



Larkspur

Community Primary School

1st September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome Back to Larkspur

I hope you and your family have enjoyed a wonderful summer break. On behalf of all the staff, I would like to extend a very warm welcome back to all of our children and families as we begin a new academic year at Larkspur Community Primary School.

We are incredibly excited to welcome children back tomorrow and cannot wait to see our classrooms filled once again with smiling faces, enthusiasm for learning and the energy that makes our school such a special place.

Throughout the summer holiday, a significant amount of work has taken place across the school to improve our learning environment. We have replaced lighting and ceilings throughout the building, alongside refreshing many areas of the school to create brighter, more welcoming spaces for our children. Our site team and contractors have worked extremely hard to ensure that the school is ready for the year ahead, and we are looking forward to sharing these improvements with you and your children.

As we begin this new school year together, we remain committed to ensuring that every child thrives academically, socially and emotionally. We know that successful learning starts with strong routines, and there are three key areas where your support makes a huge difference: **attendance, punctuality and school uniform.**

Attendance Matters

Excellent attendance is one of the most important factors in helping children achieve their full potential. Every day in school matters and missed learning can quickly add up over time.

At Larkspur, we continue to aim for **97% attendance** or above for all pupils. Regular attendance helps children to:

- Build strong friendships and positive relationships.
- Develop confidence and resilience.
- Keep up with learning and avoid gaps in knowledge.
- Achieve their very best.

We ask all families to prioritise attendance wherever possible and avoid taking holidays during term time.

Being on Time Every Day

A positive day starts with arriving at school on time and ready to learn. Registration, early learning activities and important information are shared at the start of each day and children who arrive late can miss valuable learning opportunities.

School doors open from **8:40am** and all children should be in school ready to learn by **8:45am**.

We kindly ask parents and carers to support us by ensuring children arrive promptly every day. Good punctuality establishes positive habits, reduces anxiety and helps children settle quickly into learning.

Mrs K Anglesea, Headteacher

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Uniform Expectations

Our school uniform helps create a sense of belonging, pride and equality across our school community. We expect all children to attend school in the correct uniform and PE kit, **with clothing clearly labelled**. By ensuring children arrive dressed appropriately and equipped for the day ahead, we can maximise learning time and help children feel proud to be part of the Larkspur family. We appreciate your support in maintaining our high standards and presenting our school positively within the community.

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

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.

Looking Forward to a Fantastic Year

We have an exciting year ahead with many opportunities for learning, enrichment, sports, reading and personal development. Our staff team has been busy planning engaging lessons and experiences that will inspire and challenge every child.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Together, we can ensure that every child has a happy, successful and rewarding year at school.

We look forward to welcoming pupils back on **Wednesday 2nd September 2026** and beginning another exciting chapter in the Larkspur story.

Some reminders from the end of year letter ...

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.

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.

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

Looking forward to seeing you all bright and early tomorrow.

Warmest wishes,

Katy Anglesea
Headteacher