

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy week we have had! Science Week, International Maths Day and Comic Relief, lots of learning and fun had by all, which is always wonderful to see!

Comic Relief Day: It was wonderful to see everyone in their "joyful" clothes today. Thank you all for taking part and for raising funds for this charity. We have raised £155.27.

The children enjoyed an extra fun Celebration Assembly, with a special appearance from Punctuation Panda! They loved showing her all the moves they had learnt to help them with their writing and she was very funny and made them laugh, which is what Comic Relief is all about. I'm sure Punctuation Panda will be back to visit us again very soon.

Design-an-Easter-T-Shirt Competition Winners:

Well done to everyone who entered! All of the designs were amazing and it was very hard to choose the winners.

Nursery winner - Marnie

Reception winner - Ayra

Year 1 winner - Vaidehi

Year 2 winner - Dylan

A few reminders:

Letters have gone home regarding the Year 1 concert and Parent/Teacher consultations. Please ensure you send paperwork back promptly.

Easter Holiday Camp: Super Star Sport are running a holiday camp over the Easter holiday on our school site for children from Reception to Year 6. If you would like further information, please contact the school office for a leaflet.

Have a great weekend!

Kind regards,
Miss Page

Star Writers of the Week

Ash	Hephzibah
Oak	Rafi
Cedar	Daniel
Elm	Zara
Maple	Xyla
Willow	Marcie-Rae



Maths Champions of the Week

Ash	Mustafa
Oak	Joey
Cedar	Ismail
Elm	Kaynen
Maple	Mason
Willow	Millie-Alice

Nursery Star of the Week

Siar

For his fantastic name writing.

Reception Star of the Week

Ash Class

Aleena

For gaining confidence to answer questions during carpet time.

Oak Class

Ali

For always setting a good example and reminding others to follow routines.

Year 1 Star of the Week

Cedar Class

Kelita

For being helpful in the classroom.

Elm Class

Alije

For trying hard in all subjects.

Year 2 Star of the Week

Maple Class

Albie

For determination to succeed.

Willow Class

Connie

For being positive in her learning.



Dojo Points - Headteacher Stickers - Postcard Home

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

Arianna S, Emilia L, Ezekiel AD, Rory R

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 is: 92.80%. This is lower than the last newsletter when it was 92.89%.

Yr R Ash	93.6%	Yr 1 Cedar	93.45%	Yr 2 Maple	93.23%
Yr R Oak	89.63%	Yr 1 Elm	89.33%	Yr 2 Willow	86.45%

Well done Ash Class!

EASTER RAFFLE DRAW – Thursday 28th March

We are pleased to let you know that we are having an Easter Raffle again this year. Please see the pictures below of the fantastic hampers being raffled. These lovely hampers have again been donated by Mrs. Baker and are full of amazing goodies!

To be in with a chance to win one of these, please send money in an envelope with "Raffle" and your child's name and class written on it, or alternatively you can purchase raffle tickets via sQuid. We will get the raffle tickets to you via your child. The raffle will be drawn on the afternoon of 28th March.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Important note:

Some dates and times may have changed. The information below replaces all previous communications regarding dates and times, so please read the information carefully.

DATE	EVENT	Details
21.03.24	World Poetry Day	Details to follow
22.03.24	Earth Hour Year 1 Performance – AM & PM	Letter sent
25.03.24	Parents' Evening	Letter sent
27.03.24	Parents' Evening	Letter sent
28.03.24	Last Day of Spring Term	----
29.03.- 14.04.24	Easter Holiday	----
15.04.24	First Day of Summer Term Bling Up Your Scooter Parade	Details to follow
28.04.24	Movie night for Reception, Year 1 and 2	Details to follow

3 Peaks challenge



In June Mrs Holmes is attempting to complete the 3 Peaks Challenge, which involves climbing three mountains in three days. She will be doing this as part of a team supported by West Ham United.

Any money raised will be shared equally between a range of charities including supporting children with Autism, a local women's refuge and children with cancer.

The charities Mrs Holmes has chosen to support are Child Bereavement UK, a charity very close to Langtons' heart and The Taylor Dolman Fund, which supports a local boy who has cerebral palsy.

She would really appreciate it if you could sponsor her... like the famous superstore says 'Every little helps'.

Please click the link below:

[Mrs Holmes 3 peaks challenge go fund me page](#)



Calling all Friends of Langtons!

We are looking for a team of volunteers who would be able to help us organise and run a range of fundraising activities throughout the year including Movie Nights and School Discos. If you would like to join our team or find out more about it, please contact the school office and we will be in touch soon!

Nursery News

This half term our topic is 'I wonder what will happen at the end of our story?'. We have been listening to stories from our author of the term 'Julia Donaldson'. We started off our topic with reading the story of the Gruffalo. We joined in with reading the story using the repeated phrases. We really enjoyed this story. We also read a few other stories by our topic author. We enjoyed painting and drawing pictures of the different characters from the story just like the illustrator of the stories Axel Scheffler. We talked about what we thought might happen next in the story and how it might end. During this half term we also had World Book Day, where we got to dress up as our favourite characters.



In our creative learning we have been looking at the illustrations by Axel Scheffler. We drew, collaged and painted pictures of different characters from the Julia Donaldson stories.

This term we also had Science Week. This year's theme was 'Time'. We brought in baby pictures and talked about how we have changed over time. We also had an ice investigation and explored what happened to ice as time went by. We also had a time challenge to see how tall we could make our tower in 1 minute.



In Maths, we have been counting a total number of objects, subitising and linking numbers to amounts using different resources to help us.

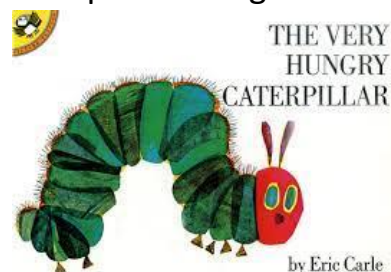
In Phonics, some of us have been learning our phase 2 sounds and learning rhymes to help us form the letters correctly. In our groups we have also been working on our rhyming knowledge and listening for words that sound the same. Some of us have been learning some new listening games, exploring instruments and the sounds they make.

Thank you for your support.

The Nursery Team

Reception News

We have been super busy in Reception exploring life cycles of plants and animals. In topic, we have been taking care of caterpillars, observing how they grow and change. We have also collected earthworms that we found in our Reception garden and have been learning about how they look after the soil so that plants can grow.



In Literacy, we have been reading the 'Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle and have adapted the text to make our very own stories. We changed the main character and the food that they eat on each day of the week. Here are some of our story maps for 'The Very Hungry Bee, Woodlouse and Ladybird'.



In Art and Design, we sculpted our very own caterpillars using clay. We used a range of new tools to add patterns and textures to our sculptures.

Thank you for all your support at home with completing homework and reading. Please continue to ensure your child's reading folder comes into school every day so they can stay right on track with their progress.

The Reception Team 😊

Year 1 News

Topic: During book week we read a range of books by Sue Hendra. We thought they were really funny! In English we have been reading 'Supertato'. We were really surprised when the Evil Pea escaped from Sainsbury's and trapped vegetables in our classroom!

In English we retold the story and then invented a new villain. We described our villain and wrote about all the naughty things they did.

Look at our World Book Day costumes. Have you read these books?



Maths: We have been learning about numbers up to 50. We have been identifying the tens and ones. We have also learnt to count in 2s, 5s and 10s. We have been finding the differences between numbers. We applied the strategies to some word problems and were surprised that sometimes we needed to add in order to find the difference and sometimes we needed to subtract.

We have been busy rehearsing for our concert and can't wait to perform it to the school and our grown-ups.

Year 2 News

We had so much fun this half term. We learnt all about the historical disaster of The Great Fire of London, enjoyed lots of Bedtime stories, celebrated World Book Day, learnt how to look after our health and planted a flower for Mother's Day. It has been very busy!

English: We have immersed ourselves in the story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and had a great time acting out the story and really thinking about what each character has to say and how they feel. The acting talent in class has been very entertaining and allowed us to embed our understanding of how the story is sequenced. We have also been exploring which adjectives could be used to describe a character's appearance and personality by finding clues in a text.



Maths: We have been learning all about time and how there are 24 hours in each day. We have been exploring the vocabulary of time and using our knowledge to break down minutes on a clock face into five minute intervals. We also estimated how long it would take us to complete a task and then checked to see if we could do it.

Science: We have begun to discuss how seeds and beans need to be planted to assist them to grow. This includes investigating planting beans and seeds in different ways to see how that impacts on their growth.

History: The children have really liked learning all about The Great Fire of London and are able to recall many events that happened in the past and how they impact on how we live today. The Hornchurch Fire Service did manage to visit us briefly at school but due to fact that they are an emergency service, they were called out very quickly. Although the children were a little disappointed they showed great maturity and understanding that this is how they help us and that it can happen at any time.

Key Messages

Free School Meals/Pupil Premium - Although this year all children in Reception through to Year 6 do not have to pay for school dinners, if you are in receipt of benefits, you may be entitled to Pupil Premium. By registering for Free School Meals/Pupil Premium now, you will be entitled to register with Havering's School Meal Holiday Scheme which provides £15 per child per holiday week as well as help from school with things like after school clubs, uniform, milk, etc.

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.

One Way System: - Please follow our one way system as directed by staff.

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.

Admissions – if you have any questions regarding school admissions, please go to www.havering.gov.uk/admissions