Lyngford Latest

Headteacher: Mr Nick Arnold
Deputy Headteachers: Mr Bawden & Mrs Marriott
Safeguarding: Kim Barratt & Mrs Marriott

Autumn Term 1 **Newsletter 1** **4th September**

Dear Parents / Carers

Happy New Year!

A very warm welcome to the first edition of Lyngford Latest. From next week, this will be a fortnightly Newsletter to keep parents and carers informed of all the wonderful successes we achieve together.

New Leadership Arrangements

To confirm from previous information sent out, the new leadership arrangements are as follows:

Headteacher	**Mr Nick Arnold**
Deputy Headteachers	**Mrs Marriott & Mr Bawden**
Safeguarding Lead	**Kim Barratt**
SENDCo	**Mrs Ingram**

At Lyngford Park and Nerrols, the leadership team will support both sites. Should you wish to discuss a specific aspect, please use the usual arrangements of emailing the school office and we will respond accordingly. We also look forward to seeing you at morning drop-offs and afternoon pick-ups.

Change for the Children?

Children at Lyngford Park will continue to receive a great provision, which will continue to improve under the new leadership. The team will monitor closely and introduce improvements effectively and strategically. Children will only be affected in a positive way, with new opportunities being presented during the year. The only slight difference is that I will split my time between Nerrols and Lyngford Park over the course of the week, however Mr Bawden and Mrs Marriott will effectively be in charge when I am not actually present.

How smart they all look…and the classrooms too!

Thank you so much for how smart all the children look! They are all wearing the correct uniform and are truly representing our school with pride. Please can we keep this up and ensure our children continue to feel proud to be part of the Lyngford Park community. As always, named uniform is essential to help any wandering jumpers find their way back to their owners!

In addition, every classroom looks inviting, inspiring, and ready for children to flourish. Cherry and Rowan classrooms have been completely refurbished, and Holly Class has doubled in size. Without exception, all the classrooms look amazing. Thank you to all our staff for their hard work and dedication!

Attendance

You will have seen on the news, the new higher expectations for good attendance in all schools. Our statistics last year was 2% increase on the previous year, which was excellent, and we look to match and raise this again. Incredibly 26 children achieved 100% attendance last year…challenge set to beat that.

We are aiming for 95% across both schools for this year, which will be National Average. Sickness happens, and children must be absent when too unwell to attend, but when they are a 'little under the weather', just let us know…we'll look after them and call you if needed. Thank you for your cooperation on this key matter.

Summer Improvements

It has certainly been a busy summer with many improvement projects taking place across our great school

- ✓ The internal works of the SEND Pod will be completed on 10th September, with the outside area completed during the Autumn Term.
- ✓ Rowan and Cherry Classes (Year 5 Classes) are fortunate to have completely refurbished classrooms.
- ✓ Holly Class has been much bigger with 2 internal walls removed.

- ✓ The Nursery also has a new office.
- ✓ The site has been blitzed and is ready for the new year ahead.
- ✓ Many fire doors have been replaced.
- ✓ Mr Barry has also completed endless tasks to make our school look amazing!

Term Dates & Key Information

Coming out next week will be a set of dates for the Autumn Term and year ahead, but for already confirmed term dates for all the year, please find these on our website. Each class have already sent out their Class Newsletter, so you will already be fully aware of your child's learning and requirements.

Again, any questions for the class teacher, please liaise with them, however, please ensure you have read the documents before you ask the question, as the answers may already be there. Many thanks for your cooperation on this matter.

Department for Education

This is to certify that:

Claire Hake

has been awarded the

National Professional Qualification for Leading Primary Mathematics

Awarded: 24 August 2026

CONGRATULATIONS Mrs Hake!

Mrs Hake has achieved her NPQ for Primary Maths – superb recognition for her hard work in Maths. Mrs Hake doesn't just lead Maths at Lyngford Park, she also supports many teachers from other schools on a weekly basis as part of continuous professional development in Maths.

It is lovely to celebrate achievements for children and staff and very much part of what we do at Lyngford Park – developing everyone to continue to improve in their own developments.

On behalf of my staff, may I wish you a happy academic year ahead at Lyngford Park.

Best Wishes

Nick Arnold