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**Wednesday 8th October 2025**

## **Newsletter 5.**

Dear Families,

Thank you so much for your support in encouraging all our children to come independently into the academy. They have adapted so well to the new routine and lessons are able to get off to a smoother start each day.

Just a reminder that individual photos are this Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October. Individual and sibling shots will take place during the school day. Older and younger siblings, not at the academy, may join us from 8.30 for family shots.

As part of our Zones of Regulation, we have purchased a range of sensory items to support children in school. This includes small textured and moveable toys to support listening. If your child has accidentally brought any of these home, please could you send these back in to the academy.

I am pleased to report that interviews are taking place over the next couple of weeks for the current vacancies we have in staffing. The executive principal and I will be looking for strong staff members who are the best fit for your children to provide a consistent experience moving forward. I look forward to writing to you with news as soon as these are complete.

Again, on a staffing note, I have been working with the Executive Principal and The Early Years Team from within the trust to ensure the strongest Early Years experience for all our nursery and foundation pupils. There is already a great deal of collaboration between the early years team at Langwith Bassett across Nursery, FS1 and FS2, and we plan to build on this further, enabling greater social opportunities and stronger continuous provision. From Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October we will be slightly adjusting the organisation of our EYFS unit, with all nursery and foundation children coming into the main building and registering together. All children will all have Class One as their main base, with easier access to

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the playground. The current Nursery building will be in use throughout the day for small groups of children to work with an adult on teacher lead activities. There will be several advantages to this adjustment

This will:

- greater strengthen the transition and interactions between cohorts of children,
- increase social opportunities,
- support assessments of progress and tailored activities to ensure next steps of development,
- ensure the maximisation of staffing to support all pupils whilst maintaining enhanced EYFS ratios across all age groups
- increase the opportunities for 1:1 support for pupils across EYFS and the academy.
- enable additional Nursery and FS1 places to be available as required to further grow our EYFS unit.

Once the adjustments are in place and the children have settled we are planning an open afternoon when parents of EYFS children will be invited to come along, spend some time with us and see how it works.

It is my intention to strengthen and develop the provision through breakfast club. The children have already shared some ideas with me about how they would like us to expand the food choices available. They have suggested a wider selection of fruit, waffles, pancakes, crumpets and toast in addition to bagels. They would also like to have fruit juice as a choice. Parents have also expressed that it would be helpful if the club started earlier to support working parents. Attached at the bottom of this letter as a consultation. I would appreciate as much feedback as possible even if you do not access the club at the moment. If you require a paper copy, please ask at the academy office.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

Mrs Sarah Bacon  
Principal

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| <b>Term dates 2025-2026</b><br>8 <sup>th</sup> September – 24 <sup>th</sup> October<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> November – 19 <sup>th</sup> December<br>5 <sup>th</sup> January – 13 <sup>th</sup> February<br>23 <sup>rd</sup> February – 27 <sup>th</sup> March<br>13 <sup>th</sup> April – 22 <sup>nd</sup> May<br>1 <sup>st</sup> June – 23 <sup>rd</sup> July | <b>INSET days</b><br>4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> of September 2025<br>28 <sup>th</sup> November 2026<br>20 <sup>th</sup> March 2026<br>19 <sup>th</sup> July 2026 |
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## Breakfast club consultation October 2025

Please could you give some thought as to how we could enhance our current offer by answering the following questions and returning your answers to Mrs Milner in the academy office by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Childs name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

What time would you like to see breakfast club start ( please circle)

7.50am   8:00am   8:10am   A flexible start from a given time onwards.

What menu items would you like to see as options for your child? It may be that to reduce wastage not all items are available everyday.

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If breakfast club starts earlier, a range of activities will be made available for the children. What activities would you like to see?

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It has been proposed that we increase the cost to either £2.50 or £3.00 a session to cover the staffing and the additional food costs. What would you consider a reasonable cost

For a session that began at 7.50am with additional food choices?

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Do you have any other suggestions or ideas to enhance provision at breakfast club?

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My child/ren currently attends Breakfast club Y / N

I would be interested in my child/ren attending breakfast club with the following changes Y/ N

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I currently do not require Breakfast club provision for my child/ren Y/ N

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