

merry  
& bright

MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Thursday 19th DECEMBER 2024

**Roast Turkey with Pigs in Blankets  
& Stuffing Roast Potatoes and Seasonal  
Vegetables and Gravy**

**Or Vegetarian Parcels  
Roast Potatoes and Seasonal  
Vegetables and Gravy**

**Festive Treats & Christmas Cracker  
£5.75**

**Please order you Christmas Lunch at the Canteen by  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

• INSPIRED FOOD •  
*mint*  
• FOR EDUCATION •

**Thursday 19th December**

(the same day as school Christmas Lunch)

Christmas  
Jumper  
Day

Make a donation of £1.00 or more  
via ScoPay and wear a Christmas

Jumper WITH YOUR  
SCHOOL UNIFORM for the day

**LAST DAY OF TERM**

**Friday 20th December  
School ends at 12.30pm**

**Students who travel to  
school on public buses—  
Thames Travel and Reading  
Buses will need to check with  
the timetable or collect their  
child that day. The 93 BUS -  
Please note the 93 service  
WILL NOT be picking up at  
12.30pm on this day.  
Parents are advised to make  
their own arrangements to  
collect their children if they  
travel on this service.**

<b>Weekly Bulletin 13th December 2024</b>	<b>Week Commencing 16th December 2024 WEEK A</b>
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<b>Report student absence by emailing:</b> <a href="mailto:studentabsence@langtreeschool.com">studentabsence@langtreeschool.com</a>	Weekly Bulletin and Letters: <a href="https://www.langtreeschool.com/letters/">https://www.langtreeschool.com/letters/</a>
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If you have any safeguarding concerns regarding a child please contact: Ms Burman, Deputy Head Teacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead <a href="mailto:sburman@langtreeschool.com">sburman@langtreeschool.com</a> Ms Wood, SENCo and Deputy Safeguarding Lead <a href="mailto:swood@langtreeschool.com">swood@langtreeschool.com</a> Mrs Belcher, Head of Year 7 & 8, Deputy Safeguarding Lead <a href="mailto:bbelcher@langtreeschool.com">bbelcher@langtreeschool.com</a> For further information on Safeguarding please read our Safeguarding Policy in the school website	<b>Transport to School—BUSES INFORMATION</b> Oxfordshire School Transport information and timetables <a href="#">HERE</a> . Public Buses: Thames travel Timetables can be found <a href="#">HERE</a> . Public Buses: Reading Buses 93 (BB3) Timetable can be found <a href="#">HERE</a> .
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**IMPORTANT DATES**

**19th December —Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day**  
**The last chance to order a Christmas Lunch will be Monday 16th December 2024 at the canteen.**  
**PLEASE NOTE: there will be NO other food available at lunchtime on Thursday 19th.**  
**Your child will need a packed lunch if they are not having a Christmas lunch.**  
**The canteen will be serving as normal at breaktime on Thursday.**  
**Thursday 19th is also Christmas jumper day - wear a Christmas jumper WITH your school uniform - make a donation via Scopay for "Save the Children"**

**20th December - Last day of term.** School ends at 12.30pm. Students who travel to school on public buses—Thames Travel and Reading Buses will need to check with the timetable or collect their child that day. The **93 BUS** - Please note the 93 service will not be picking up AT 12.30pm on this day. Parents are advised to make their arrangements to collect their children if they travel on this service.

<b>Lunch Time and After School CLUBS INFORMATION:</b> <a href="#">HERE</a>	<b>PE CLUBS:</b> <a href="#">HERE</a>	<b>PE Match RESULTS</b> <a href="#">HERE</a>
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**LAPTOPS: do you have an old unused laptop that you would be willing to donate to Langtree?** We can make use of them by converting them to Chromebooks. The hard drives will be securely wiped so any data on the laptop can never be recovered. If you have a machine that you are able to donate on a permanent basis for the school to make use of please drop it off at the front office, for the attention of Mrs Taylor-Lane. The laptops will be either used within school for taking exams or loaned to students for use at home where they do not have access to a device at home.

**GENERAL INFORMATION:**

**Reading Buses 93 service:** Timetable changes from 6th January 2025: Morning pick up will leave Friar Street at 7.05am and be a few minutes earlier to each stop. Afternoon bus will leave school at 15.15. Please check with Reading Buses for the timetable.

**School Nurse:** The current copy of the School Health Nurses Newsletter can be read [HERE](#).

**Free Webinar:** How to Help Your Child Alleviate Stress. Tuesday 17th December 6.00pm. Elevate Education delivers high-impact workshops on study skills, motivation, wellbeing, and exam preparation. By tuning into their webinar series, you'll learn how you can help support your child at home by reinforcing the skills they're learning at school. [Click here to register for free](#)

**YEAR 7:**

**Year 7 Camp July 2025:** this is a whole year week long camp: full details on the letter [HERE](#)

**Year 7 14th February Creativity Day 2—**whole year group trip to Wembley Stadium. Students will enjoy a 90 minute tour and soak up the history of our national stadium on the Wembley Tour. We will have a private guide for each group who will take us to the heart of the venue. Students will be able to take their picture in Europe's largest press conference room, find the shirt of their favourite England player in the dressing rooms, and line up in the players tunnel before following in the footsteps of legends and walking out pitch-side. Full details in the letter [HERE](#).

**YEAR 8**

**YEAR 9:**

**YEAR 10:**

**Year 10 Ski Trip—Dec 2024:** all the information for the trip can be found [HERE](#)

**YEAR 11:**

**Year 11—GCSE Drama Students:** Your Component 2 performance exam is during the school day on Friday 7th February. This is worth 20% of your final GCSE grade. There will be a performance for your families on the evening of Tuesday 28th January at 6.30pm-8.30pm


**Year 11—**information for Year 12 can be found [HERE](#)

**CAREERS:**

At Langtree we strive to give students in all year groups access to information about careers.

**To view the current careers notices please click** [HERE](#)

**Further Information:** [Useful websites](#) [Linking subjects to careers](#)

<p style="text-align:center"><b>It is starting to feel a lot like Christmas!</b></p> <p style="text-align:center"><b>eChristmas Cards designed by students now available.</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.dontsendmeacard.com/ecards/charities/langtree-school-association/christmas">https://www.dontsendmeacard.com/ecards/charities/langtree-school-association/christmas</a></p> <p>Langtree has signed up to the eChristmas card initiative again &amp; there has been a record response in submissions this year, Langtree has talent!</p> <p>A few of the benefits of using DontSendMeACard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Send custom ecards all of which were designed and created by our own Langtree students</li><li>• Raise much-needed funds for Langtree School, all funds go directly back to Langtree</li><li>• Save on costs of buying printed cards and stamps and share your ecards on platforms such as email and WhatsApp</li><li>• Save the Planet! You will be contributing to Global carbon savings</li></ul> <p>Share the link with family and friends so they can also buy &amp; send ecards. Our own Langtree student designed Christmas Cards are now available now:</p> <p><a href="https://www.dontsendmeacard.com/ecards/charities/langtree-school-association/christmas">https://www.dontsendmeacard.com/ecards/charities/langtree-school-association/christmas</a></p>	<p><b>Or SCAN this QR Code</b></p> 
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# CHRISTMAS PARENT/GUARDIAN & CHILD TOURNAMENT



**BENSON TENNIS CLUB**

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PLAYERS OF ALL AGES AND  
STANDARDS WELCOME**

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[WWW.CHAISSPORTS.CO.UK](http://WWW.CHAISSPORTS.CO.UK)



# E-SCOOTERS

What you need to know



It's illegal to ride a privately owned electric scooter in public

Did you know it's illegal to ride a privately owned electric scooter (e-scooter) in public?



That's because e-scooters are classed as motor vehicles in law. So, in theory, this means that you need an MOT, road tax and insurance to use one, however it isn't currently possible to register e-scooters in this way.

Privately owned e-scooters can only be used on private land, with the permission of the landowner.

You cannot use a privately owned e-scooter on the road, pavement or in a public space. If you do then you risk receiving a large fine, points on your driving licence and your e-scooter could be seized.

Some parts of the UK are running government trials of rental e-scooters. If you're over 16 and have a full or provisional driving licence, then you can use these on public roads and cycle paths.

Just check that your driving licence covers categories AM, A or B.



# E-BIKES

What you need to know



You can only ride an e-bike if it (and you!) meet certain requirements.

Did you know you can only ride an e-bike if it meets certain requirements and you are 14 years or over?

Electric bikes are also known as 'electronically assisted pedal cycles (EAPC)' or e-bikes. E-bikes must have pedals that can be used to propel it, and it must show either the power output, or manufacturer of the motor **and** either the batteries voltage, or maximum speed of the bike.

The electric motor must have a maximum power output of 250W, and should not be able to propel the bike when it is travelling more than 15.5mph.

If an e-bike does not meet these requirements then it is classed as a motorcycle or moped, and needs to be registered, taxed and insured, you also need a driving licence and to wear a helmet.

If you are riding an e-bike which does not meet these requirements and it is not registered, taxed or insured, your e-bike could be seized.





## 2024 – 2025 Term Dates

<b>Monday 2nd September 2024</b>	<b>Inset Day - no students in school</b>
Tuesday 3rd September	Start of Term 1 for Year 7 students - Induction Day
Wednesday 4th September	Start of Term 1 for all other students.
Thursday 19th September	OPEN EVENING for Year 6 Parents - (Half day school closes at 12.30pm)
Friday 20th September	<b>SPONSORED WALK - all students expected in school</b>
<b>Monday 23rd September</b>	<b>Inset Day - no students in school</b>
<b>Thursday 24th October</b>	<b>END of TERM 1 (As normal 3pm)</b>
<b>Friday 25th October</b>	<b>Inset Day - no students in school</b>
<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 – 23th 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>

Well Being Provision at Langtree						
Implementation	7	8	9	10	11	
All	Transition		Transition			Transition
All	<p>Assemblies will always be guided by our core values of <b>Courtesy, Respect and Integrity</b></p> <p>Tutor activities follow 6 steps to wellbeing:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Be Active... Go for a walk or run. Step outside. ...</li> <li>2. Keep Learning ... Try something new. Rediscover an old interest. ...</li> <li>3. Give ... Do something nice for a friend, or a stranger. Thank someone. ...</li> <li>4. Connect ... With the people around you. ...</li> <li>5. Take Notice ... Be curious. ...</li> <li>6. Care For The Planet ... look after your community and the world.</li> </ol> <p>All students complete a well being survey once a year. Pastoral leaders and tutors will review this information and follow up with any one to one discussions with pupils where appropriate.</p>					
All	6 discreet lessons PSHE/RSE PSHE/RSE Taught in curriculum					
All Year 7s	Student Leaders mentoring sessions					
All	Extra Curricular Clubs	Langtree Challenge	Reflections on progress	Sponsored walk	Creativity days	Activity Week
All	Have a Student PSHE/RSE google classroom / Have a Student Report a Concern page / Resources on the Student Tab for wellbeing					
Targeted Groups	Attendance	Resilience	Connections	Young Carers	Leadership	Exam support
Individual work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report to tutor, HOY, SLT</li> <li>• CAMHs referral</li> <li>• Nomad: mentoring service</li> <li>• ELSA support</li> <li>• 1 to 1 interviews with PP students in 7&amp;8</li> <li>• Peer mentor - Year 11 students mentor younger years</li> <li>• School nurse</li> <li>• Early Help Assessment (EHA) work with family: Oxford County Council</li> </ul>					
Parental Support	<p><b>Supporting your child with their mental health</b>  <b>Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHs)</b> are holding several webinars for parents.  Please use <a href="#">this link</a> to find out more information and to register.</p> <p><b>Exam stress and anxiety:</b> Wednesday 23rd October Time: 6pm - 7.30pm  <b>Supporting young people who self harm:</b> Thursday 28th November 6pm - 7.30pm  <b>Promoting resilience:</b> Thursday 30th January 12.30 - 2pm  <b>Understanding the teen brain:</b> Tuesday 25th February 6pm - 7.30pm  <b>Sleep awareness for parents:</b> Wednesday 12th March 6pm - 7.30pm  <b>Supporting Young People who self harm:</b> Thursday 22nd May 12.30 - 2pm  <b>Childhood anxiety:</b> Wednesday 4th June 6pm - 7.30pm</p> <p>There is also a live meeting  <b>Typical Adolescent Brain development:</b> Friday 27th September 12- 1.30pm. Sandford-on-thames. Village Hall. Henley Road. Oxford. OX4 4YN. Limited spaces- book your ticket by emailing <a href="mailto:sarah.woods@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk">sarah.woods@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk</a></p> <p><b>Useful websites:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supporting well being: <a href="https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/">https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/</a></li> <li>• A useful leaflet <a href="#">Coping with self - harm: A guide for parents and carers</a></li> <li>• Supporting well Being <a href="https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/">https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/</a></li> <li>• Please also signpost your child to Langtree's Student Well Being page on the school website.</li> <li>• Supporting young people with grief: <a href="https://seesaw.org.uk/">https://seesaw.org.uk/</a></li> </ul> <hr/> <p><b>Financial advice:</b>  <a href="https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/debt-and-money/getting-financial-advice/">https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/debt-and-money/getting-financial-advice/</a> / <a href="#">Advice regarding housing</a>  Food Banks: <a href="#">Wallingford</a>  <b>Whitchurch United:</b>  Students (age 5 - 25 living in Whitchurch may benefit from a charitable fund aimed at helping them with their education such as sports equipment, music lessons etc. Applications received twice a year - for more information search for Whitchurch United Charities, email: <a href="mailto:whitchurchunitedcharities@gmail.com">whitchurchunitedcharities@gmail.com</a> or call 01189844262</p> <p><b>Hosting Ukrainian Family</b>  If you are hosting a Ukrainian family you may be able to access funds from the parish of Checkendon, Contact the vicar Rev Canon K Davies : <a href="mailto:langtreechurches1-office@yahoo.com">langtreechurches1-office@yahoo.com</a></p> <p><b>Help with Heating Homes</b>  Oxfordshire County Council is part of a scheme called Better Housing, Better Health, which can support methods of heating homes giving grants, heating appliances and advice. See <a href="http://bhbh.org.uk">bhbh.org.uk</a></p> <p><b>Community Hub Household Support Fund</b>  Please see South Oxfordshire District Council website for ways the community may be able to support you.  <a href="mailto:communitysupport@southandvale.gov.uk">communitysupport@southandvale.gov.uk</a></p> <p><b>Pupil Premium (top up funds for students)</b>  Please see our website for information regarding Pupil Premium funds: and see <a href="https://langtreeschool.com/pupil-premium/">https://langtreeschool.com/pupil-premium/</a></p> <hr/> <p><b>Protecting your child online</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Advice for parents regarding online parental controls</a>: if in doubt, call the NSPCC's helpline counsellors on 0808 800 5000</li> </ul> <hr/> <p><b>Supporting your child with concerns or questions about healthy sexual relationships</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Online pornography: how to keep your child safe</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Online sexual harassment: pornography, editing photos and body image, sharing nudes, peer pressure, sexualised bullying</a></li> </ul> <p>Please also see our RSE policy on our school website.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Supporting parents knowledge of drugs</b> <a href="#">Information about drugs</a></p> <hr/> <p>National Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0800 2000 247 <a href="#">Recognising domestic abuse: NSPCC website</a></p>					
Road Safety	<p>Parents and students must read and agree to the following Cycling to School rules:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All bicycles must be roadworthy and appropriate for the age of the student in terms of frame size and seat height. All bikes must have brakes that work safely.</li> <li>2. Students must wear a helmet to cycle to and from school and this helmet must be visible to school staff when students enter the school site. Helmets must be stored in lockers during the school day.</li> <li>3. When students leave the Reading Road, they must dismount their bike and walk the bike to the cycle storage areas.</li> <li>4. During the winter months when cycling to and from school in the dark, parents will ensure that students wear reflective clothing and that all bikes have front and rear lights.</li> <li>5. All students will cycle in a safe manner and take into account pedestrians and other school children.</li> <li>6. All students will refrain from listening to music through earphones whilst cycling to school.</li> </ol>					