



## School Newsletter Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024



Week 4 has been eventful! On Monday, our boy's football team played a friendly match against Southam St. James in which they showed respect, sportsmanship and fairness while displaying some excellent football skills. We are very proud of how they acquitted themselves.

Monday also saw our choir, led by Miss Kerry, attend a special Multi-Academy Trust singing event at Coventry Cathedral during the afternoon and evening. Mrs Richards also attended this and commented on how brave and wonderful our children were, especially in dealing with such a grand venue!

Tuesday was an exciting day with the school closure due to the electricity failing which left us without phones, power, heating and lighting. Apologies to all our families who had to make sudden arrangements due to the unexpected nature of this closure. Despite this, our year 3 cupstackers (along with Mrs Hill) made it to their competition at Campion for the School Games speed-stacking event. Our teams did brilliantly, coming 5<sup>th</sup> out of 10 schools (with the time gap between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> places being a mere 13 seconds). Well done to everyone involved! On Tuesday afternoon, it was the turn of our girl's football team to play at St. Nicholas Park. They played two games; the first one was against Newburgh and the second was against The Ferncumbe. Our girls showed passion, energy and commitment to the team and each other. Fantastic news!

On Wednesday evening, our teachers met with their respective year group teachers from other schools to engage in a Consortium Moderation evening where they compared the written work of children in their year groups in order to ensure continuity and accuracy across the different schools in the area. We were joined here by teachers from Southam St. James CofE Academy, St. Mary's Catholic Primary School and Bishops Itchington Primary School for a useful and informative evening working together.

Today has seen the installation of our new audiovisual system which has been funded by the School Association. This has involved replacing the projector, the speakers, the amp system and also includes two microphones! We are very excited to get using it to its full potential and EYFS and KS1 have already had a go with it when they were practising their Christmas performance this afternoon.

During the week, all classes have been busy making Christmas decorations for the Christmas Tree Festival at Holy Trinity Church in Long Itchington. A few of our students plus adults will use these to decorate our tree in the church next Friday.

And on top of this, there's been all our usual learning and Christmas performance rehearsals!

**You should have received a letter regarding tickets for the Christmas performances which are due to take place at 9:30am on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> and 1:30pm on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December. If you haven't received a letter, please let the office know and they'll be able to print you a new one.**

**Christmas Jumper Day has been confirmed by our School Association as Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December which is the same day as our Christmas lunch. Can children please bring a donation for our School Association on that day if they choose to wear a Christmas jumper.**

**Please note that due to the current situation with our electricity, the lunch choices for Monday have changed. They will therefore be Macaroni Cheese, Plant-balls with tomato sauce and rice or Jacket Potato.**

Here are a few things that our individual classes have been up to this week:

### Donaldson Class

In EYFS, we have been reading Superworm and have made our own worms out of socks and newspaper. In maths, we have learnt about the composition of 4 and 5 and in phonics we have learnt all our single sounds and are now learning digraphs.



### Jemison Class

This week in Jemison class we have come to the end of our gingerbread man story and to celebrate what a wonderful few weeks we have had, today we have baked some lovely gingerbread men. The children have thoroughly enjoyed baking the gingerbread men and hopefully equally enjoyed sharing them at home with their families.



### Attenborough Class

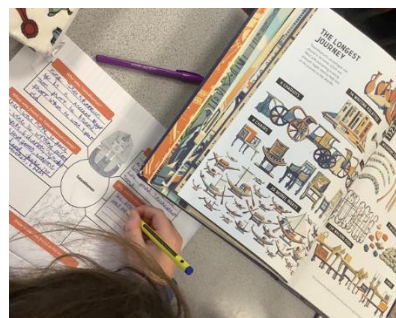
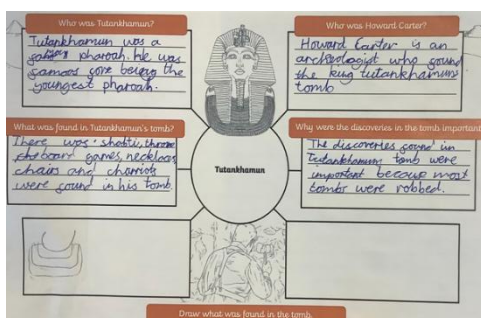
In maths this week, year 2 have been looking at addition and subtraction up to 100. They have been using base ten and column method to solve the equations. They have even been doing renaming questions when they have to exchange a ten which is very tricky but have showed real courage!

### Anning Class

Year 3 have moved on to learning the 8 times tables to finish off our current maths unit. We will be recapping any learning that we need to following assessment week next week. In history, we have learned about Stonehenge and where the stones came from that made this prehistoric monument. And, most excitingly, we have put our Christmas tree and decorated it!

### Adepitan Class

This week in year four, we have been focusing on the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb and archaeologist Howard Carter. We created mind maps about the discovery and items that were found inside the tomb. We are looking forward to our workshop next week to find out more about Ancient Egyptian life.



### Shakespeare Class

Shakespeare Class had lots of fun creating their snowmen Christmas decorations. We used different coloured polyester felt and tartan ribbon to make our final pieces. In P.E, we have been learning counterbalances in gymnastics. We then used these balances to create our own routines. Some balances were definitely more difficult than others!



### Benjamin Class

Year 6 have moved on from fractions in maths to converting units which has included working on multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000 in order to convert between different units of measurement. In English, we have been studying non-chronological reports in order to write our own based on World War 2. Our work on 2D to 3D artwork continues as we have begun collaging and cutting out our figures. Our next step will be to turn these into 3D structures!





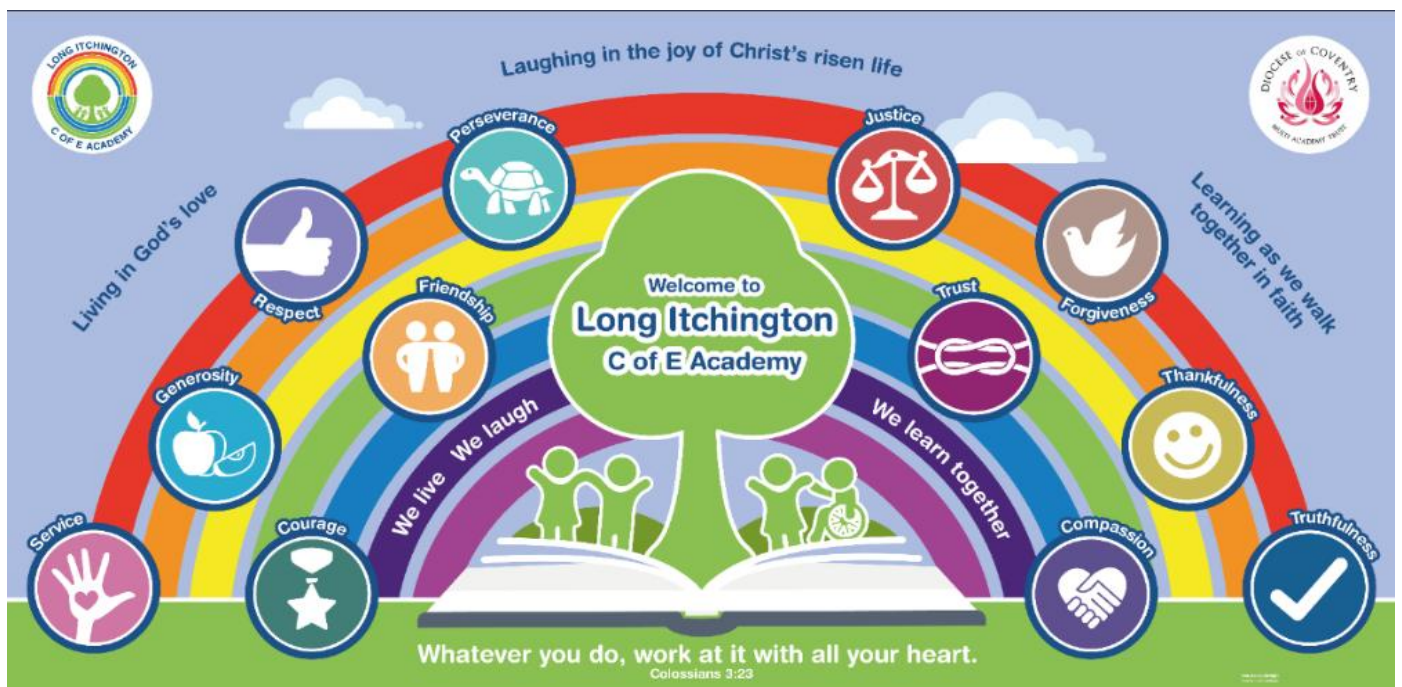
# Stars of the Week



## Diary dates for this half-term

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Return to school
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	SEND clinic -for families with pupils on SEND register to drop in between 9am and 10am
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Curriculum afternoon for parents/grandparents 2-3.15pm
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Odd socks day (antibullying week)
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception Admissions 2025 (Tours by appointment)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need (activity tbc)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	SEND clinic -for families with pupils on SEND register to drop in between 9am and 10am
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception Admissions 2025 (Tours by appointment)
30 <sup>th</sup> November and 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas trail weekend (tbc by School Association)
Wb. Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Assessment Week
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	SEND clinic -for families with pupils on SEND register to drop in between 9am and 10am
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Movie Night – tbc by school association
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Y5 Class assembly (9-9.30am)
Wb 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Wrap Room – details tbc by School Association
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Performance (tbc - am)
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Performance (tbc - pm)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Autumn report out to parents
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch (tbc)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2025    Christmas Holiday**





# Menu from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November – beginning with week 1.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Central Autumn Winter Menu 2024 2025</b>					
<b>WEEK ONE</b>					
04/11/24	NEW Tomato & Vegetable Pasta	Cottage Pie with Gravy	<b>CHICKEN SHACK</b> Peri Peri or BBQ Chicken or Quorn with Diced Seasoned Potatoes & Sweetcorn Salsa	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Salmon Fishingers/ Fishingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
25/11/24	Fajitas with Rice	NEW Creamy Chickpea and Coconut Curry with Rice	Vegetables of the Day	NEW Cheese and Broccoli Pasta with Garlic Bread	<b>Cheese &amp; Beans Puff Pastry</b> with Chips & Tomato Sauce
16/11/24	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
20/01/25	Blackberry and Apple Crumble with Custard	Melting Moment Biscuit	Fruit Platter	Carrot and Courgette Cake	Chocolate Orange Cookie
10/02/25					
10/03/25					
31/03/25					
<b>WEEK TWO</b>					
11/11/24	Classic Cheese and Tomato Pizza	NEW Chicken Pasta Bake with Garlic Bread	Sausage and Mash with Gravy	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice	NEW Tuna Pasta Bake or Fishingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
02/12/24	Or Rainbow Pizza	Vegetable Curry with Rice	Vegan Sausage and Mash with Gravy	NEW Mtd Chili with Rice	Cheese and Tomato Quiche with Chips & Tomato Sauce
06/01/25	With Potato Wedges	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
27/01/25	Vegetables of the Day	Jelly with Mandarins	Fruit Medley	Peach Cake	Oaty Cookie
24/02/25	Marble Sponge Cake with Custard				
17/03/25					
07/04/25					
<b>WEEK THREE</b>					
18/11/24	Macaroni Cheese	NEW Mtd Caribbean Chicken with Rice and Peas	Chicken with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognese	Breaded Fish with Chips & Tomato Sauce
09/12/24	Plant Balls in Tomato Sauce with Rice	NEW Caribbean Butterbean Stew with Rice and Peas	Vegan Cottage Pie with Gravy	NEW Hot Pot Baked Bean Casserole with Rice	Cheese and Pepper Omelette with Chips & Tomato Sauce
13/01/25	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
03/02/25	Chocolate and Beetroot Brownie	Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard	Fruit Salad	NEW Savoury Cheese Scone	Vanilla Shortbread
03/03/25					
24/03/25					
<b>MENU KEY</b>	Added Plant Power	Wholemeal	Vegan		
	<b>Available Daily:</b> Fresh Bread – Salad Selection – Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt				
	<p><b>ALLERGY INFORMATION:</b> If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for our child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of cross contamination.</p>				