

LONGSANDS LINK

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19th April 2024



Mrs Lang's Message

A warm welcome!

Welcome to your 'new look' Longsands Link.

It has been a wonderful first week for me as Headteacher at Longsands CP. I have been greeted by the warmest of smiles from parents and children alike and it has been lovely to chat to so many of you at the gate in the morning. Our week started with an assembly on the theme of teamwork and I have seen some great examples of working together during my time in classrooms this week whilst chatting to the children about their learning. My week finished with a lovely story time in Year 2. Each week, our Link will include a celebration of learning through photos.

I hope you enjoy seeing what we've all been up to!

Staffing

A reminder of staffing for the Summer term;

Reception: J. Flanders & V. Fenton

Year 1: E. Gornall

Year 2: S. Ramalli

Year 3: R. Hudson

Year 4: J. Barton & C. Mettham

Year 5: D. Griffiths

Year 6: J. Eaves & J. Dawes

C. Calvert & J. Flanders also work across a range of classes to provide PPA cover

Next week

Mon 22nd April

1.30pm: Y1 Hearing tests

Tues 23rd April

9am: KS2 (selected children) to West View

3.30pm: Netball League matches @ Longsands

Weds 24th April

Reception: Bring your bike day
9.30am- Rec & Y6 height and weight checks
1.30pm: Rocksteady
2.30pm: Rocksteady concert
3:30pm: Y6Hi-5 Netball

Thurs 25th April

8am: Zumba Club KS1
3.30pm: Girls' football team @ UCLan

Fri 26th April

8am: Dance Club KS2
9.30: Year 5 Djembe lesson
3.30pm: Church Club



Celebrating this week;
Ophelia

Lunch Menu

WC 21/ 04/ 24 - WEEK 2



COLOUR RUN

Date for your diary PTFA Colour Run

The PTFA are hosting its first Colour Run on **Saturday 18th May, 2pm-4pm**, at School. £6 entry per person. Please go to <https://bit.ly/longsandsschoolcolourrun> for more information and to register.

All runners must have their entry in by Thursday 2nd May.

Longsands Values

This week, we have been discussing what it means to be part of a team. We talked about teams having **aspirations** for themselves and each other, having the **determination** to achieve those dreams and goals. We discussed what it means to be **resilient** when things don't go to plan and how we can **support** each other along the way.

Teachers were set a secret mission to identify pupils displaying excellent teamwork to be celebrated through our 'Values Awards'

You can see some great examples of our children working together in our 'Celebration of Learning' section.

Together Everyone Achieves More

As part of RE Celebration Wonder wc 29th April

We are fortunate enough to have secured a dance workshop delivered by a professional dance teacher for all year groups on Thursday 2nd May.

This will include:

- Introductory talk about various Indian Dances & origin
- Learning 2 to 3 short Classical, folk & Bollywood dances
- Display of Indian Costumes & Jewellery for the pupils to look at
- Q & A session

We will be asking for a **£1 donation** to cover the cost of this workshop which represents fantastic value for such an exciting opportunity- details to follow

Important Notice

Year 5 & 6 Netball

Due to league matches next week, Mrs Monks' netball group will not start until **Tuesday 30th April**

Attendance Ladder



Rec: 94.7%

Year 1: 94.7%

Year 2: 95.4%

Year 3: 95.5%

Year 4: 94.6%

Year 5: 93.2%

Year 6: 93.9%

Overall: 94.6%



Our target attendance is **96%**



Reception & KS1

'Jim Jam Jog'

25th April

KS1/ Reception are invited to wear **Pyjamas** and take part in a jog to raise money for classroom resources. Please send £2 in a named envelope to take part in this event

THIS WEEK'S WINNERS

	Pupil of the Week	Longsands Values	Dinnertime Star
Reception	Anastasia	Ethan	Ruby
Y1	Jude	Genie	Remi
Y2	Scarlett	Jac	Zahan
Y3	Matilda	Dougie	Georgia
Y4	Abdul	Maisie	Aliyah
Y5	Sara	Josh	Lily
Y6	Holly	Stanley	James

Well done to all our winners!

CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

A round up of our week as
Longsands Learners

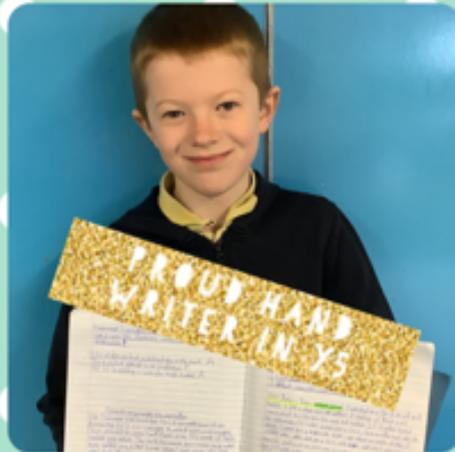


Year 1- Great work in maths creating equal and unequal groups, using counters to help us.

INVESTIGATING
FRICTION IN Y3



PRACTISING
PLAY SCRIPTS
IN Y4



PROUD HAND
WRITER IN Y5



ROLE PLAY IN
RECEPTION'S
NEW THEATRE



ENGROSSUP IN
PUTTING
RECEIPTS IN Y5



BRICKING &
STRING SCRAP
WITH

PIC-COLLAGE



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

Fridays 3.30 - 4.15pm

26th April

10th and 24th May

7th and 21st June

5th and 19th July



Fun—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

Longsands CP School PTFA

COLOUR RUN

Book your place now!

<https://bit.ly/longsandsschoolcolourrun>

Saturday 18th May 2024

2pm – 4pm

Longsands School

**We have an amazing
sponsor for this event!**

**Check them out on
FB / Instagram /
Twitter / TikTok
(sports cool fylde)**



**How cool
is their
Glow Dodgeball!**

Zumba

ZUMBA BREAKFAST CLUB

LONGSANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL KS1

18th, 25th April & 2nd, 9th, 16th May

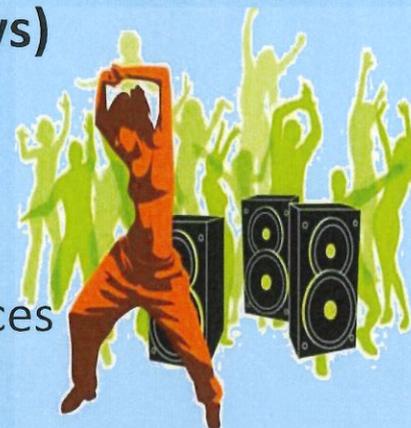
8:00am - 8:45am (Thursdays)

ONLY £20 PER CHILD



Each class will involve:

- Warm up games
- Fun variety of zumba dances
- Cool down games
- Certificates to be given out on the last week!



PLACES FILL UP VERY QUICKLY SO SIGN UP ASAP TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!

To book or for any further queries please contact me on 07752307913



Please fill in the details below/cut & hand directly to the first session

Cash Only Please

Childs Name:	Medical Info:
Age:	Contact no:

KS2 DANCE CLUB

Dear Parents

There will be a Dance Club starting every Friday morning from 8.00am - 8.45am. The club will run for 6 weeks (19/04/24 – 24/05/24), this will be a great chance for your child to build confidence, have fun and learn a new skill.

Payment is £30 for the 6 weeks dance course.

If your child wishes to attend this club please complete the form below and along with the fees, and bring this to the first session.

You can also register your child in advance at office@longsands.lancsngfl.ac.uk but please **do not** send money to the school office.

Yours sincerely

Sally Whitaker

Dance Teacher

KS2 DANCE CLUB

Childs Name :

Year Group:

Parent/Guardian Contact Number:

Medical Conditions:

Parent/Guardian Signature



PARKS TENNIS



POWERED BY
**LEVELLING
UP**

New 5 week FREE coaching courses!

Sundays @ Ashton Park, PR2
1HL - starting 28th April

9am-10am ages 6-8

10am-11am ages 9-11



All abilities welcome!
Sessions are run by an LTA
Accredited coach and all
equipment is provided.

To view sessions and to book on visit
wdtvenues.co.uk/preston-parks



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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WHATSAPP

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

With more than two billion active users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp itself can read them. This privacy issue has been in the spotlight recently, as the UK's Online Safety Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messaging; WhatsApp is unwilling to do so and has reportedly considered withdrawing its service in the UK should this legislation go ahead.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious 'emergency'. Plus a scam where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user that they want to message. If your child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that your child might be added to a group chat (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people that they don't know.

FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allows news to be shared rapidly – whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a "Forwarded many times" label and a double arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from an original ... and might not be entirely factual, either.

ONLINE

'VIEW ONCE' CONTENT

The facility to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate images or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't re-open them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this 'disappearing' content – but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing increased privacy.

CHAT LOCK

Another new option allows users to store certain messages or chats in a separate 'locked chats' folder, saved behind a passcode, fingerprint or face ID authentication. The risk here is that this function creates the potential for young people to hide conversations and content that they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of (such as age-inappropriate material).

VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child's safely on the way home, for example. However, anyone in your child's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location – potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

Advice for Parents & Carers

EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage your child to treat unexpected messages with caution: get them to consider, for example, whether the message sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change your child's WhatsApp settings (go to 'Privacy', then 'Groups') to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval: you can give permission to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except ...'. Additionally, if your child needs to use 'live location', emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need – and then turn it off.

THINKING BEFORE SHARING

Help your child to understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy – and all too common – for content to then be shared more widely (even publicly on social media). Encourage your child to consider how an ill-judged message might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

CHAT ABOUT PRNACY

Some parents like to check in with their child about how they're using WhatsApp, explaining that it will help to keep them safe. If you spot a 'Locked Chats' folder, you might want to talk about the sort of chats that are in there, who they're with and why your child wants to keep them hidden. Also, if your child has sent any 'view once' content, you could discuss their reasons for using this feature.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



...HEY
OS#WakeUp
Wednesday

The National College

Archbishop Temple Church of England High School

Music

Food

Stalls

Dance

Inflatables

60th Birthday Celebrations

Fairground rides

& much more!

**£3 per ticket
or £10 for
a family of 4.**

(2 adults + 2 children)

Family Fun Day

**Tickets
available now
from the school
website.**

**Saturday 15th June 2024
10am - 4pm**



Ticket price covers entry to event only.



Under 18's must be accompanied by an adult.