

As a successful, enjoyable and long term 1 at Langtree draws to a close it is great to have this opportunity to reflect on all the varied areas our students have been successful in. Our new year 7 students have settled in well and are now fully part of our community. It is equally pleasing to see the older students growing in maturity and independence.

The term started with us celebrating another successful set of exam results. Our class of 2024 did extremely well in their GCSE and other exams. We are very much looking forward to celebrating with them at their certificate presentation and awards evening on 12th November when we can catch up on how they are all doing in Life after Langtree.

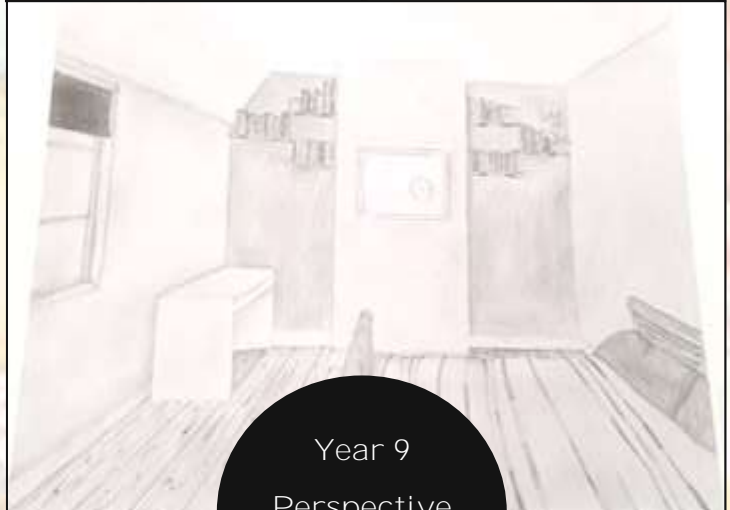
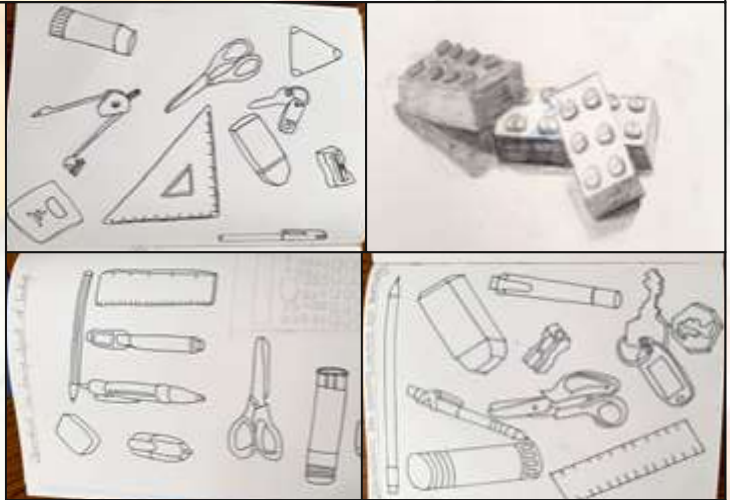
As we know it is not only the academic achievement of our students that makes Langtree the flourishing school it is. There have been student council elections to develop students' leadership skills and their meaningful involvement in the running of the school. The house system continues to foster a healthy competition between students. In sports we always compete with, and regularly beat, much bigger schools and the huge amount of food we collected during our harvest festival was a massive testament to the generosity of our school community.

Term 1 is always busy with open events. As usual our Open Evening and Open Mornings were exciting and crowded events, with primary school pupils and their families coming from far and wide to witness for themselves what makes Langtree so successful. The answer, as it always is, is our phenomenal students and fantastic staff. The students excelled as tour guides, subject hosts and demonstrators. As always, our staff went over and above in their efforts to show our visitors what an amazing place Langtree is to learn. Parent after parent were telling me how impressed they were with our mature and erudite students and the engagement and excellence of our staff.

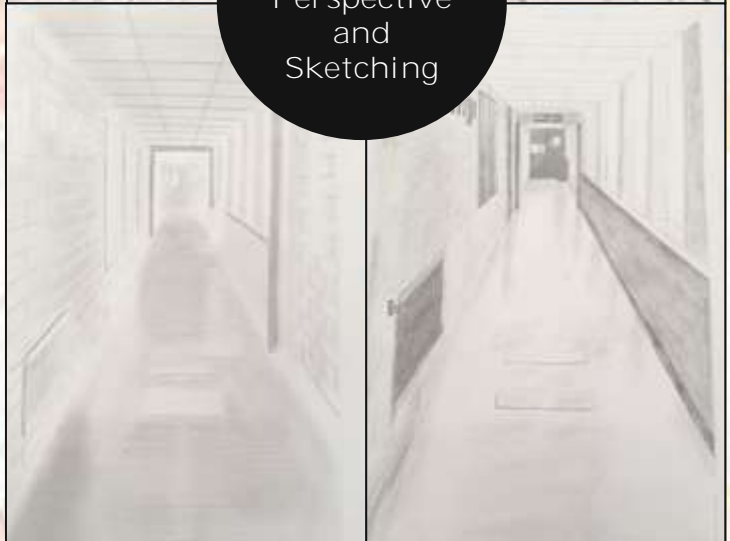
This term we have also had curriculum information evenings, Year 7 parents had a chance to Meet the Tutor, a year 11 geography field trip to Swanage, a music visit to Trinity College, Oxford, the year 9 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh group commenced and the DoE group from last year received their certificates at Henley Town Hall.

Next term promises to be just as busy, with Creativity Day on 14th November, Certificate presentation evening, the year 9 trip to the Battlefields of Belgium and France, we are planning to start a new student newspaper or blog and the Year 11s are looking forward(!) to their Mock Exams. I wish you all a relaxing break and I hope you are all looking forward, as I am, to next term with excitement.

Simon Bamford, Headteacher.



Year 9  
Perspective  
and  
Sketching



## Langtree's Grit Falls Short as Wallingford Claims Derby

Wallingford "Field of Dreams" lived up to its billing, offering fans a thrilling spectacle in what was a league fixture with the intensity of a local derby. Langtree showed tremendous grit and determination, but Wallingford walked away victorious in both matches, winning the first 19-5 and the second in a much tighter affair, 14-10.

Despite the losses, Langtree's players demonstrated outstanding resilience, showcasing the progress they've made on the training pitch since the season began. This was their first competitive fixture of the year, and while Wallingford ultimately came out on top, the games were a far cry from the one-sided contests of the past.

The matches were filled with excitement and pivotal moments. In the second game, Langtree's Seb lit up the field with a dazzling try, weaving his way through the Wallingford defence with the precision of a seasoned pro. The first game featured an electric moment when Nicholl took off on a 50-meter burst, creating a perfect opportunity for Potter to cross the line and score.

Frost also made his presence felt with a series of massive tackles, leading from the front with his physicality and work rate. Hall, although dominant in the lineouts, had a mixed day with his kicking, soaring high but crashing back down in a less fortunate fashion.

Langtree's standout players included Van Heerden, Potter and Nicholl, all of whom played pivotal roles in keeping their side in contention. The overall teamwork and individual brilliance ensured that Wallingford never had the chance to rest on their laurels.

### **"VAN HEERDEN TIPTOES TO GLORY"**

After years of being overshadowed by Wallingford, Langtree's performances in both games marked a significant turning point. Each match remained highly competitive, with either team looking capable of clinching victory at any moment. While Wallingford capitalized on a few key moments to secure their wins, Langtree's efforts suggested they are closing the gap rapidly, and the future looks bright for this young squad.

Langtree coach Mr. Whelan couldn't have been prouder of his team, especially given that this was their first outing of the season. Speaking in a press conference after the game, he said, "This team has come so far already from the start. With this being our first competitive fixture of the year, nerves and excitement were up. The subtle hint of this being a derby added more excitement to the occasion. I could not have been prouder of the boys who crossed the painted line today – every single one of them! You can't build an impressive skyscraper without foundations, and it was clear to see we have laid our foundations today."

Mr Whelan's comments highlight the positivity in the Langtree camp, despite the results. The coach's confidence in his team's progress reflects the growing belief that this squad is on the verge of something special.

**"You can't build anything without strong foundations and that's what we put down today"**

Mr Whelan

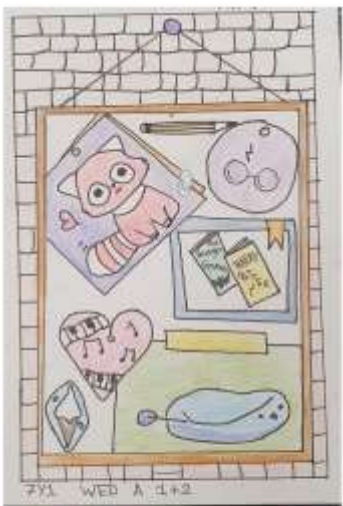
The outcome of these fixtures, while disappointing in terms of scorelines, has done little to dampen Langtree's spirits. Morale is high, and the players are eager for the challenges ahead. With strong individual performances and a clear sense of progress, Langtree's rugby team is building a foundation for future success.

Wallingford, on the other hand, will be pleased to start their season with two hard-fought victories. Both teams showed immense sportsmanship, congratulating one another after the final whistle, a reflection of the mutual respect between these local rivals.

Langtree may have lost the battle, but they've certainly made their mark. With fixtures ahead, the team is already looking forward to turning these narrow defeats into victories as they continue to grow as a unit.

This was a gripping contest that showcased the heart and determination of Langtree's rugby team. As the season progresses, the lessons learned from these encounters will no doubt fuel their ambition for greater success in the future.





Year 7  
Art Sketch  
Book  
Front Covers



### Celebrating Excellence: Team Awesome Award

We are thrilled to highlight the exceptional performance of our dedicated catering team at Langtree School, led by Amanda. Over the past term, their hard work and commitment have been nothing short of outstanding. In recognition of their extraordinary efforts, the team has been nominated for a prestigious team recognition award. We are proud to announce that the senior management team at ABM Catering has honoured them with the Team Awesome Award. This accolade is particularly significant as it is open to all sites across the UK, underscoring the remarkable standard of service our team has consistently provided.

The dedication of Amanda, Brian, Manjula, Ann Mary, and Andrea has been pivotal in ensuring that both students and staff receive meals of the highest quality. Their commitment to excellence not only enhances the dining experience but also fosters a sense of community within the school.

This award serves as a testament to their hard work, teamwork, and unwavering commitment to catering excellence. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and grateful for their contribution to our school.

Congratulations to Amanda, Brian, Manjula, Ann Mary and Andrea! Your efforts have not gone unnoticed, and this recognition is well-deserved. Keep up the fantastic work!



Thank you for all the donations of food for the Harvest Collection



22nd October 2024

Mr S Bamford  
Langtree School  
Reading Road  
Woodcote  
RG8 0RA



Dear Mr Bamford,

I write on behalf of the Wallingford food bank to thank your students, parents and staff for the very generous donations received today.

It is so encouraging to see that the community at Langtree school is still able to support us in this way. Sadly we continue to see high demand for our service. Your gifts will really help us to help those in need.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Alice Penney".

Alice Penney  
Manager

"I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat."

Registered Charity No. 1169402  
Chairman: Anthony Clements      Manager: Alice Penney  
Ridgeway Community Church, 21b/22 St Mary's Street  
Wallingford OX10 0EW    t 01491 876677  
e [ridgewayfood@outlook.com](mailto:ridgewayfood@outlook.com)



**Year 10 and Year 11 GCSE Music:** students enjoyed a trip to Trinity College—Oxford University as part of the University outreach programme for KS 4 students to find out more about the opportunities for their next steps after Year



Congratulations to Jemimah O and the team from Woodland Hunt PC who competed at the PC Arena Eventing at Blenheim International Horse Trials. The event hosted 42 teams from across the area. Each team was made up of 4 riders. The Woodland Hunt PC team, of which Jemimah is a member, were the 4th team to ride which meant a very early start to the day. The team rode brilliantly and Jemimah and her horse Pzazz managed to go clear. The course is a timed course with an optimum time and was made up of 17 jumping elements which start off as show jumps and then move on to cross country fences with the last joker fence being a show jump making it very easy to have down. The team found themselves leading for over 7 hours.....right until the last team went in to the ring and knocking them off the top spot and into 2nd position. We had a great day and managed to avoid many of the rain clouds which effected the area.

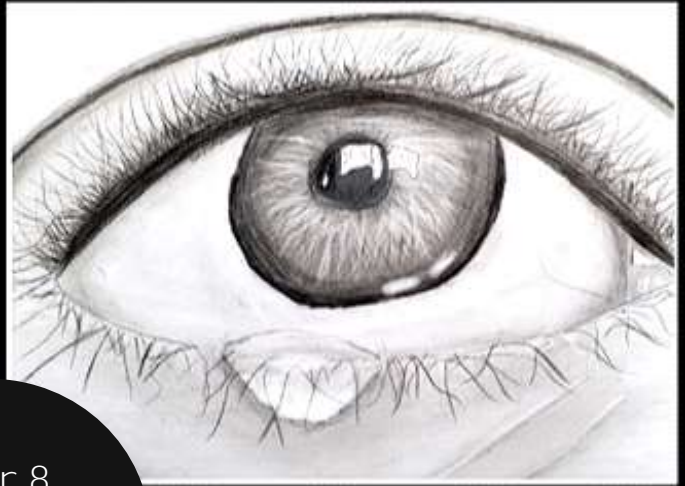
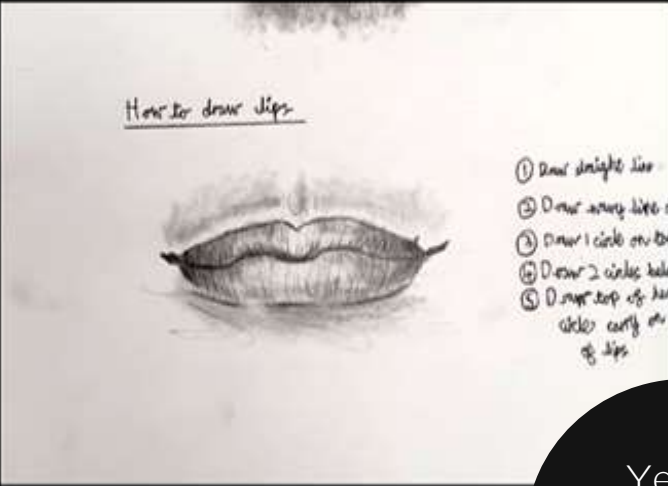
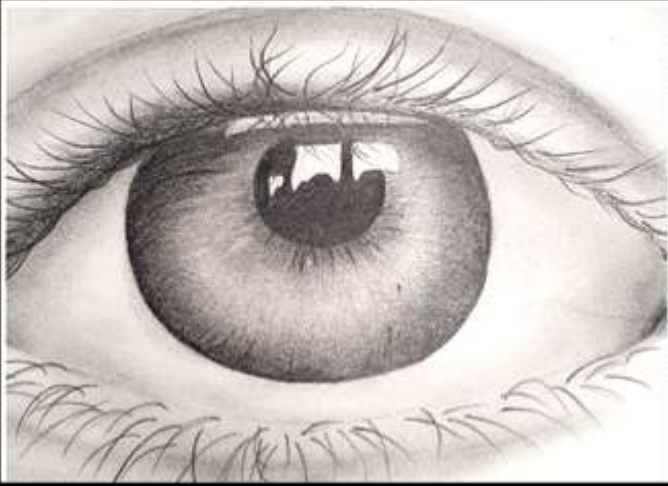


**Gardening Club Autumn Term:** Thanks to all the loyal crew that come out rain or shine - we've made some good progress this term! Starting back up in the spring term - come and join us if you are in KS3 and are free on Mondays after school. Mrs Darkins

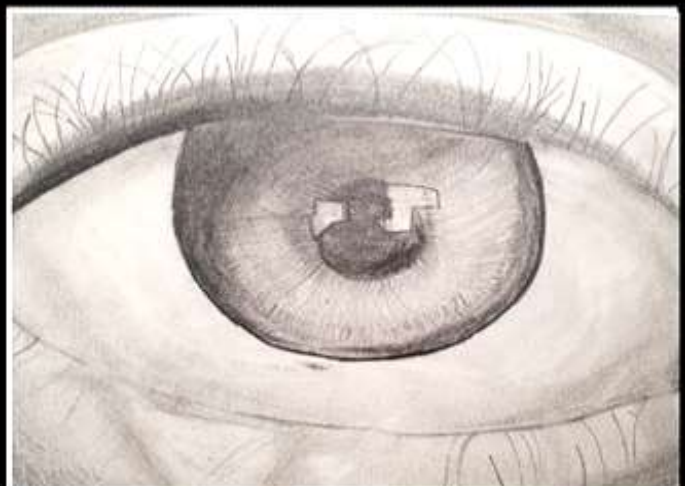
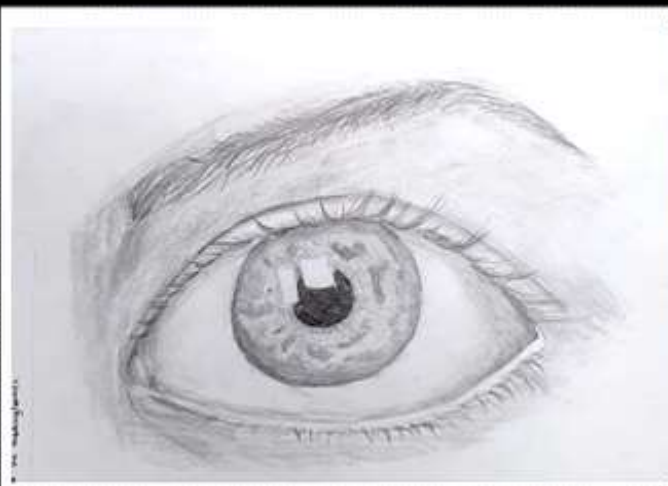
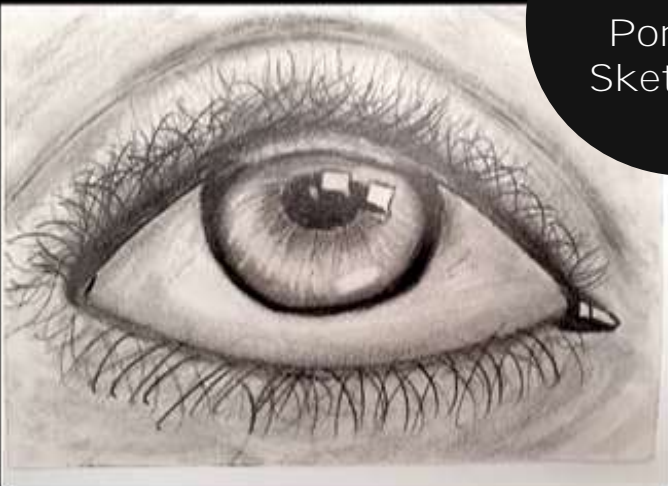


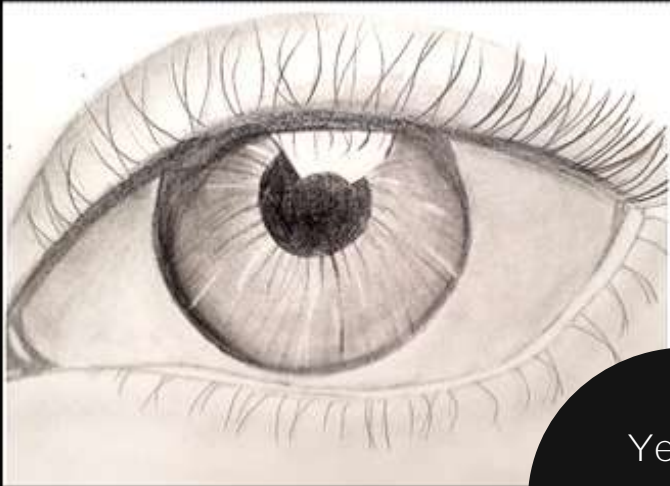
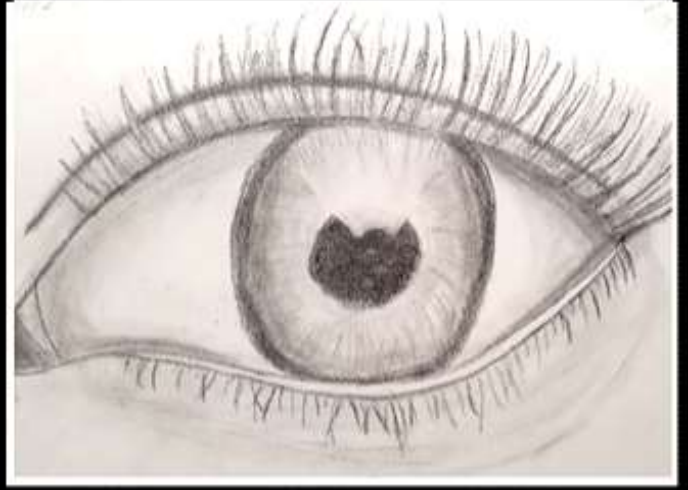
Congratulations to Tom who was placed 2nd in the Junior Open English Schools South East Division Diving Championship in Reading recently. Tom will now be competing in Birmingham in December.



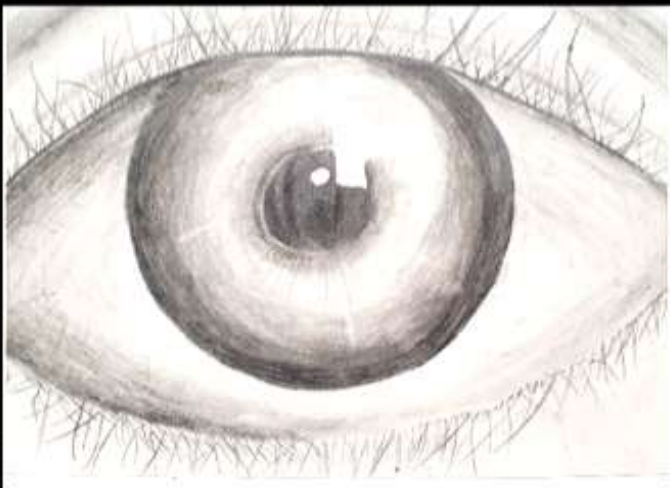
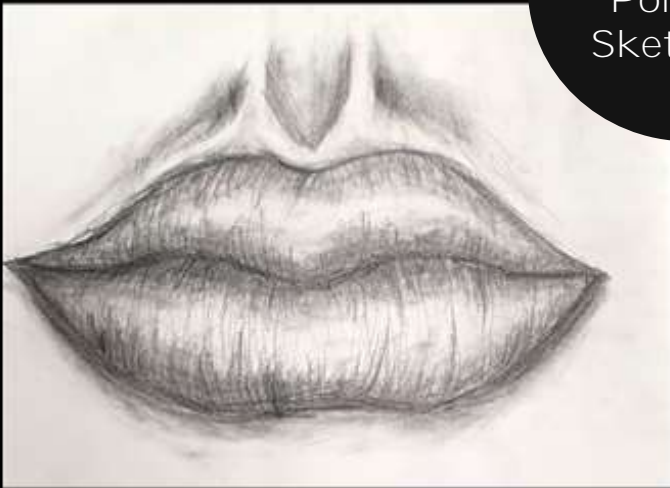


Year 8  
Portrait  
Sketching





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## Love our Langtree

After a very wet morning, the sun shone all afternoon for last Saturday's autumn Love Our Langtree and we saw a record number of adult and student helpers!

We had a really productive 3 hours, including planting bulbs in the front garden areas, hedge trimming, weeding and tidying the dining and table tennis courtyards, weeding and planting the beds by the maths block and tennis courts as well as a helping prepare a fabulous planter built by the Princes Trust students!

A huge thank you to all who helped and to the Bamford family for keeping us refreshed too!

Once a term we work on different areas of the school grounds and it's been so rewarding to see the progress we are making! We hope you enjoy the seeing the work we are doing too!

The next LOL will be in the spring. Do get in touch if you would be able to spare a few hours and would like to come and help - No gardening skills needed!

If you have any questions, want to get involved or wish to make a plant donation please email Jules Woodall [juliet\\_white@hotmail.com](mailto:juliet_white@hotmail.com)



## The MFL Department ran a very successful baking competition and cake sale.....







## 2024 – 2025 Term Dates

<b>October Break – 26th October – 3rd November 2024</b>	
Monday 4th November	Start of Term 2
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Creativity Day
18th November to 29th November	Year 11 Mock Exams
<b>Monday 2nd December</b>	<b>Inset Day - no students in school</b>
<b>Friday 20th December</b>	<b>END of TERM 2 (Half day school closes at 12.30pm)</b>
<b>Christmas Holiday – 21st December – 5th January</b>	
Monday 6th January 2025	Start of Term 3
<b>Friday 14th February</b>	<b>Creativity Day and END of TERM 3 (As normal 3pm)</b>
<b>February Break – 15th February – 23rd February</b>	
Monday 24th February	Start of Term 4
<b>Friday 4th April</b>	<b>END of TERM 4 (As normal 3pm)</b>
<b>Easter Holiday – 5th April – 21st April</b>	
Tuesday 22nd April	Start of Term 5
Monday 5th May	May Day Bank Holiday - school closed
<b>Friday 23rd May</b>	<b>END of TERM 5 (As normal 3pm)</b>
<b>May Holiday – 24th May – 1st June</b>	
Monday 2nd June	Start of Term 6
<b>Thursday 3rd July</b>	<b>Inset Day - no students in school</b>
<b>Friday 4th July</b>	<b>Inset Day - no students in school</b>
14th July to 19th July	Activities Week
<b>Tuesday 22nd July</b>	<b>END of TERM 6 (Half day school closes at 12.30pm)</b>

### **LANGTREE SCHOOL IS NOW CASHLESS for TRIPS / VISITS / BOOKS and EQUIPMENT**

**If you do not have your unique pupil code please email the finance office: [finance@langtreeschool.com](mailto:finance@langtreeschool.com)**

Paying online is quick and convenient and allows you to see what you have paid and any amounts left to pay, this is particularly useful for school trips. There is a link to the online payment system on the front of the school website.



#### **LOST PROPERTY**

When lost property arrives in the school office it is checked for a name. Named lost property is then returned directly to the owner. Unnamed property is kept in the school office in the hope that it will be reclaimed. 2 or 3 times during the school year the unnamed lost property will be made available in the main hall for the students to look through. please help us to return belongings to students by clearly naming all their uniform and other belongings. Thank you.

#### **SECOND HAND UNIFORM**

The school office keeps a supply of second hand uniform for students and parents / carers to purchase. We are always happy to receive donations of good quality uniform to add to the second hand cupboard.

#### **Absence Requests (other than for medical appointments)**

Parents may not authorise absence; only schools can do this. Schools may authorise any absence they deem appropriate; conversely, they can refuse to authorise any absence. Parents do not have an automatic right to withdraw students from school for a holiday, and, in law, have to apply for permission in advance. Retrospective approval may not be given. Holidays taken during term time without approval from the Headteacher will be recorded as unauthorised. Removal of your child for a holiday in term time without permission without authorisation from the Headteacher may lead to issuing of fixed penalty notice or even prosecution under section 444 of the Education Act.

#### **What to do:**

Requesting absence should be done in writing at least one month prior to the absence. If the child does not return to school after an agreed period, they may be marked as having unauthorised absence. Requests for absence should be made in writing to the Deputy Headteacher Ms S Burman, via the attendance officer: Mrs Debbie Hayward [studentabsence@langtreeschool.com](mailto:studentabsence@langtreeschool.com) stating the dates of absence and the reason for the absence, the school reserves the right to seek further information about the requested absence

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