

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.

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 polo shirts) and shirts must be tucked in.
- Sensible all black school shoes not boots, nor 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

Head Teacher

Parking

We regularly remind parents and carers of the importance of parking considerately, respecting residents and keeping driveways, yellow lines and access routes clear. We also encourage families to consider alternative roads for parking and to walk the final part of their journey where possible.

However, we need to reinforce these messages with all families again and make clear the importance of treating our neighbours with courtesy and respect. But most importantly parking considerately so that our pupils and families can cross the road safely without cars obstructing the pavements.

Cars are being parked on the yellow zig zags and across driveways obstructing the childrens view when crossing to the scooter park. Please keep our children safe and do not park on the yellow zig zag.

Flu immunisation

The Bexley Immunisation Team will visit Longlands on Wednesday 7th October 2026.

Your child will be offered the live nasal flu spray. The nasal spray vaccine is a quick and simple spray up each nostril. Alternatively, you can choose for your child to have the injectable porcine-free vaccine. This is given as an injection into the upper muscle of the arm.

Please complete the link on the letter previously sent to either consent or deny.

<https://cypcis.kingstonandrichmond.nhs.uk/flu/2026/bexley>

Wrap Around Care

With wrap around care being extremely popular please can we remind parents to book & pay for their required sessions at least 8 days in advance on MCAS. (For parents using an employers childcare scheme please to continue to email the school office of your requirement in advance of each term).

As per the updated Terms & Conditions, a last minute booking can only be made via the school office with the request approved by a member of the leadership team.

Back to school learning

Key Stage 1 is off to a fantastic start. The new Year 1s and 2s have done an amazing job settling into their new classes and have been very busy getting to know one another and learning new routines.

This term we are learning all about the seasonal change through poetry, art and science. Some highlights have been creating nature art inspired by Andy Goldsworthy and a visit from the poet Neal Zetter where we learnt lots about different types of poems and some useful tips for performing poetry



Our Lower Key Stage 2 children have had a fantastic start to the term and have settled brilliantly into their new classes!

In Maths, the children have been mastering place value up to 10,000, developing their skills in rounding numbers, partitioning and exploring Roman Numerals.

Their English and history lessons have taken them back in time as they read the book *Ug* and dive into the Stone Age, conducting independent research to create their own detailed fact files. Enhancing this topic, one class recently enjoyed a brilliant trip to the Lesnes Abbey Ruins in Abbey Wood, where they took part in an exciting fossil hunt and learned all about how fossils are formed. Don't worry if your child hasn't gone yet—the remaining classes will be heading out for their trip very soon!

Back in school, the pupils have been active in PE, building a variety of impressive tennis skills, and have turned into scientists in geography as they discover how volcanoes are created.

It has been a busy and purposeful start to the year.

Year 5 residential trip—ROCK UK

What an adventurous few days we had at Rock UK. The children explored the Welsh hills and enjoyed seeing the sheep and the views. They scaled the climbing walls and made it through the caves. They also loved learning the skill of archery and had lots of fun with the crate stacking.

It was wonderful to see the children's confidence and independence increase as the trip has progressed. We were all impressed by the way that the children helped and looked out for one another. They all had a great time and all learnt new skills, including how to make their beds!

I would like to say a huge thank you to Miss Laughland, Miss Almond and Miss Childs for all their help on this trip to make sure the children had a great experience.

A special thank you to Mr Beevers for keeping everyone up to date on what we have been up to with the blog.

Miss Gayson



DATES



Wednesday 30th September—Kahlo class visit to Lesnes Abbey

Thursday 1st October—Basquiat class visit to Lesnes Abbey

Wednesday 7th October—Flu immunisation

Wednesday 7th October—UKSA Launch meeting

Friday 9th October—Parliament Visit School Council 2026

w/c 12th October—Bikeability Year 6

Tuesday 13th October—Parents Evening

Thursday 15th October—Parents Evening

Friday 16th October—Last day of half term

Monday 2nd November—Start of Autumn 2 term

Tuesday 10th November—KS1 trip to Tower of London

Friday 13th November—Children in Need

w/c 16th November—Kindness week

Monday 7th December—KS1 Nativity

Tuesday 8th December—KS1 Nativity

Friday 11th December—Christmas Jumper & Dinner

Friday 18th December—After School Club closed

Friday 18th December—Last day of term!