

Newsletter 1 – Friday September 4th 2026



Value of the Month: Respect

Dear Parents/Friends,

A huge welcome back to EVERYONE to this new and exciting year at Long Meadow School! We do hope that you have enjoyed a wonderful summer break and enjoyed spending time together with family and friends across this glorious summer of sunshine.



I am thrilled to report that we have all enjoyed an excellent start to the new school year. It has been lovely to see our Long Meadow children returning to school so happy and settled. There has been a wonderful atmosphere of purpose and buzz across the whole school in the past 2 days. Just wonderful!

Vision and Values

Across the academic year, alongside our school principles, we will be exploring 11 key values – one for every month. These will become well embedded into the daily workings of our school and hugely support our Long Meadow ethos and culture.



We are beginning the year with the core value of 'Respect' for the month for September. We will be exploring this important value in our regular assemblies and as part of our Personal, Social and Health Education sessions.

Uniform

It has been so great to see our children returning to school taking such pride in wearing their Long Meadow school uniform. Many thanks to our families for supporting our children in wearing our school uniform so proudly – including the PE uniform. We thank our parents in advance for support in maintaining high standards of school uniform across the school year.

Maintaining high standards of uniform reflects the high standards that we have of all our children in all aspects of their work at the school. With that in mind, we do remind children about this if we see standards in our school uniform are not being upheld.

Attendance and Punctuality

I would like to remind everyone that it is not possible for headteachers to authorise holiday leave. It is only in **particularly exceptional circumstances** where leave may be granted and examples of these are given on the Attendance Policy which can be found on the 'Policies' section of the school website.

I would like to thank you all in advance for your understanding and support in ensuring good attendance and punctuality for your child, which we know positively impacts of their outcomes and progress in school. Thank you!

A Message from Ms Seagar

As we begin this new academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the Long Meadow school community for the incredibly warm welcome I have received so far. It has been a pleasure meeting our wonderful children, dedicated staff and supportive families. I have already been hugely impressed by the positive relationships, enthusiasm for learning and strong sense of community that make this such a special place.

The start of a new school year is always an exciting time, filled with opportunities for growth, achievement and new experiences. I am very much looking forward to working alongside staff, pupils and families as we continue to build on the school's many strengths and ensure that every child thrives both academically and personally.

Thank you for your support as we begin this journey together. I am excited about the year ahead and all that we will accomplish as a school community. I look forward to meeting and getting to know you all more as the term develops.

Wishing everyone a happy, successful and enjoyable year ahead.

Best regards as always to you all,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ruth Seagar". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Ruth" and the last name "Seagar" clearly distinguishable.

Ruth Seagar
Executive Headteacher