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ACADEMY LANGLEY

Weekly Newsletter

HEADTEACHER UPDATE



We kick-started the half-term with an INSET Day, during which the undoubted highlight(alongside the yummy breakfast and lunch provided by our catering team!) was the session delivered to all staff by STS Medics. Long-time friends of the Academy, Mr Tite and the team were able to update all colleagues and provide practical, real-life examples. We thank them for their continued support of so many aspects of school life here!

We said goodbye before half-term to Miss McQuilkin, who departs for pastures new and leaves with our very best wishes, as well as temporarily to Miss Stockdale, who starts her maternity leave. She will be sorely missed, but we can't wait to hear her news in a few weeks! I also received a gorgeous photo of Miss Gilhooley's new baby, proudly sporting a Q3 fleece knitted by his grandparents, and we look forward to seeing him again in the flesh, perhaps for Christmas Family Lunch?

We were so impressed with the conduct and effort of the Year 11 students who were invited into the Academy during half-term, and Mr Fullwood reports that this has carried on into their first week of mock examinations. We regularly receive messages via Reception or on social media regarding details. The best place to follow all the Year 11 news and updates is via our dedicated WhatsApp channel, which is regularly updated. As ever, I am grateful to Mrs Kaur and our team of invigilators, who perform an amazing role here at the Academy during this time.

Wednesday saw the first Time 4 Tea following the holiday. Ezra de La Rosa (11D2) shared the great news that he has been selected to progress to the next stage of the Orwell Award with our friends from Eton. We have also had sporting success away from the Academy, which you may have seen on social media. Well done to Miller Robinson (8C1), Eden Griffith (7C2), Samantha Martinova (8D2) and Ella Sanghera (7A2). All will receive a Headteacher's Commendation and, as ever, if your child achieves something worthy of recognition outside the Academy, we love to share in the celebrations!

Poppies have been on sale at Reception. A huge thank you to Mr Pritchard, Chair of Governors at our sister site, for providing them, as he does every year here at Q3 Langley. We are finalising the plans for our service next week. Please pray for no rain on the day and look out for our usual video from our good friend, the Digital Creator, in due course!

On Thursday, I ventured over to our good friends at Windsor Academy Trust, where I had the pleasure of working alongside Steve Lankham. It was a flashback to 2009, when I was at Moseley School and he worked at Wheeler's Lane Boys School. At 15:30, I co-hosted our first KS3 Alliance West Midlands Network Meeting alongside Dawn Haywood. Again, it was such a privilege to connect with colleagues from far and wide as the movement continues to gain momentum! As ever, a huge thank you to the indomitable Rhi Hopcroft, Executive PA to the CEO, for all her organisational brilliance!

On Friday, we welcomed trainee teacher Ben Moore to the Academy for his secondary experience. A stalwart of Birmingham Primary Schools' FA, I have known him for a number of years, and I am delighted that we could support his journey towards becoming a teacher. He will be an asset to any school, that's for sure!

So, this only leaves me to wish our U14 and U16 netball teams the very best of luck on Sunday. Unfortunately, my own son's football and my Walking Football commitments mean I'll have to be kept updated via WhatsApp! A huge thank you to the staff members supporting the girls!

We wish all of our families celebrating Diwali this Sunday a very Happy Diwali! May the Festival of Lights bring happiness, peace and prosperity to you and your loved ones.

Best wishes,

Peter Lee

Headteacher

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STARS OF THE WEEK

Q3 ACADEMY LANGLEY

Well done to our Stars of the Week, beginning 2nd November 2026. They are:

Abigail Oremade 8A1

Katherine de Grey 8C1

Eliza Kashif 8D1

Liam Stokes 8L1

Ollie Woodward 8S1

Jack Evans 10C1

MENU FOR WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 09/11/2026

Day	Meat	Vegetarian	Dessert
Monday 9th November	**Beef Chilli Con Carne** Nacho Crumbs Mixed Rice & Sweetcorn	**Mixed Bean Chilli (V)** Nacho Crumbs Mixed Rice & Sweetcorn	**Ice Cream Tubs**
Tuesday 10th November	**Creamy Chicken, Spinach & Pesto Pasta Bake (H)** House Salad	**Veggieball Bake (V)** House Salad	**Chocolate & Orange Brownie**
Wednesday 11th November	**Glazed Gammon** Crispy Roast Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables	**Vegetable Roll (V)** Crispy Roast Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables	**Fresh Fruit**
Thursday 12th November	**Margherita Pizza (V)** Oven Baked Wedges Peas	**Margherita Pizza (V)** Oven Baked Wedges Peas	**Fruit Yoghurts**
Friday 13th November	**Battered Fish** Chips Peas	**Veggie Burger (V)** Chips Peas	**Flapjack**

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

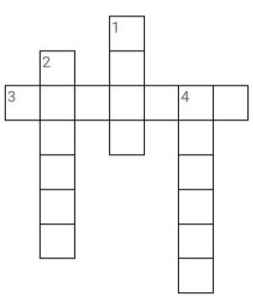


SABIN'S SCRAMBLE

Last week's Sabin's Scramble winner is: Reevun Takhar (7D1).

Well done Reevun!

This week's Sabin's Scramble is:



Across

3 On the 11th November at 11:00 we observe a 2 minute...

Down

1 At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember..

2 Poppies grew in Flanders...

4 The students leading a parade during our Remebrance Service

Answers should be clearly labelled and returned to Reception by Tuesday 10th 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

Remembrance Service

Wednesday 11th November 2026

Black Friday

Friday 27th November 2026

Cyber Monday

Monday 30th November 2026

Parent's Consultation Evening 2 - including XMAS Fair

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

SAFEGUARDING NOTICEBOARD

While many of us return from school breaks feeling refreshed and eager to learn, the transition back to school can be challenging for some students which can trigger anxiety or stress, especially for children who struggle socially or academically. Please refer to QR code for some simple, effective steps that parents, carers, and school staff can take together to support a positive return to school.

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