

ACADEMY
LANGLEY

Weekly Newsletter

HEADTEACHER UPDATE



The final Newsletter of the first half-term of 2026-27 starts with the perennial reminder in relation to those students – and their families – who cycle to-and-from the academy. Please be mindful to follow the Highway Code and also our advice would be to wear a helmet on your journey. This has been written in

response to a local resident expressing concern. Once more I would implore families that outside of the academy the behaviour of your child is your responsibility, and we thank those that do ensure their child is always being #Langley247. We have Hallowe'en and also Bonfire Night coming up in the calendar and, as ever, I urge all families to ensure any of our children celebrate these events appropriately and do not cause anti-social behaviour in the local community.

We've had a busy three days which was kicked off by hosting our good friend Femi Adeniran from the Beyond Good teaching podcast. He has worked alongside Mrs Francome and the rest of the Maths team for two days, and I look forward to the up-coming podcast and Step Lab videos in due course! On Monday, we also welcomed various VIP guests from our friends at City Year UK, alongside Laura McMullan from BBC Midlands Today. As someone who can remember the old Pebble Mill studios it was a thrill to host the BBC here, as it's been part of my daily life for a long as I can remember. Equally, it was great to see former City Year alumni Miss Boateng back with us for the filming too!

Tuesday also saw a former key member of staff – Miss Binsley – who returned to visit us – but this time in her new role as part of the School Improvement team at Sandwell Council. She was an integral member of our team over many years and I am sorry her last school move did not work out, but I am thrilled to see her doing so well this academic year – and bringing that energy, passion, work-ethic and commitment to the local area we serve! She is welcome back here anytime...

On Wednesday we also hosted Dr Patrice Mwithaga from the Inspire Food Study research project at the University of Birmingham. This study is focusing on the new government food standards and, of course, found our Family Breakfast and Family Lunch model to be one of significant interest to their study. As ever, I am grateful to our Innovate team, led by Mrs Barker, for all their hard work this half-term. I know they are going to be visiting the Prefect team and also KS3 Excellence Leaders shortly to gauge their opinions on the new menu changes since September but, certainly, as the person who – alongside Mr Anderson and Miss Goodbourn – has eaten the most Family Lunches in the building since 2016, I fully agree the new menu has been a hit!

A huge well done to the following students and their families for their superb completion of the Summer Challenge. Well done to our winners: Ebony Cook (9A1), Fletcher Smith (9A2), Mabel Beckingham (9C1), J'Zai McKenzie (9C2), Jasmine Kaur-Sidhu (9D1), Aisha Salam (9D2), Patrick Moreno (9L1), Riley Sullivan (9L2), Bevin Binu (9S1), Harvey Hayre (9S2), Araiz Ansari (8A1), Harkirat Kaur Bring (8A2), Jahlone Harewood (8C1), Noah Busby (8C2), Kurts Ilens (8D1), Jasreet Kaur (8D2), Manroop Kaur (8L1), Sukhmani Kaur (8L2), Aaliyah-Jade Price (8S1), Thomas Scott-Harris (8S2), Karan Dickenson (7A1), Evie Harris (7A2), Freddie Lunn (7C1), Kayah Burris (7C2), Alice Capper-Steventon (7D1), Cali Cooper (7D2), Remi Singh (7L1), Georgia Price (7L2), Amariah Higgins (7S1) and Mehar Murria (7S2). Also well done to the winners of three star of the lesson awards in a single day: Seth Allan (10S1) and Kian Tierney (7C1).

A reminder that we are hosting four days of invite only sessions for Year 11 on Thursday and Friday this week heading into the first two days next week. We have an inset day on Monday 2 November meaning that students return at the normal times on Tuesday 3 November for the countdown towards.... the best day of the school year – Christmas Family Lunch!

Best wishes,

Peter Lee

Headteacher



Well done to our Stars of the Week, beginning 19th October 2026. They are:



Lily
Tedstone
7A1



Gurnoor
Kaur
7C1



Reevun
Takhar
7D1



Yuvraaj
Sanghera
7L1



Amariah
Higgins
7S1



Jacob
Morton
11D2

MENU FOR WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 02/11/2026

Day	Meat	Vegetarian	Dessert
Monday 2nd November	INSET DAY		
Tuesday 3rd November	BBQ Chicken (H) Salt and Pepper Wedges Spicy Slaw	Quorn Dippers (V) Salt and Pepper Wedges Spicy Slaw	Brookie Bar
Wednesday 4th November	Roast Pork Crispy Roast Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables	Vegetable & Chickpea Pastry (V) Crispy Roast Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables	Fresh Fruit
Thursday 5th November	Margherita Pizza (V) Oven Baked Wedges Peas	Margherita Pizza (V) Oven Baked Wedges Peas	Fruit Yoghurts
Friday 6th November	Battered Fish Chips Peas	Onion Pakora Burger (V) Chips Peas	Raspberry Ripple Tray Bake

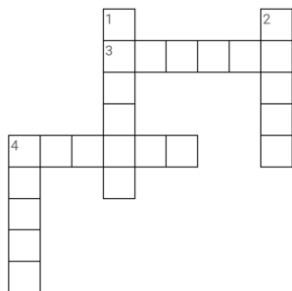
(V) Suitable for Vegetarians (H) Halal Meat. The menu is subject to change at short notice.



SABIN'S SCRAMBLE

Last week's Sabin's Scramble winner is: Ibrahim Khan (8D2).

Well done Ibrahim!



- Across
- 3 A festival celebrated by Hindus as the festival of Light
- 4 On 1st November some Christians observe All.... Day
- Down
- 1 The last Sunday in November is the first day of ... for Christians
- 2 Bandi Chhor Divas is observed by...
- 4 On the 2nd November some Christians observe All.... Day

Answers should be clearly labelled and returned to Reception by Tuesday 3rd November at 15:30pm. A Mars bar or financial equivalent will be awarded for the winning entry draw. The Headteacher's decision is final in this matter.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Half Term

Thursday 22nd October 2026– Friday 30th October 2026 - Year 11 sessions by invite.

Inset Day

Monday 2nd November 2026 - Academy closed to students.

Students return on **Tuesday 3rd November 2026 at normal times.**

Remembrance Service

Wednesday 11th November 2026

Parents' Consultation Evening

Thursday 10th December 2026—students will finish early, times TBC.

SAFEGUARDING NOTICEBOARD

As we approach half term, we recognise that some students and families may need support with their mental health and wellbeing. Our Mental Health and Wellbeing page includes access to our **Scan for Support** resources for parents, carers and young people. Scan the QR code for more information.



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