



Langley Mill Infant & Nursery News

Autumn 1 2025



We are so happy to welcome you all back to school. A special welcome to all our new children and families. We hope you all had a lovely summer break.

Staff have been busy over the summer getting school ready for another fantastic year of learning. You may notice some changes around school and in classrooms, we hope you like them as much as we do.

Staff spent time in June tweaking our Long-Term Plans to ensure we are providing the most exciting and engaging learning opportunities we can. Please read these on the school website or on Class Dojo.

MEDICATION

Please remember that if your child needs to take prescribed medicine in school, a medical form must be completed at the main school office. We cannot administer medicines that are not prescribed or less than x4 times daily dosage.

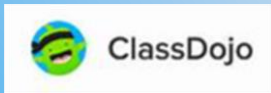
CONTACT DETAILS

In case of an emergency, it is imperative that we always hold up-to-date contact details. Latest statutory guidance states we must have a minimum of two emergency contact details per child. We also use a texting service to communicate quickly and effectively with parents. Therefore, mobile numbers must always be kept up-to-date or you will miss vital reminders and we won't be able to contact you in an emergency. Please inform us immediately of any changes of address, telephone numbers, contacts or medical conditions for your child.

Ways to Keep in touch with what is happening in school

Remember you can find out lots of important information about school on our website, including class information, subject information, copies of all our newsletters, policies and lots more.

www.langleymillinfantschool.co.uk



We share information the most via Class Dojo. It is the quickest and easiest way to keep in touch with what is happening in school. We share lots of information on the school and class pages. You will be able to see everything on the school page and the class page for your child. You can even message staff directly on here. Invites will be sent out if you don't already follow us).

Please remember you can contact school via telephone if you ever want to ask a question on 01773 713429.

HOME LEARNING

The home learning for this term will be a focus on Reading and Phonics as it is such a vital skill that children need to gain and help opens up the rest of the curriculum to them. The expectation is for you to read 5 times a week with your child.

EARLY HELP OFFER

Please don't hesitate to contact us if there is anything you are concerned about or would like support with.

Here is the link to our Early Help Offer on our website.

[Early Help - Langley Mill Church of England Infant School and Nursery \(langleymillinfantschool.co.uk\)](http://www.langleymillinfantschool.co.uk)

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Having good attendance is so important to ensure our children make the best possible progress they can in school. As a school we want to ensure we are working in partnership with our families and want to offer support if needed.

As a school we have been working hard over the last couple of years to improve our attendance as it has been significantly lower than it should be. We have seen some positive improvements but want to ensure all our children are in school regularly. Please read our attendance section of the website for more information and to see our booklet. There are some other useful links.

Please can you try really hard to ensure your child is attending school and on time (lateness can also affect their attendance rate too).

Remember to let the office know before the start of school if your child is unwell so we can log it.

Thank you

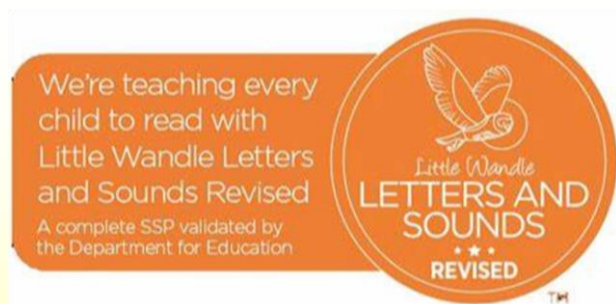
- Breakfast Club - 8am
- Nursery - 8.45 am - 11.45 am / 12.30 pm - 3.30 pm
- School - 8.55 am - 3.25 pm

In school, the bell rings on the rear playground at 8.50am to allow the children five minutes to get into school, hang their coats/bags up and be ready for the register at the start time of 8.55am.

If your child has a medical appointment during the school day (which should be taken out of school times where possible), please bring the appointment cards/letters to the main office.

Thank you.

Phonics



We are continuing to use Little Wandle to support the teaching of Phonics and Reading. We have seen improvements with outcomes over last year and we hope the parent information we are sharing is helpful too. Mrs Wilmott (our English Lead) continues to work alongside the English Hub and is really enjoying leading our Phonics and Reading.

If you have any questions about the way we teach Phonics or Reading please speak to your child's class teacher or to Mrs Wilmott.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Celebration Assemblies are on Fridays at 9.05am.

If your child is receiving an award you will be invited to join us that week.

Children will receive certificates for;

- Class Mouse of the Week (Learn)
- Bucket Filler of the Week (Respect/Behaviour)
- Sports Person of the Week (Aspire/Learn)
- Readers who have won a free book (Aspire/Learn)
- Class Attendance Trophy of the Week

BEHAVIOUR

We know that the vast majority of our children behave well every day and so we have plenty of reward systems in place.

Our main aim is to approach behaviour by praising the positives. Our motto is 'Praise in Public, Reprimand in Private'.

There will be lots of praise and reward when children make good choices and we will be ensuring you, as parents know through sending your child home with stickers, postcards, via text/dojo or a positive phone call.

There will be times when a child doesn't make the right choice and we want them to learn behaviours have consequences using a restorative approach and reflection. We log these on ABCD charts and upload them to a child's file. There may be times when we will call you in as parents/carers to discuss them. This is about working together to ensure the best outcomes for the children in school.

We will still be having bucket bonanza on a Friday for 30 minutes for the children who have made fantastic choices that week.

We also use Class Dojos for positive praise and the child with the most dojos each week come to join me in my office for a hot chocolate (or alternative if they can't have that) and we have a story or play games.

We will continue to use our behaviour blueprint to support our learners and to ensure our expectations are clear.

NO SMOKING

Please remember that the school grounds are no smoking or vaping throughout. We also ask that entrance gate areas remain smoke free too. It is very unpleasant for non-smoking children and adults to have no choice but to walk through the smoke smoke on their way into and out of school. Please be mindful of the health and safety of all our children and their families.

BIRTHDAYS

On your child's birthday they are welcome to come to school in their own clothes as a special treat. We just ask that the clothing is sensible, and they still wear sensible footwear e.g. trainers. As Derbyshire Schools are health promoting schools, we ask that you don't bring in sweets or cakes for the class. Thank you

Allergies

Please be aware we are now a nut free school as we have a child with a nut allergy in school. As you may be aware nut allergies can be airborne so to ensure we are keeping everyone safe we have made the decision to say we will be nut-free.

Thank you for your understanding.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

This year we will be celebrating Harvest Festival in a different way to previously. We spoke to children last year and they told us their favourite way to celebrate is having their grown-ups in for the workshops we have been putting on. We feel as it is so close to the start of the year, we wanted the focus in classes to be on classroom learning. As you can imagine putting on the shows takes a lot of preparations as our children are so new to their year groups, and this results in a lot of time practising. We hope you understand the decision, and we can't wait for you to come and celebrate in classes. Staff have already started making plans for these sessions and I may have overheard ideas like Harvest arts/crafts, pumpkin hunts and the children will still sing a song/read a poem, I am sure. Staff will teach the children about Harvest, using carefully selected books to support and engage the children.

We will still be collecting for the local food bank.

On the day of your workshop, please send your child to school with or bring with you in-date, non-perishable goods that can be added to the Langley Mill Food Bank to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

UNIFORM

A reminder of our active uniform expectations.

- A plain white polo shirt (with or without the school logo)
- A plain royal blue sweatshirt or v-neck jumper or cardigan (with or without the school logo)
- Plain black/dark grey tracksuit bottoms or leggings or shorts (not fashion shorts or denim) or a skirt.
- Plain black shoes or trainers (Velcro unless child can tie their own laces with no logos or branding)
- Plain black trainers and black pumps for PE (to be kept in a drawstring bag in school to avoid wet/mud in the hall)

Depending on the weather please bring in sun hats, suntan lotion (to be kept in school with the child's name on) or raincoats etc.

Please don't forget about our Swap Shop where you can come and get uniform if you don't have things (and donate if your child has grown out of anything). You do not have to donate in order to take things. If you need something, please take it.

Your child also needs to bring their book bag into school every day. Please remember it is no rucksacks (due to space on pegs).

We also have a no jewellery in school policy for children. Earrings worn for religious reasons must be small studs and taped when the child is doing PE.

Please remember long hair should be tied back at all times in school.

DIARY DATES FOR THIS TERM

Thursday 4th & Friday 5th September – Inset Days

Monday 8th September – Welcome Back

Friday 12th September – Friday Celebration Assemblies Begin

Tuesday 16th September – Year 1 Parent Meeting 9.00am

Thursday 18th September – Year 2 Parent Meeting 9.00am

Wednesday 24th September – Parent Coffee Morning (the focus this time will be SEND. All welcome)

Tuesday 7th October – Individual Photo Day 8.00am start for photos with siblings not in our school otherwise come at the normal time and they will be done in school time.

Thursday 9th October – Year 1 Victorian Day (Dress Up)

Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th October – Parent's Evenings (details to follow soon)

Tuesday 21st October – 9.30am & 2.00pm EYFS Harvest Festival Workshop for Parents (nearer the time there will be a sign up sheet for which slot you would like)

Thursday 23rd October – 9.30am Year 2 Harvest Festival Workshop for Parents
10.30am Year 1 Harvest Festival Workshop for Parents

Friday 24th October – Break Up for Half Term



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

