



## LYNGFORD PARK PRIMARY & NURSERY

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**Autumn Term**

**Newsletter 13**

**5<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

Dear Parents and Carers

### Parent Survey

Final chance to have your say and let the Richard Huish Trust bosses know how you think Lyngford Park Primary is doing.



[Online Questionnaire - Survey Manager](#)

### Reception: The Big Little Nativity Performance

Thank you to our Reception Class who treated their parents to a lovely Nativity this week. Despite the standard illness and absences affecting the team, they all performed amazingly well. During the evening performance, it was clear tiredness was creeping in, but they made it. Thank you to all parents who came, watched and encouraged...they were superstars!

### Cards V Litter V Environment V Cost.

At a time when some give cards, it is causing increased litter as envelopes and even cards are discarded as rubbish, which is a shame. Christmas is already expensive enough, maybe something to consider. We no longer have a Christmas Post-box in school as it is too time consuming for those who sort and deliver.

### Free School Meals – are you missing out?

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, as well as any child in Years 3-6, who is entitled to Free School Meals can have a hot meal every day, 100% funded by the Government. This funding directly saves parents from buying packed lunches. **Following the recent meal-tasting session, all those who tried the food were impressed with the high quality of the nutritious food, without exception.**

### Ordering School Lunches – in January

For week of 5<sup>th</sup> January please order by midnight on 17<sup>th</sup> December or you will be required to bring in a packed lunch.

### Christmas Dinner

It's still not too late to order a Christmas dinner please go on to MCAS by midnight on the 8<sup>th</sup> December.

### Pupil Premium – are you missing out?

Parents/carers who receive any of the following may be entitled to free school meals (and the Pupil Premium):

- *Income Support (IS)*
- *Employment Support Allowance (Income Related)*
- *Universal Credit with an annual household income of below £7400 after tax*
- *Income-based Job Seekers Allowance (IBJSA)*
- *Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit.*



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- *Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999*

You can complete an online application using [this link](#) or ask us to help.

### Attendance

For all children: 93.3%. 95% is our target.

Every child should aim for 95% or more, but 90%+ avoids being classed as Persistently Absent.

After a great start to the year, in recent weeks our attendance is falling away quite concerningly. There are now 34 children who have an attendance less than 90%, so are missing the equivalent of 1 day every 2 weeks.

- 9 children = 85%-90% - can get above 90% if coming to school every day.
- 17 children = 90%-92%, so in good position, but mustn't drop.
- **Good news is 127 children have 99% - 100% AMAZING!!!!**
- If you would like to know your child's attendance, we can share it with you, just pop to the office.
- If anyone has any ideas who we can improve some children's attendance, please let us know.

### Citizens Somerset

On Thursday evening, Dylan, Scarlet, Pranav, Progress and Tony attended the latest Citizens event at Castle School with Mr Arnold and Mr Bradley. They spoke so articulately in front of around 200 people! The event was to celebrate all the work Citizens Somerset have achieved in recent times. For Lyngford Park School, we shared about the Participatory Photography initiative some of our children took part in.

### Year 6 Maths Team – Brilliant!

Last Saturday, our team scored 19/25! It was a highly competitive competition, and our team excelled themselves. 3<sup>rd</sup> place scored 21, so they achieved beyond their expectations! Amazing effort. No team has EVER achieved 100% in the history of the event! Thank you to Mrs Loasby-Seal who attended with them on a Saturday morning.

*Nick Arnold*