



Newsletter

Friday 5th September 2025

Success for all - Nothing Less!

Headteacher's Message

Welcome back! It's been fantastic to see everyone returning to school with such energy and enthusiasm. The corridors are buzzing, classrooms are alive with chatter and curiosity, and there's a real sense of excitement in the air.

Our pupils have come back looking incredibly smart in their uniforms—thank you for your support in helping them start the year with pride and confidence. Staff have been thrilled to see so many smiling faces and positive attitudes, ready to dive into learning and make the most of the opportunities ahead.

We're looking forward to a cracking year filled with creativity, growth, and achievement. Whether it's exploring new topics, building friendships, or taking part in exciting events, there's so much to look forward to. Thank you for being part of our school community. Let's make this year one to remember!

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL



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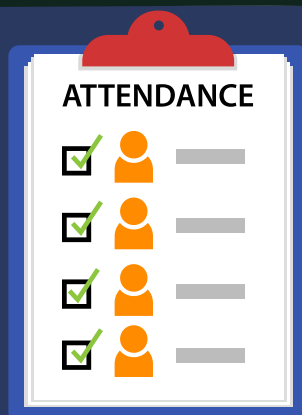
You will have received an attendance pack which details our approach to improving attendance this year. Have a read through and if you have any questions or queries please contact the school and ask for Mr Berry or Mrs Taylor.

Attendance Matters: A National Call to Action

As we begin the new academic year, the Education Secretary, Bridget Phillipson, has issued a powerful call to schools, families, and communities to unite in tackling the challenges of school attendance and behaviour. With new data revealing that seven out of every 30 classroom minutes are lost to disruption, and persistent absence still affecting nearly 1 in 5 pupils, the message is clear: every day in school counts

The government's Plan for Change is already showing results, with five million more days in school recorded last year and 140,000 fewer pupils persistently absent—the biggest improvement in attendance in a decade

But the Education Secretary insists that more must be done, and that includes the vital role of parents and carers in ensuring children are in class, ready to learn. We have made great strides in improving our attendance over the last few years and that is down to us all working together. Let's hope that this year is our best year yet.





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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>

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. The school's number will display as 01254 296250.

Mobile Phones

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.





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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

Bike Safety and Helmets

To help keep all our pupils safe, we kindly ask that only children who wear a helmet are allowed to ride their bike 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.

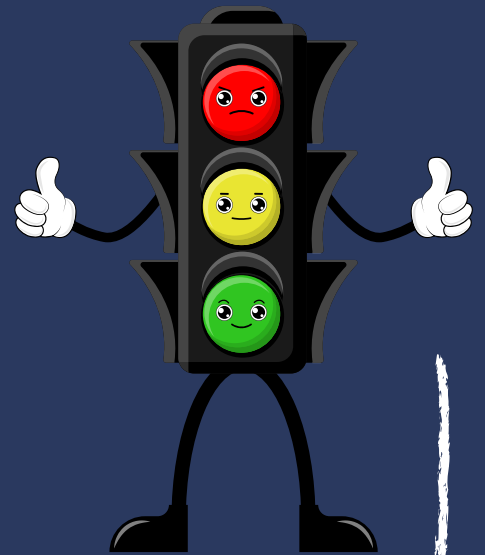
Thank you for helping us keep our school community safe.



Behaviour

This week, we 100% are green.

Well done, everybody.



Attendance



Remember our school target for attendance is 95%+.

Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance
3P	90.8	5P	94.8
3W	100	5AP	96.4
3P	100	5BC	94.8
4A	95.7	6A	88.5
4L	98.8	6M	96.7
4R	95.6	6P	96.7

This week's attendance is 95.7%