



Newsletter

Friday 28th November 2025

Success for all - Nothing Less!

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy and productive week it has been! This week was Assessment Week, and I am incredibly proud of how hard our children have worked. Their determination and positive attitude have been inspiring. One child said to me:

“I tried my best because I want to show what I’ve learned.”

That simple statement captures the spirit of our school perfectly—children striving to do their best and respecting the learning process.

Our school value of Respect has been evident in so many ways: respect for learning, respect for each other, and respect for themselves. These values underpin everything we do, and it’s wonderful to see them lived out in classrooms and playgrounds every day.

We are seeing some improvement in attendance, and we want to thank families for their efforts so far. However, we really do need a big push now. Every single day matters. When children miss school, they miss valuable learning opportunities, and it can be very difficult to catch up. Gaps in learning can affect confidence and progress across all subjects. Good attendance is one of the most important factors in helping your child succeed. Being in school every day means they can take part in lessons, build friendships, and develop routines that support their wellbeing. Even missing just one or two days a month adds up to weeks of lost learning over the year.

Please help us by ensuring your child attends school every day unless they are genuinely unwell. If your child is feeling a little under the weather but is well enough to learn, we encourage them to come in. We are here to support them and make sure they feel comfortable.



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Reading - Our Big Focus for 2026



Reading is one of the most important skills your child will ever learn. It opens doors to every subject and builds confidence for life. We are thrilled to announce that our school will be taking part in the Year of Reading 2026! This national initiative is all about celebrating books, stories, and the joy of reading. Throughout the year, we'll be running exciting activities, author visits, and reading challenges to inspire every child. Please support us by encouraging daily reading at home—just 10 minutes a day can make a huge difference. Talk about the stories together, ask questions, and share your own favourite books. Together, we can make reading a habit that lasts a lifetime.

How You Can Help at Home

- Read together every day, even if it's just for 10 minutes.
- Ask questions about the story to build understanding.
- Celebrate effort and progress—every little step counts!



Working with the English Hub

We are proud to be working closely with the English Hub to strengthen our English curriculum. This partnership helps us provide high-quality phonics teaching, develop strong comprehension skills, and ensure every child has access to a rich variety of texts. Our goal is to make English lessons engaging and enjoyable, while giving children the tools they need to become confident readers and writers.



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Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check - June 2026

A reminder for families with children in Year 4: the Multiplication Tables Check will take place in June. This is an important milestone to ensure children have secure knowledge of their times tables up to 12×12 . Regular practice is key! Please make sure your child is practising at home—short, daily sessions are best. TT Rock Stars is a fantastic resource for this, and children love the game-based approach. The more fluent they become, the more confident they will feel in maths lessons.



Bike Safety - Wear a Helmet

As more children are cycling to school and enjoying outdoor activities, we want to remind everyone about the importance of wearing a helmet. Helmets protect against serious head injuries and should always be worn when riding a bike or scooter. Please check that your child's helmet fits properly and is in good condition.



Seasonal Reminder - Stay Warm and Safe

The weather is getting colder, so please make sure your child comes to school with a warm coat and suitable clothing. Hats, gloves, and waterproof shoes are also helpful for outdoor play. Being prepared means children can enjoy learning and playing comfortably, whatever the weather.



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Christmas disco



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PAY ON THE DOOR



LONGSHAW COMMUNITY JUNIOR SCHOOL

THURSDAY 11TH DECEMBER
YEARS 3 AND 4 - 4PM - 5PM
YEAR 5 AND 6 - 5.15PM - 6.15PM



**DRINK AND
SNACK
PROVIDED**

CLICK TO BOOK





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After School Clubs



Judo Club -
All Years
Tuesday



Year 4
Gymnastics -
Wednesday



Mixed Years
Chess Club
Thursday

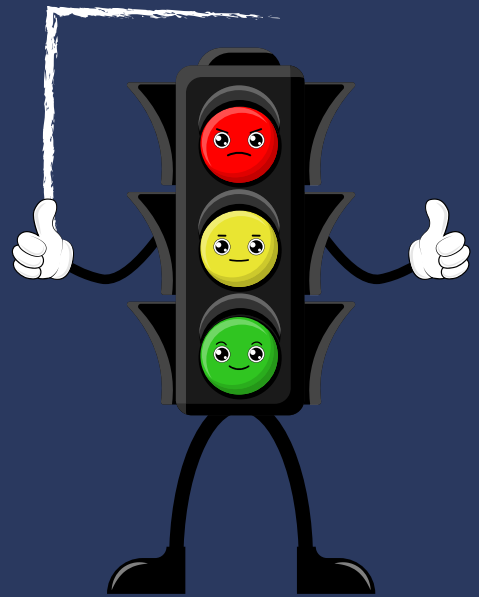


UV Dodgeball
Sportscool -
Thursday

Behaviour

This week, we are 97.8% Green
This week, 4R, 4L, 5AP, 5BC and Year 6 are
100% Green.

Well done, everybody.



Attendance



Remember our school
target for attendance
is 95%+.



Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance
3P	95.0	5P	95.5
3W	93.6	5AP	93.0
3T	91.9	5BC	95.9
4A	98.0	6A	97.3
4L	94.6	6M	96.0
4R	93.8	6P	94.5

This week's attendance is 95%