



Larwood School

Online Safety Update

Autumn Term 2

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This week it was [reported](#) that people are spending even more time online than we were during the pandemic. UK adults spent over half an hour longer online every day in 2025 than they did during the pandemic, according to an annual survey of internet habits by the regulator Ofcom. The Online Nation report found on average, people in the UK spent four hours and 30 minutes online every day in 2025 - 31 minutes longer than in 2021. While more than eight in ten aged 8-17 said they were happy with the amount of time they spent on the internet, they also recognised there were negative impacts of endlessly scrolling on smartphones. It may be a good time to consider a digital detox!

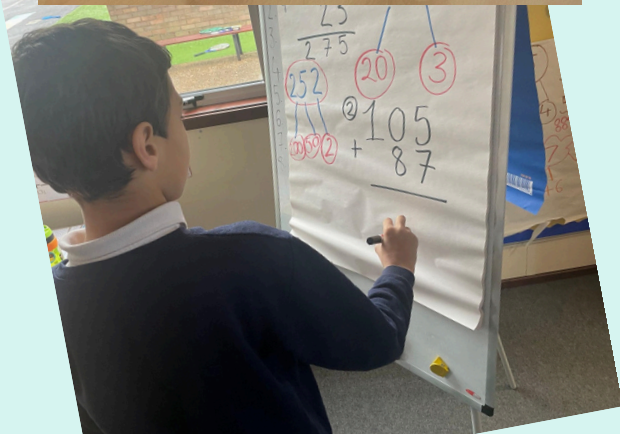
Step into Christmas

A short week ahead of the excitement of Christmas week has seen many of our classes trying in tasks linked to the festivities. This has included working on our letter writing skills, thinking about Christmas shopping budgets and using recipes to bake and design biscuits.

Preparations for the Christmas Show on Wednesday continue to make incredible progress, and we look forward to welcoming families into school to share what looks to be a really beautiful performance.

As we look ahead to next week, ensuring there is active, purposeful learning taking place, alongside all of the bonus events, will be top of our list. We will be reflecting on our Phonics provision, and reviewing student's progress across this term.

As we reflect on the term, please don't forget to complete the [survey](#) that has been sent out. We always appreciate your feedback.



Space Hub Spruce Up



The Space Hub staff team and friends have worked really hard to set up the new Sensory Circuit. This new set of resources has been planned as a physical activity to alert, organise and calm students so they can be prepared for classroom learning. The students have already responded very positively to their new space.

A big thank you to Miss Kimpton and her team for putting this together!



We continue to welcome the Hertfordshire Community Police to school to build positive relationships across the school community. This week students learnt about the age of criminal responsibility and got to visit the riot van!

PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Mrs Boon - George G for accepting help from adults when feeling dysregulated and trying his best to earn his points.

Mrs Lewis - Charlie for showing great maturity by allowing adults to support him when he needs it. We are very proud of the positive choices he is making.

Miss Gwynne - Theodore for consistently working hard

Mrs MacGuinness - Macie B for always being eager to help others.

Mr Sheldon - Elliott for showing excellent examples of behaviour

Mr Gotobed - Edward for using very creative language in his writing in English

Miss Saunders - Reuben H for some brilliant effort in maths this week!

Mrs Boyo - Louie L for improved behaviour in class! Keep this up!

Miss Kimpton's Space Hub - Freddie V for reading with Miss Milner

ATTENDANCE AWARDS



This week's saw the most Improved attendance from students in Mrs Boyo's class.

Highest attendance was Miss Lewis - Key Stage 1 have done so well this time, with both Miss Lewis and Miss Boon's class in joint second place, however at the top of the League is Mr Gotobed's class. Their brilliant attendance has nothing to do with a secret snack cupboard that was discovered last week... All to play for in the last week of term!



DON'T FORGET

DATES FOR THE DIARY



December 2025		
Wednesday 17th	13:30	Christmas Show (see letter on next page)
Thursday 18th	in-school only	Christmas Dinner - whole school together for lunch, with adaptation as necessary
Friday 19th	13:00	End of Term; early finish

January 2026		
Monday 5th	09:00	Return to school
week commencing 19th	To be confirmed by Class Team	Parents & Carer Progress Meetings
Friday 30th	13:30	Parents & Carers' Coffee Morning
February 2026		
Friday 28th	10:30	Parents & Carers' Coffee Morning
Friday 13th	14:20	Half Term

Christmas Show Letter 28.11.2025



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Friday November, 28th 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas Performance – Wednesday 17th December at 1:30 pm

We are delighted to invite you to our wonderful Christmas performance, which will take place on **Wednesday 17th December at 1:30 pm**.

The children have been working exceptionally hard with Mrs Longcroft on their version of *Elf*, and it promises to be a truly magical performance! Meanwhile, Mrs Boon and Mrs Lewis' class have been preparing a lovely Nativity production.

We are pleased to welcome our entire Larwood community to attend, whether or not you have a child performing. This is a wonderful opportunity for us all to come together and celebrate the festive season.

To help us prepare, please complete the attached form below, indicating how many seats you would like to reserve and the name of the child you are coming to support if they are in the performance.

We will also be selling hot chocolate and mince pies for you to enjoy during the event – the perfect treat to add to the festive atmosphere! Please bring cash.

We look forward to seeing you there for an afternoon filled with Christmas joy and celebration.

Warm wishes,

Mrs Osobu

