



Week Four Newsletter

A Message From The Headteacher

We loved welcoming families into school this week to join our English sessions. The feedback from families has been lovely, and I hope you enjoyed spending time in school with your child in one of their lessons. It was also great to meet with families afterwards for a coffee. Please remember you are always welcome to come in and see us, just give us a call. If you weren't able to come, and would like a different opportunity to come in and see your child's learning, please just make contact and let me know.

Next week we have two special days planned, the first being our very first cultural day on Wednesday. This time it's all things Italy! We plan to immerse pupils in Italian culture, including food, music and history. Pupils are welcome to wear Italian colours, or dress in full Italy fancy dress!

The second day is our 'Hello Yellow' day on Friday. This is an annual campaign by Young Minds to support mental health awareness. Pupils are encouraged to wear something yellow, and on this day we will be having a special assembly as well as completing activities in class which support mental wellbeing.

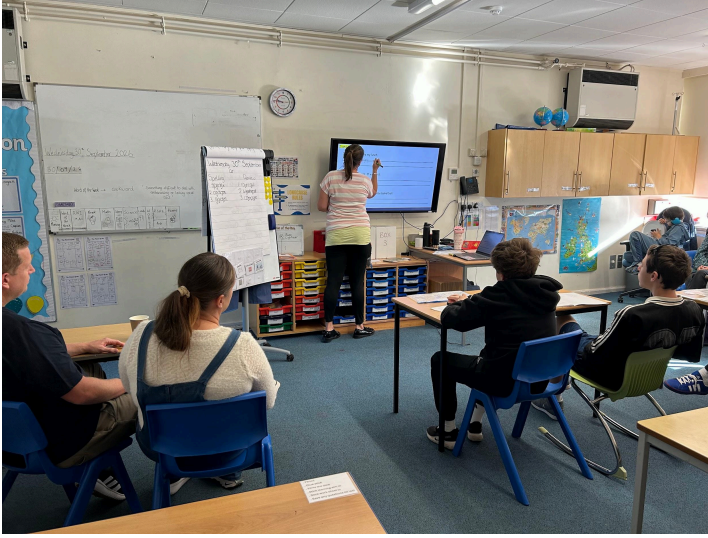
On Monday, we interviewed for more Teaching Assistants to join us at Longcause. I am very pleased that we have employed some new fantastic members of support staff to join our team after half term.

Looking ahead to the 23rd October and our Harvest family activities, we are so excited to have plans in motion for our very own Longcause Pick Your Own Pumpkin Patch 🎃. Every pupil in the school will have the opportunity to go and pick their own pumpkin to then carve as part of the activities.

I hope you have a great weekend!



English Open Session





Well done Harrison!

Last week Harrison went for a meal out before, and then the circus and even had his face painted! Harrison's family note that this is the biggest achievement ever being exposed to the public for him. We are so proud of you!





Key Dates

30th September - 9:30 - 11am - English open session for families followed by a cup of tea with the Family Team! 📖

7th October - Cultural Day for pupils - Italy 🍕

9th October - 'Hello Yellow' Mental Health Awareness Day

16th October - Wear Red for Racism

21st October (after school) - Spooky disco! 🎃

23rd October (morning) - Church harvest event - **pupils only**

23rd October 12:30-2pm - Family Harvest activities in school 🍇

23rd October - Last day of term

4th November - First day back to school ✈️

Absence Procedure

If your son/daughter is not in school due to illness then please contact the school office by 9am. 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).



Governors

We are looking for enthusiastic and committed individuals to join our Governing Board and help shape the future of Longcause Community Special School. If you would like to use your skills and experience to support our school and make a positive difference, we would love to hear from you. To find out more about the role and the commitment involved, please contact the school.

				
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