meet new friends from other year groups.

If you would like to use breakfast club or after school club then please contact the school office for the enrolment forms and terms & conditions.

Aims

To provide childcare before and after school.

To offer a safe, secure and friendly environment.

To promote healthy eating by providing a nutritious breakfast or healthy tea.

To provide a calm play environment in which children can engage socially with children from other year groups therefore strengthening relationships in the school community.

To support our parents in offering a simple childcare solution.

Opening Hours

Breakfast Club is open from 7:30am.

After School Club closes at 6:00pm; pickup can be any time prior to 6:00pm.

Closures

After school club is closed on the last day of term, the dates for this school year are Friday 19th December, Friday 27th March and Tuesday 21st July.

Cost

Currents fees are;: Breakfast club £6.50

After School Club £13.50

Booking

Bookings for Wraparound Care should be made at least 7 days in advance.

Parking and driving considerately

We have been contacted by neighbours and Local MPs to share their concerns regarding parking near our school. Unfortunately we have a small number of parents and carers who persistently block our neighbours driveways at drop off and at collection, and are also parking on the corners of Woodside Road up to the school field which is making the crossing of the road unsafe for our children.

Parking is available on Longlands Road at these times. We encourage you to park on Longlands Road and walk the short distance.

Another danger to our school community is the speed with which some parents and carers drive past the school. This is a residential road with small children and their families crossing to and from school so we ask you to drive with due care.

Please can we ask for everybody be considerate and polite to all within our community.

FOLS updates

THIS WEEK

A BIG thank you to everyone who donated, came along and supported the cake sale - we raised £220 - which is fantastic!

A reminder that the AGM is Wednesday 1st October at 6:30 - enter via the studio on Woodside.

TALENT SHOW

Did you see we are hoping to host our very own **Longlands Got Talent** - please email : Longlandspa@hotmail.com & give us an idea of your child's talent and if they would like to take part.

DATES

- 🎧 Please do check back on the FOLS dates we recently sent out however upcoming events are:
- 🎧 **October**
w/c 13th - Pumpkin decorating
- 🎧 **November**
7th - Disco
- 🎧 **December**
3rd - Wreath Making
- 🎧 Santa Dash - in PE lesson
- 🎧 5th - Own Clothes Day
- 🎧 6th - Christmas Fete - 1-5pm

EASY FUNDRAISING

- Easy Fundraising is a FREE
- way to give money back to
- school, if you would like
- more information on how
- to do this please ask one
- of the FOLS team in the
- playground!

SOCIAL MEDIA

Please do follow us on Instagram to keep up to date with events, links and exciting things coming from FOLS!

DATES

Wednesday 1st October—FOLS AGM

Wednesday 8th October—UKSA Launch Meeting

Friday 10th October—Hello Yellow

Monday 13th October—Bike Ability Week

Tuesday 14th October—Parents Evening

Thursday 16th October—Parents Evening

Monday 20th October—October Half Term

Monday 3rd November—Return to school

Monday 3rd November—LKS2 Kent Life

Tuesday 4th November—Flu immunisation

Wednesday 5th November—Year 6 Weiwei Citizenship

Friday 7th November—FOLS disco

Monday 10th November—Year 5 Ashevak Citizenship

Monday 10th November—Kindness week

Thursday 14th November—Word Guerilla

Friday 15th November—Children in Need

Tuesday 18th November—Alexander Banjii (author visit)

Friday 5th December—FOLS own clothes day

Saturday 6th December—FOLS Christmas Fete

Tuesday 9th December—Rock Steady Concert

Wednesday 10th December—Longlands Choir Concert

Friday 12th December—Christmas jumper and dinner

Friday 19th December—Last day of term

