

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a week it was last week with the weather conditions and the leak in the dining hall! Thank you to everyone for your support. It is great to see the weather has changed for the better. Let's hope it lasts for the holidays.

I want to thank you for your support and understanding last week as we responded to the extreme weather and its impact on the school. We take the matter of school closures seriously as we know the impact this has on our children and families. However, at all times we must consider the safety of all pupils and staff. Luckily, we were able to make the site safe by the Tuesday and we have now sorted the kitchen so all children can have hot meals.

Despite the weather, we managed to have a fun filled and Christmassy time this half term! We managed to have our Nativity which I am sure all of you who came to see will agree that the children were fantastic! Well done Reception and Nursery children – you were superstars.

Thank you to our Friends of Langtons helpers who ran our Christmas Stall yesterday – we really do appreciate all that you do to support our school.

A huge thank you to Father Christmas who visited each class today. The children were so excited!

Christmas Raffle Draw: The winners of the raffle are:

1 st prize	Harrison N
2 nd prize	Mason D
3 rd prize	Alison F
4 th prize	Leanne P

Our thanks goes to Mrs. Baker for donating the raffle prizes and thank you to everyone who participated. We have raised £220.

As you are aware, today is our last day of the term. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. I hope you all have a lovely, restful holiday and I look forward to welcoming you all back on 5th January 2023!

Kind regards,
Miss Page

Star Writers of the Week

Ash	Ezra
Oak	Kyan
Cedar	Gabriella
Elm	Alea
Maple	Nikodem
Willow	Ajsi

**Maths Champions of the Week**

Ash	Harley
Oak	George
Cedar	Henry
Elm	Violet
Maple	Sarah
Willow	Henry

Nursery Star of the Week

Heja

For fantastic dancing in our Nativity.

Reception Star of the Week

Ash Class

Grace

For always trying her best.

Oak Class

Joshua

For learning his words for our concert.

Year 1 Star of the Week

Cedar Class

Stefan

For being a 'Dobson Duck' and not giving up when sewing a finger puppet.

Elm Class

William

For great teamwork and being a good friend.

Year 2 Star of the Week

Maple Class

Ella

For always being cheerful in class.

Willow Class

Rebecca

For always working hard and trying her best.

Dojo Points - Headteacher Stickers – Postcard Home



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

Kayden G, Maisie L, Lenny B, Paisley A-L, Selena D

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: 91.11 %. This has gone down from last week's 91.66%.

Yr R Ash	72.32%	Yr 1 Cedar	90.13%	Yr 2 Maple	78.4%
Yr R Oak	75.83%	Yr 1 Elm	67.95	Yr 2 Willow	85.71%
Well done Cedar Class!					

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 or 01708 447 866. We'd love to hear from you!

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 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

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) 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

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
20.12.22	Last Day of Term	----
05.01.23	First Day of Spring Term 2023	----
06.01.23	Years 1 & 2 – Road Safety Theatre Show	For Year 1 & 2 children in school hall
09.01.23	Year 2 – Victorian Day	Year 2 children to dress up in Victorian style clothes – letter to follow
17.01.23	Parents’ Coffee Morning – To be confirmed	To be confirmed
20.01.23	Chinese New Year – Year of the Rabbit	----
31.01.23	Safer Internet Workshop for Parents 8:45am	Parents in School 8:45am
03.02.23	Number Day – Dress up Day	Non-uniform Day - dress in something number related. Letter to follow
06.02.23	Around the World Week	Events to be confirmed
07.02.23	Safer Internet Day	----
09.02.23	Last Day for children	----
10.02.23	INSET Day – no children in school	No children in school
13.-19.02.23	Half Term	----
20.02.23	1 st Day back – start of Spring 2 nd Half Term	----
21.02.23	Reception & Nursery Writing Workshop for Parents	Letter to follow
22.02.23	Year 1 & 2 Writing Workshop for Parents	Letter to follow
27.02.23	Easter T-Shirt Competition Start	Design an Easter T-Shirt. Winner receives printed T-Shirt. Letter to follow
27.02.23	Bedtime Stories after school 4-5pm TBC	Letter to follow
02.03.23	World Book Day – Dress Up Year 1 PE day to change for this week	Dress up as your favourite book character. Letter to follow
08.03.23	International Women’s Day	----
10.03.23	Year 1 Concert – AM & PM sessions (AM session no siblings)	Letter to follow
10.03.23	Deadline for Easter T-Shirt Competition Entries	Last Day for entering your child’s design
14.03.23	International Maths Day – Fundraising Active Maths Challenge TBC	To be confirmed
17.03.23	Comic Relief Dress Up Day	Letter to follow
17.03.23	Mother’s Day Stall	Letter to follow
24.03.23	Earth Hour	----
27.03.23	Parents’ Evening until 5.30pm	Letter to follow
29.03.23	Parents’ Evening until 6.45pm	Letter to follow
31.03.23	Last Day of Term	----
3.-16.04.23	Easter Holiday	----
17.04.23	First Day Back – Start of Summer 1 st Half Term	----

Nursery News

The children have enjoyed sharing their excitement about the snow last week and it prompted lots of conversations about the changing seasons. The children have been very busy making lots of different Christmas crafts for their families.

In preparation for our Nativity performance, we had a little practice by performing it to the big children in our school before sharing it with parents. The Nursery children were little superstars and so excited about performing.



In Nursery we are exploring Phase One phonics. The aim of Phase One is to develop the awareness of the sounds around them and to support their listening skills.

This week the children have focused on singing. We have been learning lots of new Christmas songs. We have explored using some musical instruments to accompany our singing.

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year from the Nursery Team!

Reception News

This week:

What a cold week it has been. We were so lucky to have a snow day last Monday. We had lots of fun at home. Did you make a snowman?

This week we have been trying really hard with our phonics. We have been trying to apply the sounds we have learnt into our writing. We have been writing labels for some Christmas objects and writing a wish list for Santa. We have learnt about why Christmas is a special time for some people and talked about our own special places.

We have been practising our Nativity songs and words. We had a dress rehearsal and performed our concert to the rest of the school. It was really exciting and everyone thought we were great. We were really excited to show our parents.

This week in phonics we have recapped the sounds j, v, th and ng.



We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

The Reception Team ☺

Year 1 News

This week:

As part of our DT topic the children have designed and made their own finger puppets. We had so much fun learning how to sew using a running stitch!



In Maths we have continued to practise our addition and subtraction skills, counting forwards and backwards on a number line. In English this week we have practised our sentence structure and had lots of fun writing out letters to Father Christmas!

In Phonics we have been recapping the diagraphs **ure**, **er**, and **ow**.

To help your child recap on these sounds please read 'Timmy's Snowball!' This book has been allocated to you on Bug Club 😊

Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year!

The Year 1 Team

Year 2 News

Topic: This week we have been working very hard. On Tuesday last week we wrote our own diary entry about what we had done in the snow. Then we wrote another diary pretending to be an elf. Some of us were good elves, helping Santa and others were naughty elves, getting up to mischief.

In R.E. we learnt the story of Christmas and talked about why this was a special time of the year for Christians.

Maths: We have been learning to tell the time to o'clock, quarter past, half past and quarter to.



Phonics: We have been learning about nouns and verbs. Our 'Bug Club' book is *'Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs!'*.

Have a very Merry Christmas and happy New Year!

The Year 2 Team