

Lons Infant School

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Diary Dates

May

- 6th May Trip – Steam train ride
- 11th-17th May Mental Health Awareness week
- 22nd May **INSET Day**
- 25th May **Half term**

June

- 1st June Dinosaur Dig
- 17th June Sports Day – more info to follow
- 26th June **Class photos**
- 29th June **INSET Day**

30th June Y2 Transition Day

July

- 1st July Trip – Manor farm Park
- 8th July In school Mini Olympics for the children
- WC: 13th July End of year reports to go out to parents this week
- 22nd July Whole School disco
- 23rd July Y2 Leavers Assembly (PM)
- 23rd July Last day of school

Happy Holidays!

MUSIC FESTIVAL

“Safeguarding is everyone’s business”

It is everyone’s responsibility to do something if there are concerns that a child is suffering from or is at risk of significant harm. Starting Point is Derbyshire’s first point of contact for children and younger adults for advice and support or if you have concerns for a child. The service is available Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm. Telephone 01629 533190 or visit www.derbyshire.gov.uk/startingpoint or contact NSPCC free 24 hour, 365 days a year helpline on 0808 800 5000 or visit www.nspcc.org.uk However, if you are concerned that a child is in immediate danger, you should contact the police.



Our School Values

Term 1 – Cooperation

Term 2 – Kindness

Term 3 – Respect

Term 4 – Honesty

Term 5 – Determination

Term 6 – Responsibility

Attendance

Being in school is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing, and wider development. We want our children at Lons to enjoy coming to school. Our attendance target is 96% but we hope for 100%.

	WC: 23.02.26	WC: 02.03.26	WC:09.03.26	WC:16.03.26	WC: 23.03.26
Pine	94.32%	100%	95.65%	96.52%	96.6%
Silver Birch	100%	100%	100%	95%	97.9%
Whole School	97.16%	100%	97.82%	95.76%	97.25%

190 days in school	10 days absent	19 days absent (almost 4 weeks missed)	29 days absent (about half a term missed)	38 days absent (8 weeks missed)	47 days absent (Almost 10 weeks missed – over a quarter of the school year)
	180 days in school	171 days in school	161 days in school	152 days in school	143 days in school
100% attendance	95% attendance	90% attendance	85% attendance	80% attendance	75% attendance
Excellent record	Good record	Needs to improve	Cause for concern	Poor	Very poor
Gives the best possible opportunity for success! You are likely to achieve your potential and meet or exceed your targets! Well done!		Gives less chance of success. You are less likely to achieve your potential and meet your targets.		Much less chance of success. You are unlikely to achieve your potential and meet your targets.	



Term dates for 2026-2027

Some of you may already be thinking about planning and booking your holiday for next year. So please see below the term dates for the next academic year.

PLEASE AVOID TERM TIME HOLIDAYS

If you take your child out of school for a holiday, this WILL NOT be authorised and you may receive a fine.

INSET Days for 2026-2027

04.09.26
23.10.26
04.01.27
07.06.27
26.07.27

BENEFITS OF READING to your Child

Parents play an integral part in their children's education and helping them reach their full potential. Here are some benefits of reading to your children:

Helps them sleep.

Getting a good night's rest is important for developing children, and reading to them while they are in bed can calm their minds and bodies.

Improves communication skills.

When you spend time reading to children, they will be much more likely to express themselves and relate to others in a healthy way.

Creates new bonds.

With a majority of our days spent looking at computer, TV and phone screens, it's important to take a few moments to spend quality time with your children. Reading to your children also can build an emotional connection. It's a win-win.



Teaches them the basics.

Teaching children to read is like building a house — you need to have a solid foundation that you can build upon later in life.

Improves logical thinking skills.

Reading to children helps their ability to grasp abstract concepts, apply logic, recognize cause and effect, and use good judgment.

Why is reading at home so important?

Children with access to 25 books at home complete an average of 2 more years of school than children from homes without any books.



Kids 4-5 years old gain 6 months of reading ability by being read to 3 to 5 times per week.



Reading is a critical skill for succeeding in most school subjects.



A child spends 900 hours a year in school and 7800 hours at home.



Research shows that just 20 minutes a day spent reading with a child helps them develop critical reading skills.



Learn more:

smartreading.org/parent-resources



Lots of exciting things are happening in school in the last few months!

6th May 2026 - Steam Train Ride

The children will travel via coach to Rowsley Train Station. They will have a steam train ride to Matlock. At Matlock the children will have a picnic on the park and play on the park before getting back on the steam train to come back to Rowsley Train Station. This is part of our topic – All aboard!

1st June 2026 – Dinosaur Dig!

The children will embark on an adventure into the realm of dinosaurs with a captivating Jurassic Dig Journey, a fossil excavation experience designed especially for primary schools. Within the sandboxes, the children will delve in to unearth and classify fossils from an array of legendary dinosaurs. From the mighty Tyrannosaurus Rex to the armoured Stegosaurus and the horned Triceratops, alongside mysteries of creatures from the past. This immersive workshop gives children the opportunity to investigate fossils hands-on while learning how palaeontologists uncover and study evidence from millions of years ago. What a great experience being a palaeontologist! This is part of our topic – Dinosaurs Rock! **The total cost for this particular experience is £424 and school is paying £224 towards this. Therefore, we will be asking for a voluntary contribution of £5 per child to cover the cost. We will let you know when this is live on Parentpay.**

1st July 2026 – Manor Park Farm

During the day the children will go into 'The World of Dinosaurs Roar!'. The exciting trail features life-size dinosaur models in a natural woodland setting. Along the trail, the children will meet Dinosaur Roar the Tyrannosaurus Rex, Dinosaur STOMP the Triceratops, Dinosaur WHACK the Stegosaurus, Dinosaur WHIZZ the Coelophysis, Dinosaur FLAP the Oviraptor, Dinosaur BOO the Deinonychus and Dinosaur MUNCH the Diplodocus.

Letters will be coming out for the other two exciting experiences for our children that will have all the information needed.

Have a lovely Easter everyone!

Best wishes,

Miss Guthrie and the Lons Team

11th-17th May Mental Health Awareness week

The theme for 2026 is 'Action' focusing on moving from awareness to practical, sustainable steps to improve mental health.. The Foundation chose Action as this year's theme because, while awareness is vital, real change comes when we take action too. And being kind to others and to ourselves is a key part of that.

Kindness is a simple way to help EVERYONE. When we are kind to each other, it helps us to feel connected, builds strong relationships and strengthens our communities. Research has also shown that when we're kind, when someone is kind to us or even if we just witness kindness, our bodies release feel-good hormones which lift our mood, giving us what's known as a 'Helper's High'. It's also been shown that people who are kind have much lower anxiety levels, age more slowly and have healthier hearts. Kindness isn't just a nice thing to do, but can help us improve our own mental health and wellbeing, while helping others at the same time. And Mental Health Awareness Week is a perfect time to start!

