

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to the Reception parents who came to our Workshop on Wednesday. If you were not able to make it, the PowerPoint is on our website [www.langtonsinfant.com](http://www.langtonsinfant.com).

**Harvest Festival:** What a fantastic turnout of parents today! Thank you so much for coming to St Andrew's Church to support the children and thank you to the parent helpers. The amount of food we received was great and I am sure Rainham Foodbank will really appreciate it. This linked in beautifully with our school value of Kindness. It was a lovely service and the children were brilliant. They sang beautifully and were a real credit to our school. Well done children.

**Survey:** Thank you to all parents who have returned the parental survey. If you have not returned yours yet, can you please do so by Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Thank you.

**Coffee Morning next Friday:** Our first coffee morning of this academic year is next week Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> October, at 8.40am to 9.45am. This is a great opportunity for the whole school community to get to know each other. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Break the Rules Day:** Next Friday is Break the Rules Day. I am dreading the mayhem that may happen! Please see attached letter.

**Star Writer & Maths Champion:** We will be celebrating these in our Phase Assemblies where the children have the opportunity to share their work with the rest of the school. The children have this assembly on Tuesday and their names will be in the newsletter on Friday.

**Start Times:** After half term the time for the start of the day will change to 8.35am. Children can already start at 8.35am now but your child will not be marked as late if they arrive by 8.55am during this half term.

From 31<sup>st</sup> October, the start time will be 8.35am for all children and your child will have to be in class by 8.45am. Arrivals after 8.45am will be marked as late.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,  
Miss Page

**Nursery Star of the Week**

**Finn**

For his excellent work in maths.

### **Reception Star of the Week**

#### **Ash Class**

**Olivia**

For good listening.

#### **Oak Class**

**Harrison**

For trying new foods at lunchtime.

### **Year 1 Star of the Week**

#### **Cedar Class**

**Lenny**

For always having a go even when he is not sure.

#### **Elm Class**

**Abbey**

For always following the class rules.

### **Year 2 Star of the Week**

#### **Maple Class**

**Evin**

For great determination when reading.

#### **Willow Class**

**Marcus**

For listening and singing so well during the Harvest Festival.

### **Dojo Points - Headteacher Stickers – Postcard Home**



**The following children have achieved their Dojo points target and will be getting a postcard home:**

Aiza S, Henry A, Idrees A, Isobel B, Sarah C, Selina A

## ATTENDANCE

Please remember, you **must** inform the school by telephone or email on the first day of your child's absence. For safeguarding we require, in addition to your own contact details, at least two additional emergency contacts.



Our attendance target is 96%. The attendance for this year so far is: 93.90%. This has, unfortunately, gone down from last week's 94.25%.

<b>Yr R Ash</b>	<b>90.5%</b>	<b>Yr 1 Cedar</b>	<b>97.67%</b>	<b>Yr 2 Maple</b>	<b>94.33%</b>
<b>Yr R Oak</b>	<b>93.18%</b>	<b>Yr 1 Elm</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>Yr 2 Willow</b>	<b>92.89%</b>
<b>Well done Cedar Class!</b>					

## Friends of Langtons Infant School

The Friends of Langtons Infant School, FOLIS for short, are a group of parents and teachers who organise and run fundraising and other events for Langtons Infant School.

You can never have enough volunteers and we are always looking and grateful for any new members. If you are interested in helping, be it a one off or on a more ongoing basis, please contact us on [office@langtons-inf.havering.sch.uk](mailto:office@langtons-inf.havering.sch.uk) or 01708 447 866. We'd love to hear from you!

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The first event this school year will be our "Spooky Disco" for Years 1 & 2 on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October after school. We will be sending further details regarding booking this event for your child in October. If you are interested in helping out at this after school event, please let us know.

## ABACUS

Abacus Breakfast Club runs from 7.45am Monday to Friday, during term time. There is no need to book, just turn up after your initial registration. The children have a healthy breakfast such as toast, cereal, crumpets or bagels. There is also a special of the day which could be yoghurt, fruit and honey. Abacus provide a selection of table top games, such as air hockey or pool. Alongside this are board games and craft activities. Children can attend for one or five mornings a week, or just when required. The cost is £6.50 from 7.45am and £6.00 from 8.00am. The children are taken into school for the start of the school day. For more information please call Kayley on 07903 708 764 or go to their website [www.abacusafterschoolclubs.com](http://www.abacusafterschoolclubs.com) where you can also download their registration forms.

**Year 2 to Year 3 transfer:** If you have a child in Year 2, you will have to apply for a Year 3 place. Please go to <https://www.havering.gov.uk/eadmissions> to apply. If you live outside of Havering, please apply via your own authority.

**Reception Start 2023:** If your child is due to start in Reception in 2023, please apply for a place as soon as possible. Please go to [www.havering.gov.uk/admissions/primary](https://www.havering.gov.uk/admissions/primary)

### **Key Messages**

**Free School Meals/Pupil Premium** – Although all children in Reception through to Year 2 do not have to pay for school dinners, if you are in receipt of benefits, you may be entitled to free school meals once your child goes into Year 3. By registering your entitlement now, you ensure that your child will receive free meals later on, even if your circumstances have changed by then. It also means that this school will receive extra funding called Pupil Premium which we can then use to support your child. So the sooner you apply, the better.

For further details or to apply please go to: <https://www.havering.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>

**On School Grounds** - Please do not use your mobile phone. Children are not permitted to ride their bikes or scooters once they have entered site. Please ensure your child walks into school and pushes their scooter/bike.

**Labelling of Items** – Please remember to put your child's name on all items they bring in to school. This includes hats, scarves, gloves, water bottles, book bags, etc.

**Absences** – please remember to always contact the office either by email ([office@langtons-inf.havering.sch.uk](mailto:office@langtons-inf.havering.sch.uk)) or by leaving a message on our absence line (telephone 01708 447 866) by 9am on the first day of your child's absence. When leaving a message on the answerphone please clearly state your child's name, class and the specific reason for their absence. If your child is unwell, please specify whether this is because they have a cold, a temperature or are feeling sick, etc.

It is our duty to make contact with every parent whose child is absent to check that everything is ok and the family are not in an emergency situation needing assistance. If we cannot make contact, we may make a home visit to make sure everyone is ok.

**Emails** – when emailing the office, please always include your child's full name and class. This will help our office staff by cutting down on the time they have to spend looking up details.

We greatly appreciate your support as this helps us to free up time for other tasks.



Respect



Kindness



Determination



Tolerance



Resilience

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>Details</b>
03.10.22	Dyslexia awareness week	----
07.10.22	Coffee Morning	Further details on page 1
07.10.22	Break the Rules Day	Letter sent
12.10.22	Open Day for New Intake parents September 2023 throughout the day	----
w/b 17.10.22	Year 1 trip to Langtons Gardens	Details to follow
21.10.22	Diwali (on 24 <sup>th</sup> October)	Activities in class
24.-28.10.22	Half Term	School closed
31.10.22	First Day Back – Start of Autumn 2 <sup>nd</sup> Half Term	----
31.10.22	Spooky Disco after school – Years 1 & 2	Details to follow
w/b 07.11.22	Parents' Evenings	Details to follow

# Nursery News

This week the children have been learning and talking about different types of homes. We have also been on an Autumn walk in the garden to find some fantastic Autumn treasures. The children loved using the magnifying glasses to have a closer look at what they found. We used some of the leaves we found to do some leaf printing.



The children have been working really hard to build their independence within the Nursery setting. They have been practising to put their coats on by themselves using the sit down method.



This week we continued with the introduction to Phonics, starting with Phase 1. The aim of Phase 1 is to develop the awareness of the sounds around them and to support their listening skills.

This week the children have enjoyed listening to sounds different animals make. Have a go at home asking your child to identify the sounds animals may make such as a cat, a dog, a snake, an elephant and many more.

Please could we ask for a family photo to support our family theme next week. These can be physical copies or emailed into the school office.



# Reception News

This week:

Wow! We had a great week at school, coming in every day. We met lots of new friends and learnt how to share the toys in our classroom. We are getting better at following our school day routines and learning to do things on our own. The middays have said that we are doing really well at lunchtimes and eating our food sensibly. This week we have been reading our topic book 'What makes me a me?' We listened to the story and made predictions about what might happen next. We shared pictures of our families and drew pictures of them. It was nice to share who is in our family. In maths we learnt how to count objects and match them to their value. We really enjoy exploring making different models using the construction materials. This week we made a bowling lane using the big waffle blocks. We have investigated using different natural materials to make our faces. This week in phonics we learnt the sounds s, a, t and p. You can read our Bug Club book, 'In a Pit', which contains our focus sound.



The Reception Team ☺

# Year 1 News

**This week:** In Maths we have practised Subtraction! We have used a number line to count back and also used objects such as cubes to help us.

In our Topic lesson we discovered a very strange mess left in the school hall! We used our whiteboards to write down all of the clues we could find. We were great detectives!



In our Art lessons we have been learning about a famous artist named Anne Geddes. She is a photographer who takes photos of babies and children. We have explored her work and had a go at practising some of her ideas ourselves!

In Phonics we have practised the diagraphs sh, ch and th. We have read a range of words such as, fish, chop, with and this. To help your child recap on these sounds please read 'Fish & Chips'. This book has been allocated to you on Bug Club 😊



# Year 2 News

**Topic:** This week in English we learnt the poem 'When I Was One'. We created a poem map and made up actions to help us recall it correctly.

In Art we looked at the work of Vincent Van Gough. We closely looked at his brush strokes and then we experimented with different techniques using water colours. Finally, we created our own version of 'Starry Night'.

**Maths:** We have been learning the names of shapes in maths this week. We are able to describe shapes using the terms straight, curved, vertices and sides. We used rulers to draw shapes, it was quite difficult to make sure the sides were the correct length and parallel. We also sorted shapes into a Venn Diagram using a range of criteria.



**Phonics:** We are learning *i* as in 'ink' and 'ice', *air* as in 'stair', *al* as in 'palm' and 'stalk' and *igh* as in 'sleigh'. The Bug Club Book is 'Dino-Splashing'

We hope you enjoyed our singing at the Harvest Festival.