



Longhorsley Church Of England First School News

Autumn 2 - November 2024 Newsletter

The rest of Autumn 2 has an exciting array of events and activities planned therefore we thought it would be a good idea to send out a newsletter!

Font Alliance Logo Competition

Thank you to all of the children who entered the competition to design the Font Alliance Logo - they were all so good. The Governors from our Resources Committee chose three designs from Longhorsley to go up against entries from the other 7 schools - watch this space for the winning logo - fingers crossed! Huge congratulations to Lottie (Y3), Noah (Y3) and Florence (Y2), who are into the next round!

Football Sessions - Lunchtimes

Now that we have the real possibility of playing against other schools within the Font Alliance, Mr Maquire is coaching the children in a Football Lunchtime Club every Monday and Tuesday lunchtime for children from Years 3 & 4 to practise and fine tune their football skills and prowess!

This is open to all children in Year 3 & 4.



Football Strip Competition

The children who went to the Font Alliance football competition recently, have designed potential new school football kits for us. The School Council members will be overseeing the voting on the future school football kit next week.

Starry Night Christmas Crafts and Non-Uniform Day:

Children can come to school in their sleepwear or onesies for this PTA event on Friday 29th November. The PTA and helpers will also be helping the children complete a Christmas craft and decorate a Star for a loved one to hang on the Village Green Christmas Tree. If your child did not attend the film night and you still need to sign up for this please use this [google form](#).

If you would like to order any additional stars for loved ones, please use this [google form](#).

Christingle Service

Our Christingle Service is at St Helen's Church on Tuesday 3rd December at 9:20am. All are welcome.



Santa Dash - Friday 6th December

We will be taking part in this national fun run event again! Children are invited to wear Santa Hats for the occasion and wellies or trainers, weather dependent, as they run around our school field!

Christmas Performance - School Hall

A reminder that our Nursery & Reception Christmas Performance of Nativity "Through The Eyes of The Animals" is on Wednesday 11th December at 9.30am and Thursday 12th December at 9.30am.

Years 1, 2, 3 & 4 are performing the Littlest Star - Written by Reverend Elaine on Thursday 12th December at 2.00pm & 6.00pm.

Tickets for Christmas performances will be sent out as usual, with two tickets per performance per family. We are very happy if you want to swap these between yourselves, but we do have a maximum capacity for fire regulations for our school hall; so therefore tickets are necessary.

The PTA are looking for donations for the raffle for these performances. "If you have any unwanted gifts, chocolates, smellies, booze etc we would be very grateful for your donations to the school office, thank you".

Please note there is no Great Oaks Forest School or Dance Club on Thursday 12th December.

School Games Live Christmas Special via Zoom!! - Friday 13th December

We will also be taking part in this live sporting event -organised by County Durham Sport .

The session is split up into 3 x 15-minute active fitness sessions from 10:30am - all classes will be involved, via screen, so please can children come in their PE kits on this day.

LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD: A TRIAL

We are taking all the children (nursery included, even if your child does not usually attend on a Monday) to see 'Little Red Riding Hood: A Trial', at Alnwick Playhouse on Monday 16th December with our Federation Friends from Whalton.

We kindly request a voluntary contribution of £12 per child which covers the Ticket and a contribution towards the bus.

To confirm accurate numbers with Alnwick Playhouse, please can you complete this [google form](#) as soon as possible.



Start and Finishing times of the School Day

Thank you to you all for adjusting to the new starting time of 8.50am and finishing time of 3.20pm introduced at the end of September. Doors continue to open at 8.45am for all children to be dropped off earlier if that helps. Once the school doors are shut, learning begins with lovely check in systems across the whole school to ensure that everyone is happy and ready to learn. Please ensure that your children are in school on time so they don't miss out on this. Many thanks for your continued support.

Nursery Parents - Reception places:

A message from Northumberland County Council:

We would like to take this opportunity to ask you to remind parents of Nursery children who will be transitioning into reception in September 2025 that the portal for applying for reception places is now open.

Please remind parents, where relevant, that if their child is currently attending a school nursery, they must still apply for a reception place, even if their preferred choice is at the same school.

If parents do not apply for the child's place in reception, they may not get a place at their preferred chosen school.

We have been told that you must complete an application for your child even if they are currently going through the EHCP needs assessment process. If they already have an EHCP, they should speak to their EHCP Co-ordinator about this.

Applications **MUST** also be made for a reception place, even if parents intend to defer their child's place.

For parents to apply for a reception place they need to log into/create an account on

the [Northumberland admissions portal](#).

If parents are having any difficulty in applying, they should contact schools' admissions on schooladmissions@northumberland.gov.uk or by phone on 01670 624889.

Autumn 2 Diary Dates to Note (Entries in Red are new):



November 2024	
Starry Night Christmas Crafts and Non-Uniform Day:	Friday 29th November
December 2024	
Christingle Service - 9.20am St Helen's Church	Tuesday 3rd December
Santa Dash - remember Santa Hat or similar!	Friday 6th December
Christmas Experience - Children only	Tuesday 10th December
Nursery & Reception Christmas Performance - School Hall 9.30am	Wednesday 11th December
Nursery & Reception Christmas Performance - School Hall 9.30am	Thursday 12th December
Christmas Afternoon Performance Years 1,2,3 & 4 School Hall 2.00pm	Thursday 12th December
Christmas Evening Performance Years 1, 2,3 & 4 School Hall 6.00pm	Thursday 12th December
School Games Live Christmas Special via Zoom.	Friday 13th December
Alnwick Playhouse: LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD: A TRIAL	Monday 16th December (Morning)
Christmas Jumper Day for RE Chosen Charities, children's Christmas dinner	Wednesday 18th December
Christmas Carols on the village green @ 2.30pm (weather permitting)	Wednesday 18th December
Christmas Party Day - Children wear non-uniform Break up for Christmas	Friday 20th December