

Lons Infant School

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Diary Dates

May

22nd May **INSET Day**

25th May **Half term**

June

1st June Dinosaur Dig

16th 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

3rd July Summer Fayre – more info to follow

6th July Y2 Transition morning 9am-11.30am

8th July In school Mini Olympics for the children

10th July Music Festival – More info to follow

WC: 13th July End of year reports to go out to parents this week

22nd July Whole School disco

23rd July Y2 Leavers Assembly (2.15PM)

23rd July Last day of school

Happy Holidays!

“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: 13.04.26	WC: 20.04.26	WC:27.04.26	WC:04.05.26	WC: 11.05.26	WC: 18.05.26
Pine	96.52%	94.35%	98.7%	98.37%	96.96%	83.15%
Silver Birch	97.5%	98.75%	96.88%	93.75%	96.88%	93.75%
Whole School	97.01%	96.55%	97.79%	96.06%	96.92%	88.45%

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

Langridge Homes

One of our governors kindly approached Langridge Homes to see if they would support school with any funding or work towards the playground. So they kindly donated £500 to school. With this money, we are purchasing two new outdoor sheds for Pine Class. One will be for storage and the other will be an outdoor home corner for the children to use in their outdoor area. So we would like to thank Langridge homes for their donation.

In return, Langridge home have sent us a link with information about their existing and upcoming properties for sale on their site. They could offer a special discount on selected properties, to any parents with children at our school and if a sale was to be made and completed, Langridge Homes would be happy to contribute a further £500 to school. The link s below for your viewing.

<https://mailchi.mp/langridgehomes/langridge-homes-latest-ripley-updates-for-school-3522>

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.

Thank you to Mrs Yendle for planning and delivering a variety of activities to all children during Mental Health Awareness week. The children worked brilliantly together showing kindness, respect and empathy towards one another. It was a positive and meaningful experience for everyone.

Rowsley Steam Train ride – what a fantastic day the children had. The children were a credit to our school and thank you to all of the staff and adults who helped make our trip a success.

Have a lovely half term everyone!

Best wishes,

Miss Guthrie and the Lons Team