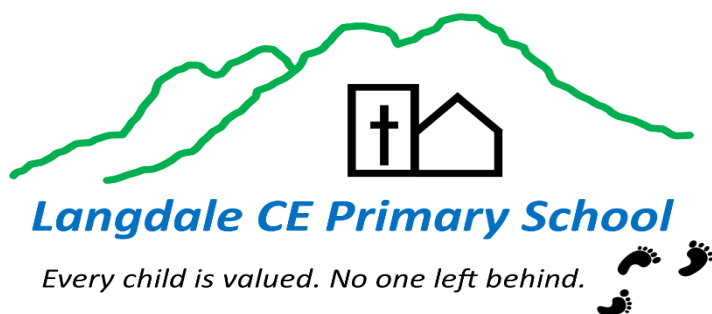




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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new and exciting Autumn term at Langdale CE Primary School! We hope you and your children had a wonderful and restful summer break and are feeling refreshed and ready for a fun-filled term ahead. The staff and I have been busy preparing the classrooms and grounds, and we are all very much looking forward to welcoming the children back and seeing their smiling faces fill our school once again.

Teaching & Learning Information Evening (22nd September) & Curriculum Information

There are regular updates made to our class pages alongside our curriculum pages on the school website. By the end of this week, each class teacher, will be forwarding to you, a copy of their curriculum overviews for this half term. This will enable you to have an insight into what your child is learning about in school. In addition to this, we are offering parents the opportunity to come into school on Monday 22nd September between 5-6pm to speak to teaching staff about phonics, reading and the teaching of the core and foundation subjects. We really do recommend you take the time to attend as this will be a great opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of our teaching and learning approach here at Langdale.

Upcoming Events

We request that parents review the newsletter circulated each Friday to keep informed of opportunities occurring in school and events offered. We have included, within this letter, an overview of events which have been calendared for this term but there will undoubtedly be additional trips/visits planned.

School Dinners

We are delighted to share some wonderful news regarding our school dinners. We now have a full commercial kitchen installed, which will provide a fantastic new resource for Mrs. Blakeney when preparing delicious and nutritious meals for all the children.

Due to our new capacity, we kindly request that all parents review the three-week rolling menu for each term, which is available on our school website. If a hard copy is required, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. Mrs. Blakeney will cook the planned option for each child unless an alternative has been requested. For children who may not like the planned menu, a jacket potato with cheese and/or beans is available as a daily alternative. Unfortunately, unless a child has confirmed allergies or intolerances, we do not have the capacity to make any other alternatives available. We request that parents notify the school office as soon as possible if you would like your child to consistently opt for the daily alternative.

In an effort to continue supporting our families, we have taken the decision to keep the cost of school dinners the same for another academic year. Langdale CE Primary School has not increased the cost of school dinners for seven years, despite significant increases in food and running costs during that time. The cost per meal remains at **£2.30 per day**, and **£1.50 for nursery children**. Please remember that children in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 are covered by the universal free school meal programme.

Attendance

Good school attendance is vital for your child's education and future success. The Department for Education (DfE) emphasises that regular attendance is a key factor in ensuring children receive a full education and achieve their potential. Our school works closely with the local authority, and attendance officers from Westmorland and Furness Council regularly audit our attendance data. While we understand that illnesses occur, it is essential that children are in school whenever possible. Being on time is also critical, as lost learning at the start of the day can disrupt a child's understanding and cohesion with the rest of the class. Every lesson counts towards the required teaching hours, and consistent attendance ensures your child doesn't miss out on important learning opportunities. Please see additional letters attached from Sarah Wright, Access to Inclusion Manager, Westmorland and Furness.

After School Club Offer

This half-term, we are delighted to offer a range of after-school clubs on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings. The clubs will re-commence next week (w/c 8th September). All children are welcome to attend, and the activities will be adapted to suit different ages and interests. On Tuesday evenings, we will be running a STEM club focused on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The Wednesday club will be a gardening club, and on Thursdays, we will have an Arts & Crafts club. As these extra-curricular activities are offered by our staff on a voluntary basis, we kindly request that children who attend have a genuine interest in the club and are collected promptly at 4:15pm. **Please email the school office by Friday 5th September** if you wish your child to attend any of the clubs offered. This will allow us to resource and staff accordingly.

We are all really looking forward to welcoming the children back into school tomorrow morning.

We are so excited for all the learning and fun that this term will bring. We thank you for your continued support and look forward to partnering with you to make this a successful and memorable year for our students.

On a final note, if anyone wishes to make an appointment to speak to a member of staff at any time, please contact the school office and a time and date will be arranged.

Kind regards,



Rachel Underwood
Headteacher

Forthcoming Events

(Recently added calendar events will be highlighted in **red** each week)

Wednesday 10th September 2025	Nursery/Reception Trip to Westmorland County Show
Thursday 11 th September 2025	Year1/2 Trip to Orrest Head – Gruffalo Theme
Monday 22 nd September 2025	Teaching & Learning Information evening for parents 5:00-6:00pm
Friday 26th September 2025	MacMillan Coffee Morning/Harvest Celebration & Activity Morning Parents & wider community welcome 9:30-10:45am (Fundraiser)
Thursday 2 nd October 2025	National Poetry Day (All children involved in activities)
Friday 3 rd October 2025	Whole School Trip (morning only) to White Platts, Ambleside
Friday 10 th October 2025	Hello Yellow –World Mental Health Day Children to wear yellow in support – (Fundraiser)
Monday 13 th October 2025	Parents Evening – Nursery – Year 6
Monday 27 th October – Friday 31 st October	Half-Term
Friday 31 st November 2025	Secondary School Application Closing Dates
Monday 3 rd November 2025	Nasal Flu Vaccinations in school
Tuesday 4 th November 2025	Maple Class Art Session at The Lakes School
Wednesday 12 th November	Whole School Trip to Chester Zoo
Tuesday 18 th November	Maple Class Art Session at The Lakes School
Friday 21 st November 2025	Maple Class Kendal Mountain Festival (TBC)
Tuesday 16 th December 2025	Whole School Christmas Performance – Village Hall 6pm Parents & wider community welcome
Friday 19 th December 2025	End of Term Service – Holy Trinity Church 1:30pm

* Please note - If you do not wish your child/ren to take part in any of the visits outlined above, please notify the school office and provision will be put into place in school.