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Newsletter

Friday 4th September 2026

Headteacher's Message

A very warm welcome back to all our pupils, families, and staff as we begin another exciting school year. I hope you have all enjoyed a restful and enjoyable summer break and have had the opportunity to spend quality time with family and friends. We are delighted to welcome everyone back to school and are looking forward to the year ahead. A special welcome goes to our new pupils, families, and colleagues who are joining our school community this term. We know you will quickly feel part of our supportive and caring environment.

This year promises to be filled with exciting learning opportunities, enrichment experiences, and opportunities for every child to thrive both academically and personally. Our dedicated staff team has been working hard to prepare engaging learning experiences that will inspire curiosity, creativity, and a love of learning.

We value the strong partnership between home and school and thank you for your continued support. Together, we will ensure every child feels safe, happy, and successful.

I look forward to seeing all that our pupils will achieve this year and wish everyone a fantastic start to the new term.



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Free School Meals

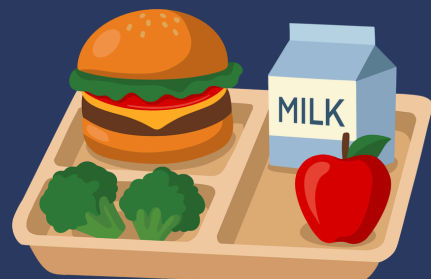
Big changes have happened to Free School Meals starting this September 2026.

The Labour Party are rolling out Free School Meals, through Universal Credit Expansion. If you were previously over the income limit but are on Universal Credit, you can now apply!

This could save families up to £495 per child each year.

Check eligibility and apply online through the council.

If you need any help with applying, please contact Mrs Taylor and she will help.





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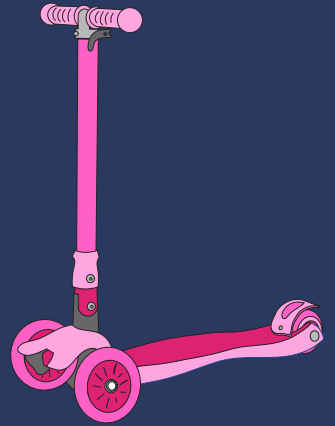
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Important Notice: Bikes and Scooters Bikes and Scooters

As our building development work continues, we kindly ask that pupils do not bring bikes or scooters to school at this time. The ongoing construction work has reduced the available space on site and means we are unable to provide safe storage or access arrangements.

The safety of our pupils, families, staff, and contractors remains our highest priority. We therefore request that children travel to and from school using alternative arrangements until the building work has been completed.

We will inform families as soon as bikes and scooters can be brought back onto the school site. Thank you for your understanding, patience, and support while these important improvements are taking place.



Once we can have bikes back in school, please help keep all our pupils safe by ensuring your child wears a helmet to school. Wearing a helmet is a simple but vital way to protect children from serious injury, and we appreciate your support in reinforcing this safety measure. If your child wishes to cycle to school, please ensure they have a properly fitted helmet and understand the importance of wearing it every time they ride. Thank you for helping us keep our school community safe.



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Clubs

Next week, we will be sending out a timetable with our after school clubs for this term. Please have a look through with your child and encourage them to get involved. After school clubs are a great way to meet new friends and master new skills. Our clubs are often free of charge or heavily subsidised to help our parents out financially. The timetable will be published on the school website - we will send you a link

Mobile phones are not allowed on the school site. We are not insured nor does the office have time to lock them in the safe everyday. If your child's phone is found in school, it will be confiscated and will need to be collected by a parent or carer. We have had all manner of problems in the past with phones so we are taking this step to make it fair for everybody.

Mobile phones



Year 3 Parents

Next week, Mr Berry or Mrs Taylor will be in touch with you to see how your child is settling in. During the call we will also discuss free school meal entitlement to ensure you are getting this benefit if you are entitled to it. Please keep your eye on your phone.



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PE KIts



If you haven't ordered your child's PE kit, you can still do so using the following link:

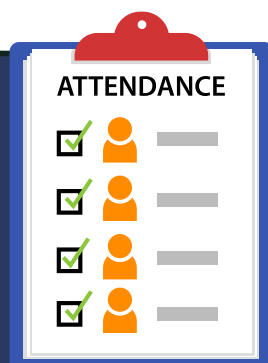
<https://www.lpes.uk/longshaw-juniors-236-c.asp>

Excellent Attendance = Excellent Opportunities

Regular attendance is one of the most important factors in a child's success at school. Every lesson counts, and being in school every day helps pupils make strong academic progress, build positive friendships, develop confidence, and fully engage in school life. Missing even a small amount of learning can make it harder for children to keep up with new knowledge and skills.

As we begin a new school year, we ask all families to support us by ensuring children attend school every day, arrive on time, and avoid unnecessary absences wherever possible. Together, we can help every pupil develop positive habits that will support their learning, wellbeing, and future success.

Thank you for your continued support in making attendance a priority.





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After School Clubs



Judo Club - All
Years Tuesday



Sportscool
Football -
Thursday