

Term 6 Newsletter



Longcause
Community Special School

Key Dates

- Summer Holidays begin: Thursday 24th July
- New Term begins: Monday 8th September
- Swimming for Explorers begins: Tuesday 9th September
- Parents & Carers Coffee Morning: Tuesday 16th September

Our Attendance for this term is: 89.87%

A Message From The Head

End of Year Reflections and Celebrations

As we come to the close of another vibrant school year, we take a moment to reflect on the incredible journeys our pupils have taken, the milestones they've reached, and the memories we've made together.

A special farewell goes to our wonderful Year 11 students. It was a joy to celebrate their achievements at the leavers' event at The George – a truly memorable evening filled with laughter, pride, and a few happy tears. We are so proud of all they have accomplished, from their accreditations to the lasting impact they've had on our school community. Watching their growth over the years has been nothing short of inspiring.

This time of year also gives us the chance to celebrate the achievements and development of all our pupils. We are thrilled to see the progress they've made across our curriculum, as well as through our Regulation to Resilience framework and their EHCP outcomes. Every step forward is a testament to their hard work and the support of our dedicated staff and families.

Transitions to new classes have gone smoothly, and we're pleased to see pupils and staff settling into their new routines before the holiday break. We hope this helps everyone enjoy a more relaxed and stress-free summer, and sets us up for a smoother start in September.

This week, we've also had the pleasure of welcoming 21 new pupils to our school. It's been wonderful getting to know them and seeing new friendships begin to blossom.

Looking ahead to September, we're delighted to welcome back Adam Fry, who returns to us as an ECT teacher after completing his training. Adam has been a valued part of our school community for many years, and we're thrilled to have him back in this new role.

We're also excited to officially welcome our two new school dogs, Honey and Edie. Many pupils have been asking for dogs to return to school since we said goodbye to Jessie, and we're pleased to begin formal plans for their integration. We'll be sending out more information to families soon. If your child has any allergies, phobias, or fears related to dogs, please let us know so we can make appropriate arrangements.

We're excited to end the year on a high with our much-loved Sports Day! We hope families can join us once again for this joyful event — a big end-of-year treat for everyone.

As we head into the summer holidays, we want to thank all our families for their continued support. We wish you a restful, joyful break and look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year ahead.



Explorers Pathway News

Nic's Class

Nic's class have settled well with all the changes in the last few weeks. We have welcomed 3 new pupils and can't wait to get Term 1 up and running. We have enjoyed exploring the Quad area and developing our motor skills in the sand, water and climbing the ramps.

Amber's Class

In the weeks leading up to the transition we were exploring making marks with vehicles and exploring cars, trains and boats.



Jo & Rachel's Class

We have had a busy time settling into our new class. We have made cakes and been out for a walk as well as doing all our other lessons. We even created our own class cafe where we took orders and prepared and served crumpets, strawberries and drinks!



Ella & Vicki's Class

Ella and Vicki's class have been settling into their new room and routines. We have been carrying on with hammering in DT. Most can now use a hammer safely and are getting increasingly accurate and confident when hammering nails into balsa wood.



Harriet & Donna's Class

In Harriet and Donna's class we have enjoyed our community participation sessions, creating a cafe in our classroom. This helped the students to rehearse key skills in asking for a drink or snack.

The students have practised DT skills in using tools safely, creating a design with a hammer and nails. Their skills are continuously improving. We have also revisited music learning that the students loved earlier in the year, creating digital music.



Lily's Class

Lily's class has been settling in well in the new classroom and with our new friends. We have been learning about rules and who makes the rules in different situations.



Adventurers Pathway News

Adam & Grace's Class

DT was fun this term. We learned how to use hammers to make a simple nail art piece of work. Pupils initially rehearsed with wooden hammers but progressed to using metal hammers and nails. They each came up with a design and transferred this onto a piece of wood, hammered in the nails and then used coloured string to finish it off. They were all really pleased with their work.



Amanda/ Charlie's Class

Over the term, we have enjoyed practicing our cycling skills in PE. We were rehearsing the best ways to set off whilst checking for hazards, picking up tips for how we can steer more accurately and also how we can use the brakes in the safest way possible. Some of us have been practicing our cycling skills further in the cycling club during our social learning time and we are looking forward to some more time on the bikes as we head towards the summer break!

Beth's Class

In Beth class, we have been working hard on our cycling skills in P.E. We have also been practising our road safety skills whilst walking around the local area. In our P.R lesson we have been practising our conversation skills. We really enjoyed our trip to River Dart Country Park where we were able to play with friends in the lovely weather and celebrate the end of a fantastic year.



A Fond Farewell to Our Incredible Year 11s

We couldn't be prouder of everything our Year 11 pupils have achieved during their time at Longcause. It has been a true privilege to watch them grow, overcome challenges, and develop into the inspiring young people they are today.

To mark the end of their journey with us, we held a special celebration evening with staff, pupils, and families - a heartfelt tribute to their time at Longcause and all they have accomplished.

We wish each and every one of them the very best as they take their next steps and continue to shine in whatever path they choose.



Absence Procedure

If your son/daughter is not in school due to illness then please contact the school office by 9.45am. It is ok to leave a message if phoning outside of school hours. If pupils do not require school transport, please ensure you inform them of this by contacting 01752 308770 (Plymouth City Council).



Safeguarding at Longcause Community Special School

If you are concerned about anything you see while you are here at Longcause, please ask to see one of the safeguarding team.

Designated Safeguarding Lead	Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	Safeguarding Team	Safeguarding Team
				
Anne Hutchinson Head Teacher	Faye James Deputy Headteacher	Trudi Skinner Deputy Headteacher	Theresa Baldry-Lee Family Support	Jade Johnson-Sweet Family Support

If you have a concern regarding a member of staff, a volunteer or visitor, please see the Headteacher. If the concern is regarding the Headteacher, please contact our Chair of Governors.

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Headteacher	Chair of Governors
	
<p data-bbox="416 680 616 707">Anne Hutchinson</p> <p data-bbox="277 712 756 741">ahutchinson@longcause.plymouth.sch.uk</p>	<p data-bbox="1007 680 1150 707">Fred Jenkins</p> <p data-bbox="879 712 1273 741">chair@longcause.plymouth.sch.uk</p>

If you feel there is any conflict of interest in reporting to the Headteacher or Chair of Governors, you can contact the Plymouth Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO)

<p data-bbox="794 898 863 925">LADO</p>
<p data-bbox="667 958 986 987">Sally Parma - 01752 306340</p>

For local summer activities please see the Newsletter summer activities link on the previous page.