



As we draw term 5 to a close, we reflect on a busy and rewarding five weeks filled with progress, participation, and pride across our school community.

Year 10 Citizenship Events: Our Year 10 students have made a fantastic start to Citizenship GCSE which is a new addition to our KS4 programme. To support their learning, we were delighted to host two special guests. Maggie Filipova-Rivers, Deputy Leader of South Oxfordshire District Council who delivered an engaging talk on local government and civic responsibility, sparking thoughtful discussion among the students. We also welcomed representatives from Launchpad, a charity dedicated to supporting local homeless people, who shared inspiring insights into social issues and community action. The students are now going to plan and deliver an innovative and relevant money raising event to support this worthwhile cause.

Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Success: Our Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh participants should be incredibly proud of their achievements this term. Having successfully completed both their practice and actual expeditions, they demonstrated resilience, teamwork, and determination. The term culminated in a wonderful presentation evening, where students shared their experiences and learning with a large audience of parents and friends. It was an inspiring reminder of the power of challenge-based learning.

Support from Our Trustees: We extend our sincere thanks to the Langtree Trustees, who dedicated a day this term to engaging with both staff and students. Their valuable conversations focused on the recent Year 9 options process and the ongoing development of Langtree's extensive careers programme. Their insight, dedication and support continue to play a crucial role in shaping the future of our school.

Year 11 – The Final Push: Much of this term has understandably focused on our Year 11 students, as they approached their final GCSE exams. It was a joy to see them all dressed up and celebrating together on Leavers' Celebration Day. We have been incredibly impressed by their maturity and resilience as they tackle the pressures of the exam season, and we wish them every success in the rest of their exams and next steps.

As always, we are immensely proud of all our students, staff, and the wider Langtree community. Thank you for your continued support and engagement. We wish you all a restful and enjoyable half term break.

Warm regards,

Simon Bamford, Headteacher





**Year 11 Celebration Day
Class of 2025**







UK Maths Trust

UK Junior Mathematics Challenge – 2025

Some of our top mathematics students in Years 7 and 8 entered the national Junior Maths Challenge competition this April, with some outstanding results.

The Challenges are run annually by the University of Leeds and over 200,000 students across the United Kingdom participated, with the top 6% receiving a gold award, the next 13% receiving silver, and the next 21% bronze.

Overall there were five Gold Awards, for Harriet P, Aurora S and Oliver J in Year 8 and Daisy P and Pippa SS in Year 7. A further 15 silver awards and 20 bronze awards were achieved. Congratulations to all who participated!

Mr Jones

Year 7

Daisy P	Gold
Pippa SS	Gold
Sienna W	Silver
Joshua B	Silver
Constance B	Silver
Finlay S	Silver
Robert G	Silver
Finn K	Silver
Max C	Bronze
Thomas R	Bronze
Tess H	Bronze
Oscar W	Bronze
Samuel T	Bronze
Ryan B	Bronze
Luke W	Bronze
Jessica T	Bronze

Year 8

Harriet P	Gold
Aurora S	Gold
Oliver J	Gold
Duncan W	Silver
Zoe Y	Silver
Rhea C	Silver
Elliott R	Silver
Matthew S	Silver
Harry T	Silver
Ellie L	Silver
Will F	Silver
Matthew D	Silver
Seb G	Bronze
Charlotte G	Bronze
Jessica L	Bronze
Freya L	Bronze
Charlotte S	Bronze
Samuel T	Bronze
Stanley L	Bronze
Kayla DG	Bronze
Amelie G	Bronze
Lucy PB	Bronze
Oakley SW	Bronze
Asher B	Bronze

Year 8 Online Book Group



This term, the Year 8 online book met to talk about Terry Pratchett's, "The Amazing Maurice and his Educated Rodents". Most people in the group seemed to love the quirkiness of the novel, and its fantasy genre. We had talking cats, talking rats, silly humans and giant Rat Kings (they exist you know!) to discuss. Pratchett certainly has his own unique, dialogue-heavy style. Love it or hate it, the book threw up some interesting themes about equality and fairness which made for a really interesting discussion.



We end the year with Shaun Tan's graphic novel, "The Arrival".

If you'd like to join us, please contact Mrs Maunder-Hand; kmaunder-hand@langtreeschool.com



Gardening Club has had a very productive term.



Rounders

The Year 11 Rounders team (pictured below) competed in their last ever matches for Langtree at the Area Tournament finishing 2nd in their group.

The Year 10 team were 2nd in their group and the Year 9s won theirs.

Contragulations to all the teams.



Area Athletics at Tilsey Park

Langtree students shone at this year's annual Tilsley event, achieving outstanding success across both age categories and individual performances. Team highlights included a fantastic 1st place finish for the Year 7 boys, an impressive 2nd place for the Year 7 girls, and a strong 3rd place showing from the Year 8/9 girls.

There were also incredible individual achievements. In Year 7, Nath D dominated the sprints with 1st place finishes in both the 100m and 200m finals. Gillan D earned 2nd in the 100m and 3rd in the 200m, while Marius P claimed 1st in the 1500m and George H secured 3rd in the 800m. The team capped off their success with a thrilling victory in the 4x100m relay.

In Years 8 and 9, Alfie C took 3rd place in the 200m final, Caitlin K finished 3rd in the 100m final, and Charlotte S impressed by finishing 3rd in the 1500m final while racing a year up.

In Years 10 and 11, Josh S and Joseph M dominated the 1500m, finishing 1st and 2nd, while Emily L continued to shine with 1st place finishes in both the 300m and 800m finals.

Beyond the track, students excelled in the field events. For the boys: Marius P (Year 7) took 2nd in the long jump; Pip L (Year 8/9) earned 2nd in the javelin; Oliver A claimed 2nd in discus and 3rd in javelin; and Noah H (Year 10/11) placed 3rd in discus. For the girls: Caitlin K secured 3rd in the long jump; Mia T took 3rd in the javelin; Chloe J earned 3rd in shot put (Year 8/9); and Amie M claimed 1st in discus (Year 10/11).

Well done to ALL involved. We are very proud of your performances and your conduct throughout the day.

The PE Department.





The **Year 10 Cooking for Life** group planned, cooked and served a lunchtime takeaway. The food served was carefully packaged in exclusively designed wrappers (thanks to Nic in Y10) and thoroughly enjoyed by all those who had pre-ordered their lunch.



Langtree Takeaway Menu

Thursday 8th May - for one exclusive day only!!

Menu:

Option 1: Pepperoni or margarita pizza with garlic bread and salad

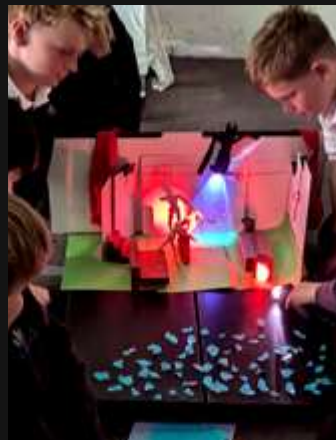
Option 2 - Langtree Fried Chicken (LFC) with slaw and mac n cheese

Option 3 - Kofte or halloumi kebabs served in flatbreads with slaw and tzatziki



Drama: Year 7 have been having fun in Drama lessons creating set and lighting designs for scenes from Alan Ayckbourn's play 'Ernie's Incredible Illucinations'. The play is a comedy about Ernie, an only child, whose vivid daydreams start manifesting as real-life situations. The play explores themes of imagination, reality, and the anxieties of childhood.

Thank you, PTA, for funding the Stage in a Box resource we used!



2024 – 2025 Term Dates

Friday 23rd May	END of TERM 5 (As normal 3pm)
May Holiday – 24th May – 1st June	
Monday 2nd June	Start of Term 6
Thursday 3rd July	Inset Day - no students in school
Friday 4th July	Inset Day - no students in school
14th July to 19th July	Activities Week
Tuesday 22nd July	END of TERM 6 (Half day school closes at 12.30pm)

LANGTREE IS NOW CASHLESS
If you do not have your unique pupil code please email the finance office:
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 web-



Langtree School—2025 - 2026 Term Dates Calendar

TERM 1	Monday 1st September 2025	Inset Day - no students in school
	Tuesday 2nd September	Start of Term 1 for Year 7 students - Induction Day
	Wednesday 3rd September	Start of Term 1 for all other students.
	Friday 19th September	SPONSORED WALK - all students expected in school
	Monday 22nd September	Inset Day - no students in school
	Thursday 23rd October 2025	END of TERM 1 for students (As normal 3pm)
	Friday 24th October	Inset Day - no students in school
October Break – 25th October – 2nd November 2025		
TERM 2	Monday 3rd November	Start of Term 2
	Monday 1st December 2025	School Closed - no students in school
	Tuesday 2nd December	Inset Day - no students in school
	Friday 19th December 2025	END of TERM 2 (Half day school closes at 12.30pm)
Christmas Holiday – 20th December – 4th January 2026		
TERM 3	Monday 5th January 2026	Start of Term 3
	Friday 13th February 2026	END of TERM 3 (As normal 3pm)
February Break – 14th February – 22nd February 2026		
TERM 4	Monday 23rd February	Start of Term 4
	Friday 27th March 2026	END of TERM 4 (As normal 3pm)
Easter Holiday – 28th March - 12th April 2026		
TERM 5	Monday 13 th April	Start of Term 5
	Monday 4th May	May Day Bank Holiday - school closed
	Friday 22nd May 2026	END of TERM 5 (As normal 3pm)
May Holiday – 23rd May – 31st May 2026		
TERM 6	Monday 1st June	Start of Term 6
	Thursday 2nd July	Inset Day - no students in school
	Friday 3rd July	Inset Day - no students in school
	13th July to 17th July	Activities Week
	Tuesday 21st July 2026	END of TERM 6 (Half day school closes at 12.30pm)

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 un-named 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 stating the dates of absence and the reason for the absence, the school reserves the right to seek further information about the requested absence.