



Longhorsley Church Of England First School

Autumn 2 Newsletter- November 2025

Welcome back! We hope you all had a restful half term. Autumn 2 has an exciting array of events and activities planned; please see below:

Children to Wear PE Kits on:

Nursery and Reception	Tuesday and Friday
Year 1 to Year 4	Thursday and Friday

Swimming for Autumn 2:

From Thursday 6th November, Class 3 (Year 2 & 3) will be swimming at the Morpeth Sports & Leisure Centre.

The children travel by coach and are dropped off and picked up at the Leisure Centre. Please can children avoid leggings as they are difficult to pull on after swimming, tracksuit bottoms are preferable - many thanks!



Sports Hall for Autumn 2:

Class 4 (Year 4) are also going to Morpeth Sports & Leisure Centre every Thursday. They will be taught basic gross motor skills - running, jumping, throwing and kicking to use in games.

Please can PE kit be worn for this class too and they will need their water bottle as always. Many thanks to the parent helpers for their support, you are invaluable.



PTA Bag 2 School Collection: - Bags were sent home at the end of last term. For Health and Safety, please can bags be dropped at the school from Thursday 6th November till 9am on Friday 7th November. Please follow this [link](#) for a reminder of what you can donate.

After School Clubs:

Dance Club with Kelly

Continuing this term, the club starts on Thursday 6th November until Thursday 18th December (6 weeks) at a cost of £42.00. *There will be no class on the 4th December as this is the Christmas performance.* Contact Kelly on 07583619992 to book your child's place.



1st Footy football skills sports club



This is on a Friday after school from 3.20 - 4.20pm for Reception and Year 1 Children. As there are 6 places left we are opening this up to Year 2 pupils.

Please email:

longhorsleyadmin@fedlongwhaltschools.uk for a place, on a strictly first come basis.

The first session will begin on Friday 7th November and the last session is on Friday 12th December (*it will not be running on the last week of term*). The cost for this club is £3.00 per week (£18 for Autumn Term 2) and is payable via school gateway.



Remembrance Day:

Once again we are supporting the Royal British Legion in school.

On Thursday 6th to Monday 10th November we will be selling - Poppies (£1) - Bracelets/Bands-(£1) Crosses (£2) - Reflectors (£1) and rulers (£1).

On Tuesday 11th November, the Remembrance Day Service will be on the Village Green at 10.45am, all welcome.

Bikeability

Years 3 & 4 are taking part in their Bikeability level 1 training on Friday 14th November. We will be re-circulating the Checklist for this separately. Please note, if the children are unable to take part in this free funded training session due to not having the correct equipment, we have been advised we will be charged, as they will not receive their funding.



Scholastic Book Fair



We are running a Scholastic Book Fair in school week commencing the 17th November. Further details to follow.

Federation Day:

For Inter Faith Week, Whalton C of E Primary School will be joining us at Longhorsley for a variety of fun activities linked to their RE curriculum.

Flu Immunisation:

Just a reminder that the NHS Immunisation Team will be in school on Tuesday 18th November. If you have not signed up yet and would like to please follow this [Link](#) and complete the Flu Vaccination Consent Form, you will need our school code which is NB122283 to do this.

PTA Crafty Christmas

The PTA will be in school on Friday 21st November to help the children complete a Christmas craft and decorate a Star for a loved one to hang on the Village Green Christmas Tree. Children are encouraged to come to school in festive headwear or accessories (Santa Hats, glasses, hair clips, ties etc..)

Thanks to all who signed up for the package which included the film night. If your child **did not** sign up for this package and would like to take part in this event please use this [google form](#).



PTA Crafty Christmas for Afternoon Nursery Children

The PTA are also planning to come back into school in the afternoon to help the afternoon nursery children to complete a Christmas craft and decorate a Star for a loved one to hang on the Village Green Christmas Tree (morning nursery will have already done theirs in the morning). If you have not signed up for this yet please use this [google form](#).

Nursery Christmas Performance:

Please note that all nursery children (am and pm) are invited to take part in both Christmas performances. Please complete this [google form](#) to let us know if your child will be attending both. For the afternoon children, they are still entitled to their pm sessions, but they will need to be dropped off (9.00am) and picked up after both morning performances, timing to be confirmed.



Nursery parents will need to apply for a place in our Reception for September 2026 -

Admissions Portal Opened 1st November 2025

If your child is due to start school in Reception class in Northumberland in September 2026 and you live in the county, you will need to apply for a place at your preferred first or primary schools via the Council's Admissions Portal between 1 November 2025 and 15 January 2026.

- The link to the Admissions Portal is here [Admissions Portal](#)
- Guidance on how to use the portal is available here: [Guidance on How to Use Admissions Portal for Reception Places](#)
- Further information about applying the online is available here: [School Admissions Leaflet 2026-27](#)
- Information on school admissions policies, the admissions process and details of individual high and secondary schools and the Admissions Handbook are available here: [School information handbooks | Northumberland County Council](#)
- We advise that you read the Admissions Handbook carefully before applying on the portal, but if you have any further questions on admissions then please contact the Admissions Team via the email provided above.

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

November 2025		
Tuesday - starting 4th November	Reception and Nursery only have PE on this day - please send in PE kits	
Thursday 6th November	Swimming for Years 2 & 3 Year 4 in the sports hall	Morpeth Leisure Centre
Friday 7th November	Whole school PE kits please, including Nursery	
Friday 7th November	PTA Bag 2 School Collection	
Monday 10th November	Royal British Legion Poppy Sale	
Tuesday 11th November	Remembrance Day Service	10:45 Village Green
Friday 14th November	Bikeability Years 3 and 4	In school
Monday 17th November	Federation Day - Inter Faith Week - venues and details TBC	
Tuesday 18th November	Flu Immunisation	

Friday 21st November	PTA Crafty Christmas	
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December 2025		
Wednesday 3rd December	Nursery & Reception Christmas Performance	School Hall 9:30
Thursday 4th December	Nursery & Reception Christmas Performance	School Hall 9:30
Thursday 4th December	Christmas Afternoon Performance Years 1,2,3 & 4	School hall 2pm
Thursday 4th December	Christmas Evening Performance Years 1, 2,3 & 4	School hall 6pm
Tuesday 16th December	Christmas Jumper Day for RE Chosen Charities, Christmas dinner for children, followed by Christingle Service	Christingle Service - St Helen's Church 2:30pm
Wednesday 17th December	Hansel and Gretel Performance at Alnwick Theatre	1.00pm
Friday 19th December	Christmas Party Day - Children wear non-uniform Break up for Christmas	