

Lons Infant School

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Diary Dates

October 2025

27th October HALF TERM

November 2025

3rd – welcome back to school

12th – Parent Consultations @ 3.15 – 5.30

13th – Parent Consultations @ 3.15 – 5.30

December 2025

10th – Panto Trip – Jack & The Beanstalk

- FoLIS Xmas activities with the children
£1 contribution
- FoLIS Xmas Disco 3 – 4.15pm £5

11th - Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day

15th - Pine Class – Breakfast with Santa

16th – Silver Birch Class – Breakfast with Santa

17th – Christmas production @ 1.30pm

18th - Christmas production @ 9.15am

19th - Christmas Party day

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Happy New Year!

January 2026

5th – INSET DAY

6th – Welcome back to school

“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

THIS SCHOOL IS
NUT FREE



THANK YOU
for keeping our school safe!



Attendance Matters!

	WC: 22.09.225	WC: 29.09.25	WC: 06.10.25	WC: 13.10.25	WC: 20.10.25
Pine Class	99.20%	67.60%	94.80%	97.20%	98.40%
Silver Birch	91.67%	93.89%	92.22%	93.89%	92.86%
Whole School	96.05%	78.60%	93.72%	95.81%	96.17%

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.	

Reading Every Day Goes a Very Long Way

Student A Reads

- 20 minutes per day
- 3,600 minutes per school year
- 1,800,000 words per year



Student B Reads

- 5 minutes per day
- 900 minutes per school year
- 282,000 words per year



Student C Reads

- 1 minute per day
- 180 minutes per school year
- 8,000 words per year



Want to be a better reader? Read more!



Reading at home

It is very important to read at home. This could be as little as 5-10 minutes per day to help aid progress. Reading allows us to be transported from our own world to another. Between the pages of a book, we can become immersed in the lives of fictional characters and learn about a culture entirely different from our own. We can also learn new words and phrases, experience a range of emotions, and acquire skills and knowledge. The importance of reading for children cannot be underestimated. Reading for pleasure can benefit a child's education, social and cognitive development, their wellbeing, and their mental health.

The Top Ten Benefits of Reading for Children are:

1. Their vocabulary is larger and more extensive.
2. They perform better academically.
3. Their imagination can run wild.
4. Their creativity skills develop.
5. They develop empathy.
6. They gain a deeper understanding of their world.
7. Their concentration levels improve.
8. The parent and child bond improves.
9. Their cognitive development is supported.
10. Their social skills and interaction improve.

If children read at home they get:

3 Dojo points = for reading 3 times per week

Or

5 Dojo points = for reading 4 or more times per week



HAPPY READING!

Celebrations

Our golden book awards went to:

Lucas, Olivia, Charlie, Hunter, Eliza-Ruby, Elsie, Theo, Oscar, Oliver, Ewan, Benji

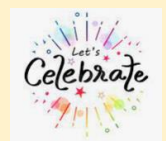
Our Cooperation awards went to:

Jesse, Sophia, Heidi, Zac, Everly, Ivy, Alfie F, Gracie, Lennon, Jasper, Amelia, William

Our 'Best line at lunch' award went to:

Pine Class for this half term

Congratulations to all our winners!



Earrings

Some children are wearing earrings to school on P.E days (Tuesday and Thursday). Earrings either need to be covered over with tape in the mornings before coming to school or if the piercings are older than six weeks, the earrings need to be taken out. This is for the individual child's Safety. Your support with this would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you

Panto Trip – Jack & The Beanstalk (10th October 2025)

Please make sure you have given consent for your child to go to the panto on ParentPay. We will leave school at 9.00am and arrive back at 12.45 where we will have a picnic in the classrooms. The children are expected to wear their school uniform as normal.

Christmas activities with FoLIS (10th October 2025) - £1

After the picnic, the children will complete a variety of Christmas craft activities with FoLIS in the hall. More information to follow

Christmas Disco (10th October 2025) – FoLIS - £5

Please bring the children's party clothes to school in a carrier bag clearly marked with their name. After the children have had their picnic, they can get changed ready for the disco. The disco will finish at 4.15pm so please be prompt in collecting the children. Silver Birch will be released from the side door in the hall and Pine Class will be released from the main door near the main entrance to school (near Mrs Allwood's office). More information to follow.



Interests/hobbies/talents

We have a display in the hall ready to showcase the children's interests, hobbies or talents. This could be cricket, football, dancing, art or swimming etc.

After half term, send a photograph to Mrs Allwood and she will print it off and we will share this with all the children during our Monday celebrations assembly. We will pick one or two each week and then put the photograph on display.

We look forward to seeing your interests, hobbies or talents outside of school.

Sewing and baking

Sewing and baking/ cooking will start after half term.

Mrs Chapman had surgery at the beginning of the academic year and has just about recovered so her and Mrs Huckerby have been in to talk about the first sewing and baking activities for next half term.

The children will be making/sewing something to hang on their Christmas tree next half term.

When we bake/cook, we will be asking for a 50p contribution towards the ingredients but we will let you know more about this closer the time.

In the meantime, we would like to thank Mrs Huckerby and Mrs Chapman for volunteering their time to spend with our children on such wonderful activities.