



The Acorn Partnership

Marston Montgomery Primary School
Long Lane C of E Primary School

Newsletter – October 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy autumn term, I want to take a moment to thank you for your continued support in school life. We are so proud of the children's enthusiasm and the positive atmosphere they bring to school each day. As we look forward to a well-earned break, I hope you enjoy this newsletter highlighting the successes and special moments from the term.

Office Staff Hours - Update

Due to a change in personal circumstances, Mrs Bettson has resigned from her post as School Business Assistant, we wish her luck in her next venture. If you have a question for the office please contact them by telephone or email so that they can initially deal with your request in that way.

As Mrs Lovett does not work full time, please send your email to both Mrs Lovett and Mrs Bosley, thank you.

Mrs Lovett – mlovett@acorn.derbyshire.sch.uk

Mrs Bosley – tbosley@acorn.derbyshire.sch.uk

Attendance

As always, attendance continues to be a focus for schools. At both of our schools we aim for an overall attendance of above 95%. This half-term we are exceeding this target with the following overall attendance at each school, -

LLPS – 97.4%

MMPS – 98.7%

Well done everyone!



Fortnite

Please find attached to the email a poster 'What parents and educators need to know about Fortnite'.

Swimming

After half term, children in the Meadow Class will continue their swimming lessons at Ashbourne Pool.

The first swimming session is on Tuesday 4th November. Meadow Class children at Long Lane will not be back at school until 3:45pm.



Events

A list of events for the Autumn term is at the end of this newsletter. Please note some dates may change or be added.

Second-Hand School Uniform

Long Lane already have a collection of second-hand uniform which parents can buy for a donation. I would like to start the same thing at Marston. If you have any uniform that you no longer need and is good condition please donate it to school and we will start a collection of second-hand uniform. Thank you

Warm regards

Teresa Bosley

Executive Head Teacher

Long Lane C.E. Primary School



Long Lane – Events in Autumn 1 2025

FOLL: Coffee and Cake: 10/09/25

We were delighted to be joined by so many of our families and friends. Thank you to everyone who made cakes, helped run the event or ate cakes! The event raised £72 for FOLL's funds.



Garden Class: Phonics Workshop: 17/09/25

It was lovely that so many of our parents were able to come to our phonics workshop, we hope you found it useful. It is wonderful that our parents are so supportive and work with their children to read their books daily and practice their phonics.

Macmillan Coffee Event: 26/09/25

This was once again brilliantly supported by our families and friends. In total the Acorn Partnership raised £404 for this very worthy cause – thank you.



Harvest Service: 03/10/25

This year at our Harvest Service our Meadow Class children reminded us of the journey our food has been on to get to us while our Garden Class children shared a harvest poem with us. Your generous donations of produce were gratefully received by the food bank.



Bike Ability – L1 to 3: 08/10/25

Children in Year 6 spent the afternoon at Marston where they completed the first of their Bike Ability sessions. Well done Year 6.

Joint Day: Sports Focus: 24/10/25

Today the children have experienced American Football and Volleyball. They practiced passing, throwing, catching, kicking, dribbling, tackling. The children have embraced this enthusiastically and shown maturity when participating in a contact sport.

Long Lane – Events in Autumn 2 2025

Date	Event	Time	Where
03/11/25	School reopens	8:55am	
14/11/25	Children in Need	All day	Children wear non-uniform in return for a donation
17/11/25	Open Afternoon	1:30pm - 3:30pm	Prospective parents are warmly invited to visit our school
18/11/25	Garden Class: Cross Country Event	9am - 11:30am	More information to follow
21/11/25	Celebration Assembly	9:00am	Parents are invited to join us to celebrate the children's work so far this year
28/11/25	INSET Day	All day	School closed to children for staff training
10/12/25	Nativity	6pm	Family and friends are invited to join us for our Nativity in Church.
11/12/25	Nativity at Care Home	9:30am	The children will perform their Nativity at a local care home
17/12/25	Pantomime	10am	The children will watch the panto at Derby Arena
18/12/25	Christmas Dinner & Party	12:15pm – 3:30pm	The children may wear non-uniform today
19/12/25	Christingle Service	2:30pm	Family and friends are invited to join us for our Christingle Service in Church
22/12/25 to 02/01/26	Christmas Holiday		
05/01/26	School reopens	8:55am	

Long Lane – Events in Autumn 2025: Regular Events

Date	Event	Time	Where
14/11/25 12/12/25	Little Monkeys	1:30pm - 3:00pm	Pre-school children are invited to join our Garden Class for an afternoon of fun activities.
04/11/25 11/11/25 18/11/25 25/11/25 02/12/25	Swimming	1:25pm – 3:30pm	All children in Meadow Class will go swimming.
07/11/25 21/11/25 05/12/25	Little Monkeys – Forest School	1:30pm - 3:00pm	During the Autumn term our Garden Class children will participate in a series of Forest School sessions. When the children are taking part in Forest School they will need to bring suitable clothing, e.g. wellington boots, raincoats, gloves, hats etc. Forest School sessions happen whatever the weather is like so children MUST be appropriately dressed! Please take clothing home after each session. Pre-school children are welcome to join the sessions.