



Langley Mill C of E Infant & Nursery News

Spring 1 2025



I am really excited to be back in school as I really missed you all while I was off. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. We are looking forward to another fantastic term of learning in school.

Phonics

We shared with you at the start of the year that we had changed to the Little Wandle Phonics Programme. Staff have noticed a positive difference in children's phonetical knowledge and the way they are using it to help them to read and spell. We hope you have noticed this too and enjoyed the new reading scheme books. If you go to their website there are lots of great resources and information for parents.

[For parents | Letters and Sounds \(littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk\)](http://littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk)

Mrs Wilmott will be doing a phonics workshop for Year 1 parents before Easter about 'Getting Ready for the Phonics Screening Check'. She will send out more details nearer the time.

Athlete in School

We are really lucky to have an athlete coming into school on Monday 3rd February. They will be talking to classes about their skills and experiences and the resilience and determination they needed to succeed. The children will also get the opportunity to work with the athlete and complete a circuit. We will be doing a launch assembly on Monday 20th January to explain the event and sending out sponsorship forms for you to complete and send back in.

We are really excited to see what the children manage to complete.

Please look out for more details and the sponsorship forms on Monday 20th January.



Cold Weather



Please ensure with the cold weather we are having currently that you send your child to school in clothing that will keep them warm and dry. Please show them how to put their gloves in their pockets so they don't lose them.

Please make sure their name is on any hats, scarves, gloves as well as their coats so we can get them back to you if they do get dropped.

Please ensure your child is wearing sensible footwear as it is very icy at the moment.

Thank you

Attendance

Attendance is so important and as we have made you aware by sharing the Government and Local Authority Guidance has become even tighter in schools. The way we have to monitor and review attendance as a school is extremely rigorous. We are only ever trying to support families so please come and see us if there is anything we need to know or anything we can help with.

We want to ensure we are all working together to get the best for every child.

At the start of the new school year, we saw a massive improvement with our lateness but this has continued to slip since last terms newsletter so please try really hard. Just 5 minutes late every day is 25 minutes over a week this soon mounts up over a year. If your child is late there is a form for you to fill out on arrival at school.

If your child is absent/late please phone to give reasons (01773 713429). If your child is absent due to medical appointments, which should be taken out of school times whenever possible, please keep appointment cards/letters and share with us and again there is a form for you to fill out.

Please remember schools are being asked not to grant any leave of absence unless it is exceptional, and fines have to be issued for any time taken off during term time. If you require a form to complete for a leave of absence, please see Mrs Downing or Mrs Johnson in the main office.

Please remember the changes this year around fines. (we sent these out at the start of the year, please ask if you would like another copy)

We will continue to hold our Coffee and Cakes mornings to celebrate attendance for each Term. If your child has 97% attendance or above, you will be invited to join us. We will send invites out for these.

Communication

Please remember to keep in touch with us via Class Dojo. We will continue to send out messages via this platform and share the children's learning daily with you.



Diary Dates

Monday 6th January - Welcome Back

Monday 6th January 9.15am - Attendance

Celebration (you will have received an invite to this if your child's attendance was 97% or above)

Friday 10th January - No Celebration Assembly due to boiler works

Week Beg: 3rd February - National Storytelling Week

Monday 3rd February (all pm) - Athlete in school, working with DDM, SSM and FFM to complete their sponsored circuit.

Friday 7th February - NSPCC Number Day. We will take part in the 'Dress Up for Digits' (come to school wearing an outfit that is maths/number related...we will leave it to your imaginations)

Wednesday 12th February 1.45pm - Year 2 Parent Workshop in the hall (more details will follow from Miss Jones nearer the time)

Friday 14th February - International Book Giving Week

Friday 14th February - Break up for half term

We will be returning to school on Monday 24th February for Spring 2.



We hope you all have a fantastic term.
From Mrs Gardner and the Langley Mill Team

