9 October 2026

Langley World

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a fantastic start to the new school year, with so much happening across school already. It has been wonderful to see the children settling into their new classes, getting stuck into their learning and enjoying the many opportunities that have taken place over the past few weeks.

Our Year 3 children 'stepped back in time' during their visit to Edgmond Hall, bringing their Stone Age learning to life. Year 6 have also enjoyed a fantastic visit to the Black Country Living Museum, supporting their learning about the Victorians and giving them the chance to experience history beyond the classroom. Classes have also had the opportunity to go to Langley library - we hope they now use the library more independent from school.

There has also been plenty of action on the football pitch, with our teams taking part in a number of matches. It has been great to see the children representing the school with enthusiasm, teamwork and a real sense of pride.

Thank you also to all the parents and carers who have joined us for our phonics workshops. We really value your support in helping children develop their reading skills, and we hope the sessions have given you a useful insight into how phonics is taught in school and how you can support your child at home.

Ofsted

As you will know, we have had our Ofsted inspection this week. It has been four years since the last one so we were due and prepared. We can not tell parents the outcome so please don't put our staff (and me) in an awkward position by asking. I will say a big thank you to those of you who spoke to inspectors and answered the survey. I have attached the link to the survey results so please have a look. Link

It is lovely to see so many of you are happy with your children attending here and what we do together as partners. As a head, I am especially pleased that 97% of you would recommend us to another parent. I have never seen a figure that high.

Your children were as always the stars of the show and the inspectors spoke very highly of them as fantastic children both in the classroom and around each other.

Thank you also to my staff team who were so supportive during the inspection.

The report takes a while to be published but once it is, it will be sent to all parents.

Mr Higgins

School Photographs – Monday 12th October 2026



We would like to remind parents that individual and family group photographs (children who attend Langley Primary School only) will be taken in school on Monday 12th October 2026 by a school photographer. A proof of the photograph will be sent home where you can order directly from the company. **For this Monday only Please can year 3 come in their normal school uniform and bring their PE kits with them to change into for their lesson.**



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Flu Immunisations for all Reception – Year 6
Monday 19th October 2026



We would like to advise parents that on Monday 19th October, Sandwell School Nurses will be in school to give flu immunisation to all children from Reception to year 6 whose parents sign up and give consent.

Vaccination UK will be emailing parents directly next week. They will provide you with a link for you to sign your child up directly.

PLEASE NOTE YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE GIVEN THE FLU IMMINISATION UNLESS YOU SIGN UP.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Learn to ride

28 of our Year 3 and 4 children took part in the Bikeright Learn to Ride sessions last week. Lots of them have gone from non-riders to being able to ride without stabilisers. We hope they continue to keep up with their riding now they have done the hard part.

30 children in Year 5 have been taking part in the Level 1 and 2 sessions this week. We wish them every success.

Young Voices 2027

Thank you to all the parents who have signed their child up to the website. We will be starting rehearsals next week but in the meantime it would be great if your children could start to access the Music room to practice the songs.

Frank Chapman Residential Years 3 - 4

It is lovely to see how many parents have already signed up for the residential next year. If you were unable to attend the parents meeting and would like to find out more please come and talk to your child's class teacher or Mrs Waterworth

Harvest Festival
Thursday 22nd October 2025



The children will be celebrating Harvest Festival in school on Thursday 22nd October. As usual as part of our celebration we have arranged to collect donations for the Black Country Foodbank. They are always incredibly grateful for our support and you have always been incredibly generous in your support of this important charity.

Donations of tins, packets and toiletries are what are needed. The link below takes you to a list of the donations that are suitable.

https://www.blackcountryfoodbank.org.uk/support/donate/

Donations are to be sent in on 22nd October 2026.

Festival of Lights
Thursday 12th November 2026



Following on from our wonderful Festival of Lights last year held in our playground, we would like to invite our school families to join us on Thursday 12th November at 4.30pm - 5.30pm to take a stroll around the delightful handmade lanterns our children will be creating during the term ahead.

Year 6 only – have you applied for a Secondary School Place – Deadline 31 October 2026



The year 6 process for choosing a secondary school for September 2027 has now started. If you are unsure which school to apply for we recommend to attend the open evenings of several schools so you can get an idea of what would best suit your child. Open evening details can be found on the secondary school websites. Many are taking place within the next 2 weeks. A link to a detailed schedule of open evenings can also be found the Sandwell website using the link attached below.

https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/downloads/download/1173/open-days-and-evenings

Please remember you **MUST** apply by the closing date of 31 October 2026 and we advise you list at least 3 schools in order of preference as some schools may have more applications then places available.

To apply, you will first need to visit www.sandwell.gov.uk/schooladmissions, you will then need to follow the instructions on the website. Please note you will also be asked to sign into your MySandwell account which is free to set up if you do not already have an account.

Applying online is easy and secure – do not worry, if you don't have a computer at home, you can also apply from one of Sandwell's many libraries. You

may also apply from a mobile device (e.g. smartphone or tablet). If you have any problems

trying to apply, please contact the school office and they will try to help you.

What has been happening in Class

Reception has had a lovely week reading the story "Avocado Baby." We have peeled, eaten and described avocados - most of the children enjoyed tasting them.
I hope you found the phonics workshop useful and remember staff are here to help should you need any extra help when reading with your child.

KS1 – Years 1 & 2 have had yet another exciting week of learning! Reading! Reading! Reading! It is our top priority and we thank all parents for their support.

Thank you for attending the Phonics Workshop this week! We sincerely hope that it was informative and it will help you when supporting your child with their reading.

A big thank you to Years 1 and 2 parents for also attending the afternoon parent reading sessions. It was a good turn out and there were a whopping 28 children reading with their parents in one sitting! How fantastic! We hope to see you all at the next one too. It's the first Thursday of the month for Year 2 and the first Friday of the month for Year 1.

Year 4 - Have been working hard on their story writing this week thinking about all the features they need to include. In Maths we have been working on our methods for multiplication. Please try and go on TTRockstars this weekend as it will help in classwork.

We have had an exciting week looking at Roman Soldiers and we have been writing diary entries about what they do during the day.

Important Dates

Date	Time and Event
12 Oct 2026	School photographs
12 Oct 2026	SEND Coffee morning 9am – 10am
19 Oct 2026	Flu Vaccinations Year R - 6
23 Oct 2026	School closes 3.15pm for Autumn half term holiday
31 Oct 2026	Year 6 Deadline – application for secondary school
2 Nov 2026	School closed teacher training
3 Nov 2026	School opens 8.40am Autumn term 2
12 Nov 2026	Flu Vaccinations – Those who registered late
12 Nov 2026	Festival of Light
18 Nov 2026	Parents Evening – further info to follow
25 Nov 2026	Parents Evening – further info to follow
18 Dec 2026	School closes 3.15pm for Christmas holiday
4 Jan 2027	School closed teacher training
5 Jan 2027	School opens 8.40am Spring term 1