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A Message from Mr Higgins:

Dear Parents/carers

It has been a couple of weeks since the last newsletter so there is plenty for us to catch up on.

I would like to say a big thank you to all of the staff and pupils for being such a fantastic group last week in Wales. More details are given in the newsletter but I wanted to personally acknowledge it myself. We had an amazing time with brilliant collaboration and lots of fun and adventure.

I hope you enjoy reading about all that has been going on here in Langley.

Finally, I would like to confirm our remaining teacher training days this academic year will be taken on Monday 1st June and Monday 20th July 2026. Children are not required to attend school on these days.

As always thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,
Pete Higgins, Headteacher

Plas Gwynant Residentials

Last week Year 5 and 6 pupils spent a week at Sandwell's residential centre in Snowdonia. During the week they had the opportunity to canoe, complete a mountain walk, visit the beach and many other activities. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to not only experience adventurous activities but also gain independence being away from home. They should all be able to now make a bed and make their own sandwiches! They were as always a credit to you as parents and to school. We would also like to take the opportunity to thank the staff who took them for giving up their own evenings and nights to allow this trip to go ahead. Without the enthusiasm and commitment of staff we could not provide these experiences for your children.

Next residential trips will be:

Frank Chapman 26th - 30th April 2027 (Children then in Years 3 and 4)

Plas Gwynant 11th - 15th October 2027 (Children then in Year 5 and 6)



KS1(Years Reception - 2) Book Club

Yesterday after school we were eagerly awaiting our first visitors to the Key Stage 1 Book Club in the library. However we were very disappointed that no one came to take us up on this fantastic opportunity to share and borrow some of the wonderful books we have available. We will be ready again next week though so please consider coming and seeing us.

Although we cannot take pushchairs up to the library there will be space to store them downstairs.

SEND coffee morning –

11 February 2026 9am-10am

Langley Primary School Library

Meet us for a warm, informal coffee morning where you can meet other parents and carers of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) within school. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect, share experiences, and access support.



We look forward to seeing you there!

Children's Mental Health Week – Hello Yellow Day – Thursday 12 February 2026

Next week is the NSPCC children's mental health week and on Thursday we would like to invite all children to come to school wearing one yellow item alongside their school uniform. For example, a yellow pair of socks, A t-shirt, a hair band, yellow leggings etc. However, please do not feel as though you have to go out and buy something that is yellow, for example your child could make a crown style hat at home and colour it in yellow!



As part of this all the children have also been learning songs to sing in an event called "The Big Sing". Next Thursday schools all over the country will join a huge virtual choir. All the songs reflect the importance of friendship and include 'You've got a friend in me', Happy by Pharrell Williams and the iconic Bob Marley song 'Three little birds'. Singing is scientifically proven to lift your mood and increase well-being so why not have a sing with your children!

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National Year of Reading

This year has been designated the National Year of Reading and there are lots of events planned across the country to promote the love of reading with children. Over the year we will be participating in a variety of events. Have a look at the official website and see what's happening <https://goallin.org.uk/>

World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 5th March 2025. After half term we will let you all know what activities we have planned for this exciting day in school.

In the meantime, tonight, your Reception – Year 6 child will be bringing home their World Book Day book token which can be exchanged for a selection of books (a poster is attached showing the various titles available for different reading levels) alternatively the voucher may be used for £1 off another book of your child's choice. Nursery children will be given their token on Monday 9th February.



Where to exchange your £1 book token

The redemption period for World Book Day 2026 £1 tokens is from **Thursday 12 February until Sunday 15 March 2026**. Book shops only have a limited amount of these books so it may be worth checking with your local store before you visit to see if they stock the £1 books to avoid disappointment.

World Book Day work with a variety of different retailers from high street bookstores to independent bookshops. You can redeem your World Book Day £1 book token at the following retailers:

- Your local independent bookseller
- Argos
- Asda
- Blackwell's (selected stores only)
- Easons
- Foyles
- Sainsburys
- Tesco
- TG Jones
- The Works
- Waterstones
- WHSmith Travel (selected stores only)

Non Uniform Day – Friday 13th February 2026

Friday 13th February 2026 will be a non-uniform day for pupils. In return for wearing non-uniform, we kindly ask for a donation of a new, unopened family or baby essential toiletry item. Ideal donations include:



- * Shower gel
 - * Shampoo
 - * Deodorant
 - * Baby wipes
 - * Toothpaste
 - * Sanitary products
 - * Nappies
- plus more

All donations will be given to Singlepoint, where they will be made into care packages for the families they support. Your generosity will help provide practical and meaningful support to those in need within our community.



Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

KS2(Years 3 – 6) Parent Workshop Reading Fluency - Thursday 26th February at 9am

Mrs Waterworth will be running a workshop for parents on the subject of reading fluency on Thursday 26th February at 9am in the top hall. This will aim to explain how children's reading moves from phonics to reading fluently and for understanding. It will provide advice on how you can support your child to achieve reading fluency at home. We look forward to seeing you there.



Parents' and Carers Evening 4th and 11th March 2026

The letter inviting parents to our second chance to meet the teachers to find out how your child is progressing in school was sent home earlier this week. If you have not received a letter, please visit the school office and they will be happy to provide you with a copy.

Each appointment will be 10 minutes to allow all families to have an opportunity to talk with the teacher. To accommodate the longer appointment, Parents' Evening will be split

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between two evenings 4th March and 11th March 2026. You will be able to book 1 x 10-minute appointment with your child's teacher.

Year 6 SATS Club – Every Monday 3.30pm – 4.00pm

The Year 6 SAT club continues **every** Monday from 3.15 - 4pm. This is a fantastic opportunity for Year 6 children to work in small groups with staff to boost their skills ready for their end of year tests.

Come to School in your PE Kit!

From January, we have introduced the opportunity for your child to come into school wearing their PE kit on their designated year group's PE day. Those attending after school sports clubs are to come in their regular uniform and get change at the end of the day.



Please see below each year groups PE lesson day.

Day	Year Group
Monday	Year 6 and Year 2
Tuesday	Year 5 and Year 4
Wednesday	Year 3 and Reception
Thursday	Year 1

Is your child too ill to come to school?

If your child is unwell and cannot attend school, please inform the school office as soon as possible. You will also need to provide proof of illness by sending the relevant documentation to enquiries@langleyprimary.com. Your cooperation helps us keep accurate attendance records and support your child's wellbeing. Many thanks



What have we been learning about this week!

Well done to all of the children that are continuing to practise their reading at home in KS1! A big thank you to parents too! Remember that your child's reading book is changed every Thursday to enable them to practise their reading skills at home and build up their confidence in reading. Teachers love to read all of the parents' comments. Thank you.

Year 1

Year 1 have been on an adventure this week to London! They listened to a school trip adventure with the help of headphones, which completely immersed them in a world of imagination. They then wrote a recount of their adventure. It was unbelievable!



Year 2

This week Year 2 have been practising telling the time using an analogue clock in their maths lessons. They have learned how to tell the time using o'clock and half past. Keep on practising at home too!

Year 3

Last Friday we were treated to a wonderful Ukulele concert from Year 3 who have been learning to play the ukulele since September. They all did really well and showed so much confidence when playing in front of an audience. It was lovely to see how many of you came to support your child.

Year 4

We have been working on coordinates in maths this week and finding objects on a grid. The children have picked this up really well and are expert map readers now. We have also researched African animals linked to The Lion King. The writing is fantastic and will be on display for parents to see at parents evening.

Year 5

This week in Geography, we have looked at the causes, reasons for and impact of deforestation in the Amazon Rainforest. We have discussed ways in which we can limit the amount of deforestation to the rainforest. We became news reporters, pretending to interview the President of Brazil to find out why deforestation is taking place and how it can be prevented.

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Year 6

We have been working hard all week revising for our up and coming SATs. We have also started a new learning journey in English using the stimulus Matilda where the children are writing a letter from the viewpoint of a parent discussing Ms. Trunchball's undesirable character.

Important Dates

Date	Time and Event
11 Feb 2026	SEND coffee morning – 9.00am – 10am
12 Feb 2026	Hello Yellow Day
13 Feb 2026	Non Uniform Day – bring a toiletry item
13 Feb 2026	School closes 3.15pm for Spring term 1 holiday
23 Feb 2026	School opens 8.40am Spring term 2
26 Feb 2026	KS2(yr3–6) Parent Workshop Reading Fluency 9.00am
4 Mar 2026	Parents evening – by appointment
5 Mar 2026	World Book Day
11 Mar 2026	Parents evening – by appointment
27 Mar 2026	School closes 3.15pm for Easter holiday
13 April 2026	School opens 8.40am Summer term 1
4 May 2026	May Bank Holiday closed
22 May 2026	School closes 3.15pm for Whitsun holiday
1 Jun 2026	School Closed Teacher Training day
2 Jun 2026	School opens 8.40am Summer term 2
20 July 2026	School Closed Teacher Training Day