

Langley World

Dear Parents, Carers & Friends

Well what a week that was! Firstly I must start with the biggest thank you to my staff team. As you can imagine, being in the classrooms and playgrounds in the heat, is difficult and uncomfortable. They have been amazing and I appreciate all they have done this week to help keep the children as cool as possible. An extra thank you to my catering staff working in the kitchen where it is even warmer!

Your children have been unbelievable this week too. They have continued to be amazing learners in the heat and, as always, been awesomely behaved children that are a credit to you.

Thank you also to you as parents for being supportive. It is always difficult at these times to get the right call on what to do. I know staying open won't have been the right call for some of you, but I assure you that it was done with the consideration of all factors.

Hopefully we will have some cooler days in the coming weeks to enable the end of term activities to run smoothly.

Our Summer Fair is on Thursday! We could use some more tombola and cake items for the stalls. Please, if you can, send some more bottles and cakes in on Monday for it.

With the weather looking more comfortable on Thursday, I would like to welcome you, should you wish, to bring any items and use the grass to have a family picnic. The grass is being repaired so I would request that if you do this, please don't allow children to wander off and run about due to falling.

Please take litter home with you and obviously, no vaping, smoking, nuts or alcohol.

Wishing you a great weekend.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Higgins



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SEND Coffee Morning

There will be a SEND coffee morning session on 8th July, and a member of Inclusion Support will be joining us!!

Katrina Morgan, a Complex Communication and Autism teacher, is going to join the meeting to informally speak to parents and to offer support/advice. Everybody is welcome to join us and it would be lovely to see you there!!



Summer Reading Challenge - Sandwell Libraries



Next week the children will be having a visit from a Sandwell librarian to introduce them to the Summer Reading Challenge which is Read to the Beat looking at the link between books and music. More details to follow however please ask your children on Thursday about the assembly. We'd love you to encourage your children to engage with this free activity to keep them reading over the long summer break.

Spark Book Awards



For the third year we have taken part in the Spark Book Awards which is a book competition where our KS 1 children get to read four books suitable for their age range and then vote for their favourite.

As part of the awards schools are invited to enter a competition where they send in some work based on one of the books they have read.

Year 1 rewrote the story of The Camel who had the Hump and Year 2 wrote instructions on how to make a ragdoll and then made their own ragdolls based on the book Super Nani and Captain Naz.

We are pleased to announce that we had one runner up and two winners who will be receiving prizes and certificates very shortly through the post. Well done to all three !

Musical Assemblies



This term rather than holding a musical evening as we have in previous years, we shall be holding several shorter musical assemblies based on the instrument your child is learning to play. Letter's have been sent out to parent's however if your child plays an instrument you are welcome to join us in the top on your child's designated day and time.

- Cello and Violin – Monday 6th July 2026 at 9:00am
- Woodwind - Tuesday 7th July 2026 at 9:00am
- Ukulele - Friday 10th July 2026 at 2:30pm
- Brass – Date to be confirmed

HAF Vouchers

Sandwell HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) vouchers will soon be on their way to families who are eligible for free school meals due to a low household income. If this applies to you, keep an eye on your inbox – your voucher code will be emailed to you on 2 July 2026. You'll need this code to book your child's free holiday activities.



As a reminder, Sandwell Council will no longer be providing supermarket vouchers for families entitled to free school meals, so the HAF programme is a great way for children to access fun activities and nutritious meals during the holidays free of charge.

There are lots of exciting options to choose from across Sandwell, so to find out more and book activities for your children, please visit: holidayactivities.sandwell.gov.uk/about/.

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BUDS Visit

This week 3 of our Year 5 children went to BUDS to help celebrate the 100th birthday of one of the BUDS clients. They took with them some lovely cards that all the classes had made for her. Some classes have also been finding out about what life was like in 1926. Queen Elizabeth the second was born this year and A.A Milne wrote Winnie the Pooh. Children were taught in classes of 60 ! Imagine that



Year 4

Well done this week year 4 we are so proud of the way you have adapted to the heat. On Monday we were able to make jam or marmalade sandwiches and we had a lovely picnic in the woodlands with our teddy bears. Keep up the hard work not long to go now.

Important Dates

Date	Time and Event
30 Jun 2026	Year 6 Trip
30 Jun 2026	New Reception intake meeting by invitation – 9.15am
1 July 2026	Year 1 Trip
2 July 2026	New Reception intake meeting by invitation – 9.15am
4 July 2026	Summer Fair
6 July 2026	Reception Trip
6 July 2026	Cello and Violin Assembly – Top hall 9.00am
7 July 2026	Woodwind assembly – 9am
8 July 2026	SEND coffee morning Langley Primary School – 9.00am
9 July 2026	KS2 Sports Day – 9.00am – 10.00am parents welcome
9 July 2026	Reception & KS1 Sports Day – 1.00pm – 3.00pm parents welcome
10 July 2026	New Nursery intake meeting by invitation – 9.15am
10 July 2026	Year 3 Ukulele concert - 2.30pm parents welcome
10 July 2026	Year 6 Leavers Party After School 4.30pm – 6.30pm
13 July 2026	Year 6 Leavers Performance 2.00pm & 5.00pm
14 July 2026	Nursery Graduation NAM – 11.00am NPM – 2.30pm
15 July 2026	Child of the term – 9.00am
15 July 2026	Parents Drop in session – no appointment needed – 3.15pm - 4.30pm
16 July 2026	Child of the year – 9.00am – 10.00am
17 July 2026	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.00am – 10.00am
17 July 2026	School Closes 3.15pm
20 July 2026	School Closed Teacher Training Day – no children
1 Sept 2026	School Closed Teacher Training Day – no children
2 Sept 2026	School opens 8.40am

* Breakfast and After School Provision normal times at the start and end of term.

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 Session times: Morning 8.30am – 11.30am Afternoon: 12.15pm – 3.15pm
 With additional lunchtime and wraparound care if required
 Please contact the school office for further information and to obtain an application form
 www.langleyprimary.com
 Titford Road, Oldbury, West Midlands B69 4QB
 Telephone: 0121 552 1744 Email: enquires@langleyprimary.com

Places available for September 2026

What have we been learning about this week!

Nursery

I want to say a big thank you to the morning nursery parents for attending their child's sports activity session yesterday. The children loved taking part in the activities with their parents and the ice pops went down well too.

Year 3

Well done Year Three on surviving a very hot week! The children have really enjoyed enjoying a slightly relaxed timetable due to the heat, and have especially been lucky to have had 3 sessions in our beautiful woodlands, at least the weather will help you dry all the washing! We have also been able to spend some time on the shaded area of the field playing games and it was lovely and cool. Have a lovely sunny weekend.