



Welcome back to a new school year! The children have settled well into their new classes and are enjoying seeing old friends and making new ones. It's a privilege to share in the children's excitement and enthusiasm for learning during these first weeks back at school.

A warm welcome to all new families who have joined us. I hope you feel welcomed and supported and that your children are coming home happy and eager to share what they have learned, albeit possibly a little tired!

Our staffing team remains largely the same with one addition. We are delighted to welcome Mrs Lopez to our Learning Support team this year. She is currently based in Year 2 and we are looking forward to working with her. We also have Mrs Spires back with us after maternity leave which is great news!

Do remember, we have an 'open door' policy at Lymington Infants and although we have formal parents evenings later this term, you are always welcome to look at your child's work or chat to the teachers about their progress or wellbeing at any time of the year. It was lovely to see those who attended the curriculum sessions this week and we hope you enjoyed the opportunity to pop into the classroom. We are looking forward to a busy and fun filled Autumn term.



Parking

Please avoid parking in prohibited areas, particularly the small side road that leads to the tennis club. Lymington Town Football Club are more than happy for their gravel car park to be used but ask that parents please refrain from opening up their barriers and parking on the grass as it damages it.

A parking permit can be used for **Barfields car park** and **the back of the Town Hall car park** which you can collect from the school office. Follow the link below for full details
<https://www.lymington-inf.hants.sch.uk/Travel-to-School/>



A message from Helen Thompson, our Chair of Governors

On behalf of the Governors of the school, I would like to wish all of our children and families a happy new academic year. I was appointed as Chair of Governors at our summer meeting and it is a privilege to be supporting our wonderful school in this role.

Governors have met for their first meeting this year and we have been creating a Governor Management and Monitoring plan to ensure that we continue to fulfil all of the appropriate responsibilities.

This term, my role will look at safeguarding monitoring and the importance of ensuring our children and staff are safe in school.

I very much look forward to seeing you across the year and supporting our Leadership team.

Netflix Series

Hampshire County Council (HCC) have asked schools to share their concerns regarding a series called **The Amazing Digital Circus**, which is currently available on streaming platforms including Netflix.

At first glance, the programme may appear to be aimed at young children due to its colourful animation, cartoon-style characters and playful title. However, the content is intended for an older audience and includes themes and scenes that many parents may find unsuitable for primary-aged children.

The show carries a 12 rating on Netflix and includes content warnings for violence, language and drug misuse. Some episodes contain scenes that could be upsetting for younger viewers, including depictions of injury, threatening situations and other disturbing imagery presented in an animated format.

Please be aware that this series is 12+ and not suitable for younger viewers.

Shoebox Collection

This year we will be working with the Rotary Club to collect items to go in shoeboxes that will be sent to displaced children, mainly across Eastern Europe. We would like the children to think about others who are less fortunate than themselves and to remind them it is joyful to give as well as receive.

Boxes will be able to be collected from the front of the school very soon!



The boxes will need to be brought in to school by **Friday 16 October**. A list of items to donate can be found on the accompanying leaflet.

Free School Meals (FSM)

Free School Meals (FSM) eligibility has been expanded to include all households receiving Universal Credit.

To check if your child is eligible go to <https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/hants>

or email us with your National Insurance number and date of birth and we will check on your behalf.

Curriculum Information Meetings

If you missed the curriculum information meetings, you can watch a video of what was shared on our website under the tab [Our Curriculum/Class Pages](#)

Year group emails

Should you wish to contact the teaching team directly regarding an aspect of your child's learning, please do use their year group email address below:

Year R: lymingtoninfantsyearr@gmail.com

Year 1: lymingtoninfantsyear1@gmail.com

Year 2: lymingtoninfantsyear2@gmail.com

For all other general enquiries, passing on information about attendance/appointments, or if the matter is urgent, please contact the school office directly.

PLEASE – No water bottles in book bags

Our school books for our reading scheme have cost us thousands of pounds!

This is the reason why we ask you not to put water bottles in the children's book bags please. They do leak and the books get ruined.

We thank you in advance and hope you will support us by ensuring that this does not happen. Thank you.



Dates for your diary

For full dates please the school website

<https://www.lymington-inf.hants.sch.uk/Diary/>

Tues 22 September 8:45-9:20am	Year R – Supporting your child with Early Reading
Thurs 24 September 8:45-9:20am	Year 2 Curriculum Information Meeting
Fri 25 September 8:45-9:20am	Year 1 Curriculum Information Meeting
Thurs 1 October	Year 2 Great Fire of London workshop
Tues 6 October	Year 1 Wild Wood starts
Weds 7 October 9:30-10:15am	KS1 Harvest Festival at St Thomas Church – parents welcome
Weds 14 October 2:40-3:00pm	Year 2 Time to Share
Tues 20 October 3:10-7pm	Parents' Evening – a booking link will be sent out shortly
Weds 21 October 3:10-5:30pm	Parents' Evening – a booking link will be sent out shortly
Thurs 22 October	Nasal flu vaccine (all year groups)
Fri 23 October	'Wear green for Oakhaven' Day
Fri 23 October 3-3:30pm	FoS Cake Sale – please see FoS for more details
Fri 23 October	Last day before half-term
Mon 26 October	HALF-TERM
Mon 2 November	Return to school

2026/27 Trips (approximate costs)

[Please note for your diaries!](#)

We understand it can be helpful to have advance notice of both the cost of trips and also the dates. We hope this will help with planning and budgeting.

Year 1 Marwell Zoo – Weds 18 November - £15.45

Year 2 Children's Concert – Thurs 21 January - £8

Year R Longdown Farm – Mon 15 March - £16.35

Year 1 Hilliers Gardens – Tues 23 March - £14.20

Year 2 Sea City Museum – Weds 24 March - £11.90

Year 2 Countryside Centre – Mon 14 June - £14.35

Year 1 Hurst Castle – Mon 28 June - £9.35

[More details will be given nearer the trip date.](#)

Curriculum Overviews and Knowledge Organisers

We send out **knowledge organisers** at the end of each topic which suggests ways to consolidate learning.

However, we understand a **curriculum overview** beforehand of the whole topic is helpful, for parents to both be informed and to support or generate interest in the learning. You will find both of these documents on our website under the tab [Our Curriculum/Class Pages](#)

SPECIAL MENU

Census Day

Thursday 1st October 2026

Lunch Menu

Chicken Nuggets
Or
Vegetable Fingers

Served with
Oven Chips,
Baked Beans,
Garden Peas

Or

Jacket Potato
with a Choice of Fillings
Tuna Mayo, Cheddar Cheese, Baked Beans

Followed By

Rocket Lolly
Or
Fresh Fruit or Jelly

