



Longlands Primary School

Tuesday 21st July 2026

A Message from the Headteacher



Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

As we come to the end of another wonderful academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped make this year such a success.

Firstly, thank you to our children for their enthusiasm, kindness, resilience and determination. They have worked incredibly hard, embraced new challenges and made us proud every single day. Whether in the classroom, on educational visits, through sporting events, performances, competitions or the many other opportunities throughout the year, they have represented our school brilliantly.

A special mention must go to our Year 6 children, who are now preparing to leave us and begin the next exciting chapter of their journey. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them. Their amazing performance of *The Greatest Showman* was a true highlight of the year and showcased their talent, confidence, teamwork and hard work beautifully. Year 6, we wish you all the very best as you move on to secondary school. Remember to be kind, work hard, believe in yourselves and make the most of every opportunity that comes your way. You will always be a valued part of our school community, and we know you will go on to do great things.

A message from the Headteacher continued.....

Thank you also to you, our parents and carers, for your continued support, encouragement and partnership. Working together enables our children to thrive, and we are grateful for everything you do to support both your children and our school community.

A special thank you to our wonderful Friends of Longlands School (FOLS) for their continued hard work and support throughout the year. Their fantastic events and fundraising have raised valuable money to enrich our children's experiences, and we are incredibly grateful to everyone who has volunteered, attended events and supported their efforts. Remember, you and your family automatically join FOLS when your child joins Longlands, but if you would like to help our FOLS team or offer your time to support our brilliant school, please speak with the Office.

Finally, thank you to our amazing staff for their unwavering dedication, hard work and commitment. Their care, passion and professionalism ensure that every child has the opportunity to learn, grow and succeed.

At the end of this term, we will be saying goodbye to Miss Sheridan and Mrs Taylor. We thank them both for their valuable contributions to our school and wish them every happiness and success in the future.

We are also delighted to welcome some new faces and familiar ones in new roles. Mrs Davidson, who joined us in June, has already become a valued member of our team. From September, we look forward to welcoming Ms Thompson, Mrs Sandford and Mrs Carlaw, and we are pleased that Miss Crawford, one of our Play Team, will be taking on a new role as a Teaching Assistant. We know they will all make a wonderful contribution to our school.

As you prepare for the new academic year, please ensure that children return to school wearing the correct school uniform. Thank you for your support in maintaining our high standards and helping children take pride in being part of our school community.

A message from Headteacher continued.....

A reminder that the first day back for all children (Years 1 to 6) is **Thursday 3rd September**.

Children who are sitting the Secondary Selection Test should attend school on **Wednesday 2nd September**. They should arrive at **9:15am** via the playground entrance and be collected at **11:30am** from the main playground. Please note that these children will not receive lunch on this day.

Finally, I would like to wish all of our families a happy, restful and safe summer holiday. We hope you enjoy spending time together, making wonderful memories and returning in September refreshed and ready for another exciting year of learning.

Thank you once again for your continued support. Have a fantastic summer!

Kind regards,

Mr Baines

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EYFS

Matisse and Monet have had an amazing year and we are very proud of them and the excellent progress they have all made. Both classes gave wonderful performances in their class assemblies.

This half term we have been learning about traditional tales. The children have had lots of opportunities to extend their writing through re-tellings, character descriptions and letters. They have enjoyed building and testing houses and castles made from various materials, including bricks, sticks, straw and multi link cubes. The children also designed and made ingenious traps to catch the gingerbread man! Which were very imaginative and impressive.



EYFS continued.....

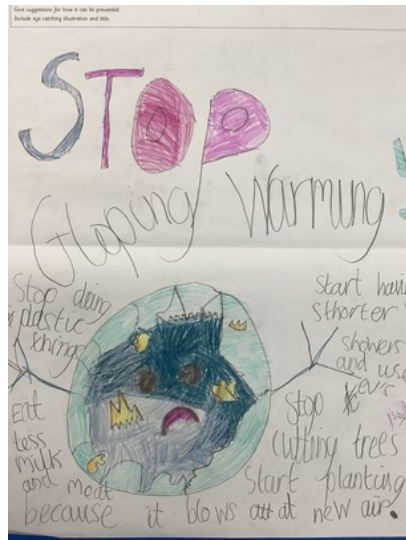


In Maths, we have consolidated the children's knowledge of addition, subtraction, tens & ones and the early stages of multiplication.

PE lessons saw the children working hard on their ball skills and control during football and basketball sessions.

We wish all the children and their families a lovely summer and look forward to seeing the children when they return to start their journey in Year 1.

Mrs Allen, Ms Sheridan and Mr Murphy



For our final term, the children in Key Stage 1 have been working very hard and having loads of fun. In English we read the story *Leaf* by Sandra Dieckmann, a story about a lost polar bear trying to find his way back home. Through this story we conducted research and learnt all about polar bears and their habitats. Did you know polar bears use ice crystals to keep their fur clean?

As part of our learning in PSHE we explored Climate Change and what that means for us, animals and future communities around the world. We learnt about some very simple things we can do to combat Climate Change like reducing waste and recycling materials, drinking less milk and eating less meat and walking or riding our bikes when possible.

In Maths, both year groups have been learning about how to tell the time as well as positional language. In Year 1 we also learnt about money, place value to 100 and fractions. While the Year 2s built on their understanding of statistics, generating questions and then gathering data to analyse.



We continued to learn about animals, including humans, in Science and had the opportunity to meet some furry and scaly creatures up close during our Animal Encounters workshop. The children loved learning all about the different animals including a Leopard Gecko, a Tenrec and an Orange Kneed Tarantula. As part of our learning in both science and DT we created animal habitat dioramas, showcasing the elements that each animal needs to survive

KS1 continued.....



In art we did a lot of work with clay creating nature prints using leaf clippings from Forest School and then later made flower sculptures using scoring and thatching technique to join the pieces together. Afterwards we used bright, bold colours to make them look more realistic.

Miss Artis, Miss Taylor, Miss Laughland and Mr Morand

Lower Key Stage 2

We are incredibly proud of all the hard work the children have put in throughout the year. They have shown enthusiasm, resilience and determination across all areas of the curriculum, and it has been wonderful to see how much they have achieved.

During our final term, we have been reading *Oliver and the Seawigs*. Inspired by the story, the children have written thoughtful diary entries, created detailed storyboards, designed informative leaflets and composed imaginative poems.



In Art, the children created their own fantastic *Seawigs*, complete with sea creatures and seaweed. They put an enormous amount of effort into these, and the finished pieces look amazing. They also developed their sewing skills by making felt fish decorated with colourful sequins. Learning the running stitch was challenging, but the children showed great perseverance and should be very proud of what they achieved!

In Science, the children have been learning about living things and their habitats. They also explored the topic of endangered species and created informative posters to share what they had learned about protecting wildlife.



Lower Key Stage 2 continued.....

In PE, the children have enjoyed playing both cricket and tag rugby. They have practised their skills, worked well as part of a team and taken part in matches with enthusiasm and excellent sportsmanship.

We hope you all have a wonderful, relaxing summer break. Thank you for your continued support throughout the year, and we look forward to seeing everyone again in the new school year!

Miss Gayson, Miss Almond, Mrs Payton and Mrs Baines



Upper Key Stage 2

As we come to the end of another fantastic year, we would like to say what a pleasure it has been to work with all of the children in Years 5 and 6. They have approached every challenge with enthusiasm, determination and a real willingness to learn, making this a year full of memorable moments and achievements.

*This half term, our learning has been centred around the thought-provoking novel *Pig Heart Boy* by Malorie Blackman. The children have thoroughly immersed themselves in the story, producing some outstanding writing inspired by the text. They explored complex themes through persuasive letters, balanced debates, newspaper reports and reflective writing, demonstrating both maturity and empathy. Alongside this, they created striking anatomical heart artwork, combining scientific knowledge with artistic creativity to produce pieces that they should be incredibly proud of.*



Upper Key Stage 2 continued

A huge congratulations must go to our Year 6 pupils for their incredible end-of-year production of **The Greatest Show**. Their performances were truly outstanding, showcasing not only their acting, singing and dancing talents but also their confidence, teamwork and resilience. The countless hours of rehearsals certainly paid off, and they should all be immensely proud of what they achieved. Thank you also to the families and friends who came along to support them—it was a wonderful way to celebrate the end of their primary school journey.

To our Year 6 children, we wish you every success as you move on to secondary school. It has been a privilege to watch you grow into kind, thoughtful and capable young people over your time at primary school. We hope you embrace every opportunity that comes your way, continue to work hard, believe in yourselves and always be proud of who you are. We know you have bright futures ahead of you, and we cannot wait to hear about all that you go on to achieve. Good luck—you will be missed!

Finally, thank you to all of our Year 5 and 6 families for your continued support throughout the year. We hope you all have a safe, relaxing and well-deserved summer break, and we look forward to welcoming our Year 5 children back in September for another exciting year of learning.

Mr Allen, Mrs Ward and Miss Childs

UKSA



This term the year 6 children embarked on their final school journey to UKSA in the Isle of Wight.

The children had a lovely time at UKSA and we were blessed with beautiful weather which made the experience even better!



The children took part in paddle boarding, kayaking and loved doing the pontoon jumps. They also learnt how to sail both a keel boat and a dinghy on the high seas. It was brilliant to see all the children give everything a go and learn new skills as well as supporting and encouraging each other.

A huge thank you to Mrs Ward, Ms Laughland, and Mr Baines for all their help on the trip. Also a big thank you to Mr Beevers for keeping everyone updated with pictures of our adventure.

Sports Day



Sports Day was a great day enjoyed by all the children and staff. Thank you to all the parents and carers for coming to support & cheer on the children.

Sports Marks

We are delighted to announce that Longlands have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2025/26 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

A huge thank you to all the children who took part in local inter-school competitions and festivals this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.



Wrap around care

A big thank you from Mrs Foster and her team and they wish you a lovely summer break! The children have enjoyed being able to use the outside areas in the summer weather and Doug has had a great time when he has attended WAC.

Please can we remind parents to book their required breakfast club and after school care sessions for September on MCAS. Please remember to book your sessions 8 days in advance.

If you have not used wrap around care before then please contact the office to complete the registration forms so that your child can be added to the register on MCAS.

Reminder of the opening hours:

Breakfast club: 07.30am to 08.45am

After school care: 15.15pm to 18.00pm (unfortunately there are penalty charges for any late collections)

Terms & Conditions will be updated for September 2026 and will be available on our website soon.

Absence reporting

Any absence should be reported before 08.45am by an adult with parental responsibility via one of the following methods:

MCAS app

Telephone call to school office

Email to school office

Dates for the diary 2026

Tuesday 21st July—Last day of summer term for pupils

Wednesday 22nd July—Inset day

Tuesday 1st September—Inset day

Wednesday 2nd September—Year 6 selection test and Inset day

Thursday 3rd September—All Year 1 to Year 6 pupils return to school

Wednesday 9th September—EYFS siblings first day

Thursday 10th September—EYFS first day

Attendance

Monet	94%
Matisse	96%
Murakami	95%
O'Keeffe	89%
Warhol	94%

Thomas	94%
Kahlo	96%
Basquiat	97%
Malone	93%
Ashevak	95%
Wei Wei	93%