



Larkspur

Community Primary School

16th July 2026

Dear Parents/Carer

End of Term Letter – Summer 2026

As we reach the end of another busy and successful school year at **Larkspur Community Primary School**, I would like to thank you for your continued support. Our children have worked incredibly hard this year, showing resilience, kindness and determination in all that they do. We are very proud of their achievements.

As we look ahead to September, I wanted to share some important information to help ensure a smooth and successful start to the new academic year.

School Start Times and Punctuality

Good attendance and punctuality are essential for children to achieve their full potential.

- **School doors open at 8:40am (Nursery 8:30am)**
- **School starts promptly at 8:45am**
- Children should arrive between these times and go straight into school ready to begin learning.
- Children arriving after 8:45am will miss important learning and registration time and must report to the main office where a reason for lateness will be recorded.

A positive start to the day makes a huge difference to children's learning and wellbeing. Thank you for supporting your child to arrive on time every day.

Arbor – Receiving messages, payments, permissions for trips, sign up for clubs

It is essential that all parents can access the Arbor App or website to ensure you don't miss important communications from school. Going forward children will not be able to attend trips if you have not given permission on Arbor in advance.

Breakfast Club

Our free Breakfast Club is available every school day for children from Reception to Year 6 and provides children with a healthy breakfast and a positive start to the day.

- **Time:** Enter between 8:00am – 8:20am
- **Entrance:** KS1 Door
- **Booking:** No need to book – simply turn up before 8:20am

We would love to welcome your child to Breakfast Club.

Attendance Matters

At Larkspur, we aim for **97 % attendance** for all children. Excellent attendance helps children:

- Build positive relationships
- Develop confidence
- Keep up with learning
- Achieve their full potential

If your child is absent, please contact the school office on 01914875628 between **8:00am and 8:30am**.

Please remember that **holidays during term time cannot be authorised and will incur a fine from the Local Authority**. We ask for your support in ensuring your child attends school every day whenever possible.

Mrs K Anglesea, Headteacher

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Uniform Expectations for September

Our school uniform helps children feel proud to be part of the Larkspur community and ensures they are ready to learn.

School Uniform

Children should wear:

- White polo shirt
- Royal blue sweatshirt, cardigan or jumper with or without our school badge
- Black or grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore
- Blue checked dress (summer option)
- Black shoes or black trainers

PE Kit

Children should come to school wearing their PE kit on PE days:

- White T-shirt
- Black shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms- no hot pants or short, shorts.
- Blue school hoodie
- Trainers
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Badged uniform can be purchased from <https://logosworkwearschoolwear.com/school/larkspur-primary-school> or their shop at Team Valley. We recommend calling ahead on 0191 488 4300 to order your items.

PE Days

Year 1 and 2	Mondays and Tuesday
Year 3	Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 4	Swimming on Monday, PE on Thursday
Year 5	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 6	Monday and Wednesday

All children should also wear PE kit on Fridays for Enrichment activities. Please remember to write their name in PE hoodies to help us return lost property.

Jewellery

- **Earrings are not to be worn in school.**
- Other jewellery should not be worn.
- Extreme hairstyles or coloured hair are not permitted.

Please ensure that all clothing, coats, bags and water bottles are clearly named.

What Children Need to Bring to School

Please ensure your child brings:

- Their reading book and reading record
- A small book bag
- A named water bottle – **our new Water Bottles are on sale now at the office £2 payable in cash.**

Children do not need to bring stationery or pencil cases as all resources are provided by school. We do not have room for big bags, they are not needed.

School reopens for pupils on Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Early Years, please refer to your return schedule. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting year of learning.

Who's Who at Larkspur

Name	Role
Mrs Anglesea	Headteacher
Miss Conway	Assistant Headteacher
Mrs Wilkinson	Assistant Headteacher and SENDCO
Mrs Hooker	School Business Manager
Mrs Shuker	Office Manager
Mrs Wilkinson	Nursery Teacher
Mrs Reed and Miss Bell	Nursery Team
Mrs Pattison	Reception Teacher
Reception Team	Mrs Cleverly
Mrs Bell	Year 1/2 Teacher
Mrs Wilding and Mrs Bunn	Year 1/2 Team
Mrs Mills	Year 3 Teacher
Miss Hall	Year 4 Teacher
Mrs Jenkins	Year 3 and Year 4 support
Mr Askwith	Year 5 Teacher
Mrs Dixon	Year 5 Support and Medical Lead
Miss Conway	Year 6 Teacher
Mrs Slater	Year 6 Support
Mrs Bunn	Thrive Lead
Mrs Bell	ELSA
Mr Rankin	Site Manager
Kirsty the Cook	Catering Manager

Reflections on a Fantastic Final Week

We couldn't have wished for a more successful final week of the school year!

Our school community came together to celebrate a number of wonderful achievements that have made us incredibly proud. The official opening of our new **Library Bus** was a very special moment for our children and will help us continue to develop a love of reading across the school. We cannot wait to see it being enjoyed by pupils throughout the year ahead.

We were also delighted to receive the **#Inspire Award** at the recent Sports Awards event. This prestigious recognition was awarded to our whole school and reflects the commitment, enthusiasm and teamwork shown by our children and staff in promoting physical activity, enrichment, healthy lifestyles and sporting opportunities for everyone.

To round off the week, our **World Cup Celebrations** brought the entire school together in a fantastic atmosphere of fun, teamwork and community spirit. It was wonderful to see the children embracing the event with such enthusiasm and respect for one another.

These achievements are a reflection of our incredible pupils, dedicated staff and supportive families, and we thank you all for helping make Larkspur such a special place to learn and grow.

A Special Goodbye and Exciting New Beginnings

As another school year comes to an end, we would like to say a special goodbye to our **Year 6 children**. They have been excellent role models for our younger pupils and have shown resilience, maturity and determination throughout their time at Larkspur. We are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved and know they are well prepared for the next stage of their education. We wish them every success and happiness as they move on to their new schools.

This year also sees us say goodbye to some valued members of staff who have made a significant contribution to our school community. We thank them for their dedication and wish them all the very best for the future.

At the same time, we are excited to welcome new staff members who will be joining the Larkspur team in September. We look forward to introducing them to our families and seeing the positive impact they will have on our school.

September marks the start of another exciting chapter for Larkspur. Alongside our new leadership team becoming fully established, we have many exciting developments planned, including the opening of our brand-new **Sensory Room**, which will provide additional support and opportunities for our children to thrive.

We are ambitious for our school and look forward to continuing our journey of improvement together. Thank you for being part of our Larkspur family and for your ongoing support.

We wish everyone a fun and safe summer break.

Warmest wishes,

Katy Anglesea
Headteacher