



Langley Mill C of E Infant & Nursery News

Autumn 2 2025



We hope you all had a lovely half term break. It has already been a very busy start to the term. With 2 classes going out on visits to the church. We are really looking forward to another term of fantastic learning. This term also includes all the Christmas celebrations. Please check the diary dates section and the Christmas Dates section so you don't miss out on anything.



Now more than ever Children in Need is committed to supporting organisations and projects nationwide that help the children who need it the most.

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This year I asked Pupil Voice to get involved and come up with some ideas for how we could raise money for Children in Need and they then took it back to classes to do a vote. The children have decided on a Cake Sale. Please bring any cakes or biscuits to donate to the sale on Thursday 13th November. Then send your child with some money on Friday to be able to purchase cakes and biscuits. Each class will get the chance to go to the hall and buy some cakes.

It will be school uniform on the day but the children can also wear Pudsey ears if they want to or if you already have a Pudsey t-shirt that is fine with the rest of the school uniform.

Thank you

PTA

We now have a running PTA. They had their first meeting today and have already started making plans and coming up with some great ideas. Please keep a look out.

Non-Christmas Diary Dates

Tuesday 4th November - Year 1 (SSM) to St Andrew's to learn about Christenings (letter has already been shared)

Wednesday 5th November - Year 2 (FFM) to St Andrew's for Remembrance

Monday 10th November - Start to Anti Bullying Week

Friday 14th November - Children in Need (Cake Sale)

Saturday 15th November 9am-12pm - Open Day

Monday 24th November - INSET DAY (school will be closed to all children)

Friday 19th December - Break Up

Monday 5th January 2026 - Inset Day

Tuesday 6th January 2026 - Coffee & Cakes

Attendance Celebration (you will receive an invite to attend this on the last day of this term...it will be for anyone with 97% or above attendance for this term)

Attendance

I want to say a huge thank you to everyone. We have seen an increase in our attendance last term to put us in line with the national picture.

Let's try and keep that going in Autumn 2.

At the start of the new school year, we saw a massive improvement with our lateness but this has started to slip recently so please try really hard. Just 5 minutes late every day is 25 minutes over a week this soon mounts up 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 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. Please remember the changes this year around fines (we sent these out last term)

We will be holding our Coffee and Cakes morning on Tuesday 6th January to celebrate attendance for the Autumn Term. If your child has 97% attendance or above, you will be invited to join us. We will send invites out on Thursday 18th December so please look out for them.

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.



Anti-Bullying Week is coordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance and this year has the theme 'Power for Good'



During this special week, there are many things happening:

- The week will begin with 'Odd Socks Day' on Monday 10th which is supported by CBBC and CBeebies star Andy Day and his band Andy and the Odd Socks. It started in 2017 and has had millions of people join in over the years. Please come to school in odd socks on this day.



- Throughout the week we will use lots of books about respecting others.
- We will continue to emphasise our Bucket Filling 'Fillosophy', encouraging positive behaviours such as being kind and helpful, having good manners, being polite and caring for each other and linking to our value of Respect.
- We will be doing some work on keeping safe online, using Smartie the Penguin to help us.



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



CHRISTMAS 2025 AT Langley Mill C of E INFANT SCHOOL AND NURSERY



We are very excited to be announcing the special events that will be happening at school in the run up to Christmas this year.



Thursday 20th November - Christmas Fair

We will be having a Christmas Fair again this year in the hall from 3.30pm - 4.30pm. There will be various stalls selling gifts and crafts, a tombola, lucky dip, cake stall, book stall, Santa's Grotto, Christmas Photographer, refreshments and more. If there is anyone who would like a stall, please ring or come and see Mrs Gardner or Mrs Johnson to check we don't already have a stall selling the same.

There will be a charge of £5 per table but then any money made on the day will be yours. We are hoping this will be a fantastic community event.



Monday 1st December - Christmas Jumper Day and Decorating

This is the day that we get Christmas started in school! We all get involved in decorating the classrooms and spaces around school to start our festivities. Everyone can come to school wearing their Christmas jumpers or clothes.



Week commencing Monday 1st December - Christmas Raffle

The staff have made a Christmas hamper filled with all kinds of Christmas goodies. Tickets will be on sale during this week for £1 each and the winner will be drawn at the end of the last performance on Thursday 11th December.

The PTA have asked for a £1 donation on the day towards fund for all the fantastic things they want to do for the children in school.



Tuesday 2nd December - Year 2 Christmas Crafts

Parents of children in Year 2 are being invited in to join their children for some Christmas Crafts in the afternoon (Miss Jones will send more details nearer the time).



Wednesday 3rd December - Drama Performance

We are really lucky to be welcoming the Drama Group 'Play it by Ear' to perform to our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children.



Tuesday 11th December - Visits to St Andrews Church

This year the children in Reception and Year 1 will be visiting the church for Christmas themed activities.



Week Commencing 8th December - Christmas Productions

Early Year (Nursery & Reception) - 'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel' Wednesday 10th December at 10am (family viewing-under 3s welcome but please leave the hall if they cry) and Thursday 11th December at 2pm (no under 3s please)

Key Stage 1 (Year 1 & Year 2) - 'Prickly Hay' Wednesday 10th December at 2pm (family viewing- under 3s welcome but please leave the hall if they cry) and Thursday 11th December at 5pm (no under 3s please)
Please bring Key Stage 1 children back to school for 4.30pm so we can get them changed and ready to perform.



Tuesday 16th December - Christmas Disco

The PTA are organising a Christmas Disco after school. EYFS children will be 4-5pm and KS1 5.15-6.115pm. It will be £1 for a ticket and then children can bring money on the night for treats. They will send more details out at a later date.



Wednesday 17th December - Christmas Dinner Day/ Jumper Day

We will all have our delicious Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings together in the hall. The usual dietary requirements will be provided for, and your child will still be able to bring their own packed lunch. It is also another opportunity to wear your Christmas Jumper too. If your child is in Nursery and does 30 hours please let us know by Thursday 13th November whether they are wanting a Christmas Dinner ordering.



Wednesday 17th December - Carols by Candlelight

We will be hosting Carols by Candlelight again this year in the hall for families to join us for a sing song around the Christmas Tree. We hope you can all join us for this. There will be mince pies and refreshments for sale on the day too. This will be from 3.30-4pm



Friday 19th December - Christmas Parties

We have decided to have all our Christmas Parties on the same day again this year and each class will get time in the hall for party games and dancing and then will enjoy part themed activities in classrooms the rest of the day.

Please come in your favourite (warm) party clothes ready to party!

We are lucky this year as the Catering Team are going to make party food for lunch that day too.



School closes for the Christmas Break on Friday 19th December.

We are all back in school on Tuesday 6th January 2025 as we have an INSET Day on Monday 5th January