



LONGSANDS LINK – 24th November 2023

Mrs McKeown's Message

Another busy week with a lot of illness across school. Hopefully the germs will all be gone before the family break.

Next week is our arts week so if you can, please come along and join in with your child's creative time. It would be lovely to see parents, carers and grandparents.

Please keep checking Seesaw to see when your teacher has invited you in. Have a lovely weekend and stay healthy.

Mrs McKeown

NETBALL WITH MRS MONKS

Wednesday, 22nd November was the last netball session with Mrs Monks until later in the New Year, due to the nights now being very dark and the stage being up in the hall. We will let you know closer to the time when they will resume.

YEAR 6 - ART SESSION

On Wednesday 29th November the parents, carers or grandparents of Year 6 children are welcome to come into school from 9.30am to 10.30am to help make Christmas decorations. Please message Mrs Worden on Seesaw if you are able to attend.

RECEPTION – ART SESSION

It is Reception's Christmas activity afternoon on **Wednesday 29th November** from 1.30pm to 3.20pm. Thank you to the parents who have let Reception know so far that they can attend. If you have not already done so, please let Mrs Fenton or Mrs Flanders know if you would like to attend.

Pupils of the Week

RECEPTION: AYRTON

YEAR 1: HALLE

YEAR 2: ATTICUS

YEAR 3: AYAZ

YEAR 4: ANUSHKA

YEAR 5: LILLY

YEAR 6: LOLA

Dinner Time Stars

RECEPTION: GABRIELLA

YEAR 1: DHRUVI

YEAR 2: MAX

YEAR 3: REUBEN

YEAR 4: ANUSHKA

YEAR 5: LILLY

YEAR 6: LOLA

PTFA – UNIFORM DONATIONS

Thank you to those who have donated school uniform to the PTFA for their second hand uniform stock. We now have plenty of uniform so no longer need any donations at this time.

PTFA DESIGN PROJECT

Thank you to all of those who took part in our design project. We hope that the children liked seeing their fantastic creations on their items.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Don't forget that the deadline for ordering school photographs from John Hunt Photography with free delivery to school, is 11.59pm on Monday 27th November.

If you order after this point, the items can be delivered to your home address with delivery starting at £3.00. If you have lost your proof card and would like to place an order please email Mrs Wilds at:

office@longsands.lancsngfl.ac.uk

who can provide your reference number to place order online.

ART WEEK REMINDER TIMES

If you haven't done so already, please message your child's teacher on Seesaw to advise if you will be attending the Christmas art sessions.

Reception: 29th November at 1.30pm

Year 1: 28th November at 2.15pm

Year 2: 27th November at 2.30pm

Year 3: 29th November at 2.15pm

Year 4: 29th Nov and 1st Dec at 11.00am to 12.00pm

Year 5: 29th November at 2.30pm

Year 6: 29th November 9.30am – 10.30am

HAVING A CLEAR OUT?

If you will be having a clear out of toys ready for Christmas, please consider donating any unwanted small world toys, puppets, complete jigsaws, and board games to Reception class.

By small world toys we mean items such as Playmobil, Happy Land, Sylvanian Families etc which encourage imagination, playing together and speech and language. We currently have lots of Lego and Duplo. Your support is very much appreciated and the toys will be enjoyed by many for years to come.

Please email **Mrs Flanders** at

j.flanders@longsands.lancsngfl.ac.uk

if you do have any items to donate

GIRLS FOOTBALL WITH MRS BUCK

Tonight is the last session of girls football with Mrs Buck as the nights are getting darker. These sessions will return in the new year when the nights get lighter.

Monday 27th November

- **Year 2** Art Session at 2.30pm

Tuesday 28th November

- **Year 1** Art Session at 2.15pm
- Coach Gunn's Club
- No Netball

Wednesday 29th November

- **Year 3** Art Session 2.15pm
- **Year 4** Art Session 11.00am
- **Year 5** Art Session 2.30pm
- **Year 6** Art Session 9.30am to 10.30am
- **Reception** Art Session 1.30pm.
- Rocksteady
- Scholastic Book Fair 3.30pm
- No Netball

Thursday 30th November

- Football with Mr Griffiths

Friday 1st December

- Rewards Assembly
- **Year 4** Art Session 11.00am
- Year 3 Samba
- No Girls Football

ATTENDANCE

Our target attendance is **96%**.

RECEPTION: 96.39%

YEAR 1: 95.29%

YEAR 2: 95.69%

YEAR 3: 96.44%

YEAR 4: 95.11%

YEAR 5: 92.95%

YEAR 6: 93.96%

Current Overall = 95.12%

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

WC 27/11/23 – **WEEK 2**

Happy Birthday

ETHAN, AYAZ, HUGO AND JOLIE

Longsands Values

RECEPTION: CASPER

YEAR 1: HONEY

YEAR 2: ERIN

YEAR 3: MATILDA

YEAR 4: GRACIE

YEAR 5: EMILIA

YEAR 6: HUMEIRA



TERM DATES AND HOLIDAYS

2024 – 2025

Autumn Term 2024

INSET DAY 1	Monday 2nd September 2024
School Returns	Tuesday 3 rd September 2024
Half Term Holidays	Monday 21 st October to Friday 25 th October 2024
Closure after school	Friday 20 th December 2024 at 2.00pm

Spring Term 2025

INSET DAY 2	Monday 6th January 2025
School Returns	Tuesday 7 th January 2025
Half Term Holidays	Monday 17 th February to Friday 21 st February 2025
Closure after school	Friday 4 th April 2025 at 2.00pm

Summer Term 2025

INSET DAY 3	Tuesday 22nd April 2025
School Returns	Wednesday 23 rd April 2025
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 5 th May 2025
Half Term Holidays	Monday 26 th May to Friday 30 th May 2025
School Returns	Monday 2 nd June 2025
Closure after school	Friday 18 th July 2025 at 2.00pm
INSET DAY 4	Monday 21st July 2025
INSET DAY 5	Tuesday 22nd July 2025



CHRIST CHURCH
FULWOOD, PRESTON



Connecting people to *Jesus Christ* and each other.

Church Club **at Longsands School**

3.30 - 4.15pm

Friday 10 November

Friday 24 November

Friday 8 December

Songs—Craft—Activities

A simple worship service, suitable for families. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Christ Church on Victoria Road

Email: christchurchpreston@gmail.com

Phone: 01772 715202

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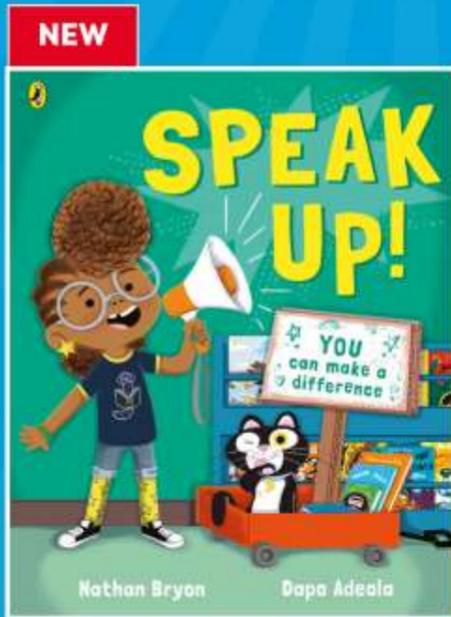
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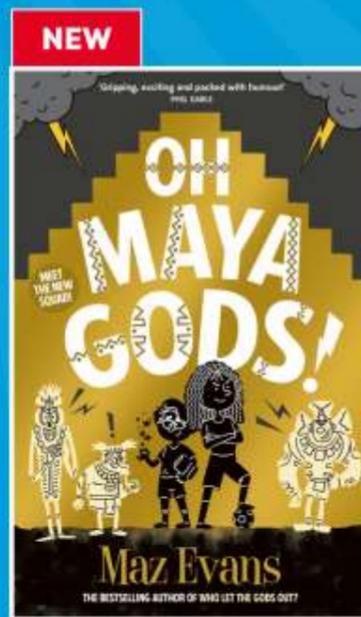
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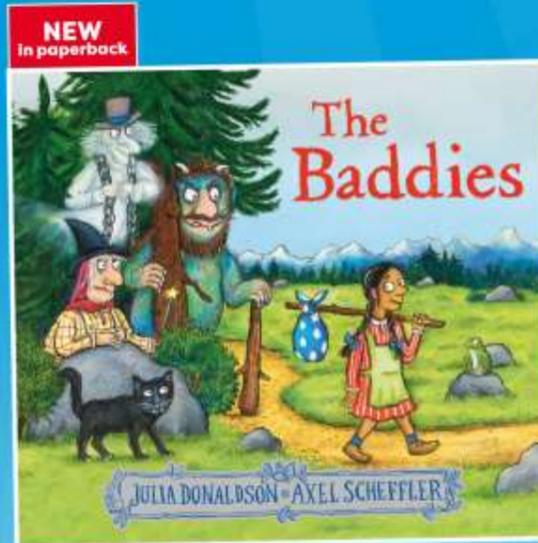
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NEW

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Date:

Starting ...Wednesday 22nd November @ 3.30 in the school hall

Scan the QR code to pay online!



Newsletter copy

This copy can be used to share message with parents:

Childcare Choices: Get the help that fits your family, so you can juggle work and life

Thousands of families could be saving money on their childcare costs. But some simply don't know what support they might be eligible for.

The [Childcare Choices website](#) brings together all the existing childcare offers in one place, so parents can get the help that fits their family. This could be through Tax-Free Childcare, 30 Hours Childcare, or Universal Credit Childcare. Some families might be eligible to use more than one childcare schemes together and get the most out of it.

And from next year even more help is on the way:

- From **April 2024**, eligible working parents in England with children aged 2 will have access to 15 hours childcare.
- From **September 2024**, the 15 hours childcare offer will be expanded to eligible working parents in England with children between 9 and 23 months old.
- From **September 2025**, eligible working parents in England with children between 9 months up to school age will have access to 30 hours childcare.

Support is also expanding for primary-school aged children – from September 2024, parents are expected to see an expansion in the availability of childcare in their local area before and after school, between 8am and 6pm, also known as '**wraparound care**'.

Don't miss out on getting the support you are entitled to. Visit the [Childcare Choices website](#) to check what offer you might be eligible for and sign up to our newsletter to get the latest updates about the childcare support expansion.



Dear Parents and Guardians,

We at SportsCool are happy to announce that we will be running another FREE Holiday Club THIS WINTER for children eligible for Free School Meals Benefits or with SEN needs.

VENUE:

ST MARIA GORETTI PRIMARY SCHOOL - PR2 6SJ

TIMES:

9.00am – 12.00pm (SEN)

12.30pm - 4.30pm (FSM)

DATES: 2nd - 5th January 2024 (Tuesday - Friday)

FOOD: All children will be provided with a meal at the club they attend

THE CLUB / WHAT TO EXPECT:

- MULTISPORTS, FESTIVE FUN GAMES & PRIZES

HOW TO BOOK

Follow the link: <https://bit.ly/mariagoretti23>

Thank you, and we look forward to hearing from you soon!

If your child is NOT eligible for a free place, visit this link for a paid place 12:30pm - 4:30pm for £8, sportscool.schoolipal.co.uk

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