

WEEK ENDING 06.02.2026

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LEADERSHIP MESSAGE:

Happy Friday everyone!

We have had a truly fantastic and busy week here at Longdon Hall. Our students have thoroughly enjoyed a variety of visits, including an exciting trip to RAF Cosford, where they explored aircraft and learned more about aviation history, as well as a lovely visit to Ash End Farm, giving students the opportunity to engage with animals and the outdoors. Back at school, cooking has once again been a real highlight of the week. Students showed great enthusiasm and creativity in the kitchen, working hard to prepare some wonderful dishes and taking pride in their achievements. It has been a pleasure to see their confidence and independence continue to grow. We are already looking forward to next Friday, when students will be invited to come to school in fancy dress or pyjamas to help us celebrate World Kindness Day. We can't wait to see the imaginative outfits and to spend the day focusing on kindness and positive relationships. As always, we would like to thank our students and staff for another successful week. We wish everyone a restful, safe, and enjoyable weekend and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday.

PARENT NOTICES: January 2026

Half-term: 16th-20th February 2026

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February 17th is World Kindness Day

To mark this date and spread the word and importance of kindness



Save the date!

Friday 13th
February 2026

Random Acts of
Kindness Day!

PJ Day / 'whatever
makes you smile
fancy dress'

we are going to
host another
fantastic pastoral party
to end the half term
students are
encouraged to
spend the day comfy
in their PJ's or dress
up as something that
makes them
happy - they
could be their
favourite Disney
character /
favourite animal / food /
book - the more
imaginative the
better!!

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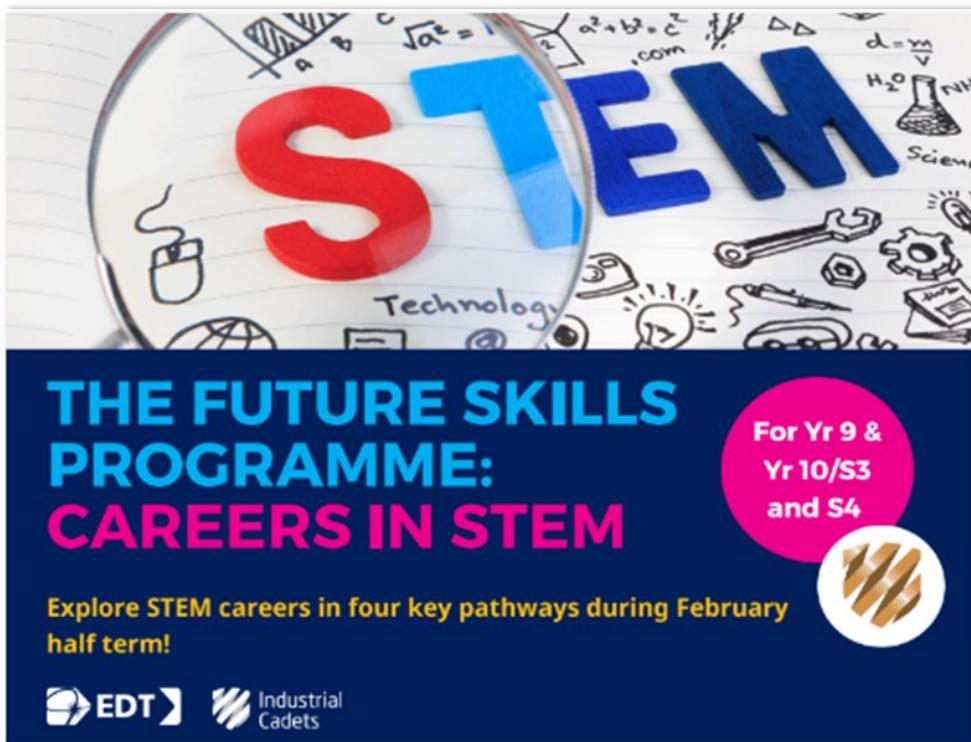
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Explore STEM careers in four key pathways during February half term!

For SCHOOL YEARS 9 & 10.

A promotional poster for a STEM careers programme. The top half features the word 'STEM' in large, colorful letters (S in red, T in blue, E in blue, M in blue) on a white background with various STEM-related icons and formulas like $a^2+b^2=c^2$, $d=m/v$, and H_2O . A magnifying glass is positioned over the letters. The bottom half is a dark blue banner with white and yellow text. It includes the title 'THE FUTURE SKILLS PROGRAMME: CAREERS IN STEM', the target audience 'For Yr 9 & Yr 10/S3 and S4', and the description 'Explore STEM careers in four key pathways during February half term!'. Logos for EDT and Industrial Cadets are at the bottom left.

THE FUTURE SKILLS PROGRAMME: CAREERS IN STEM

For Yr 9 & Yr 10/S3 and S4

Explore STEM careers in four key pathways during February half term!

EDT Industrial Cadets

What is involved?

- A comprehensive experience delivered virtually in February.
- Live Q&A sessions with STEM professionals in Net Zero futures, Digital AI futures, Health and Life Sciences, Engineering & Infrastructure and Manufacturing futures.
- CV, applications and interview support.
- Interactive panel Q&A sessions with universities & apprentices.
- Learn how to succeed in the workplace, including how to ask questions, network and write professional emails.
- Achieve the Bronze Industrial Cadet Award.

Dates

- 20 hours of study to complete flexibly over 5 days in February.
- Either 9th - 13th February or 16th - 21st February.

Cost/Funding

- £50 (bursaries available, click [here](#) for bursary criteria and availability).

How to register or find out more

To register, please visit our website [here](#) or scan the QR code!





Curriculum updates: DCo class trip to RAF Cosford



RAF Cosford in Shropshire is a major Royal Air Force technical training base, specializing in aeronautical engineering, radio, photography, and physical training for the UK Armed Forces. It serves as a key site for the Defence College of Technical Training, hosts the renowned RAF Museum Midlands, and is the venue for the annual Cosford Air Show.

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Students really enjoyed this amazing opportunity to see all the wonderful examples of aircraft throughout history.

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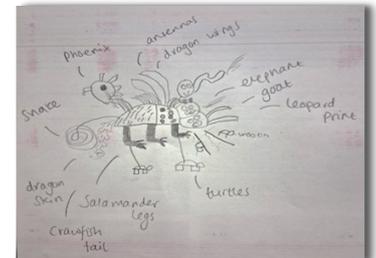
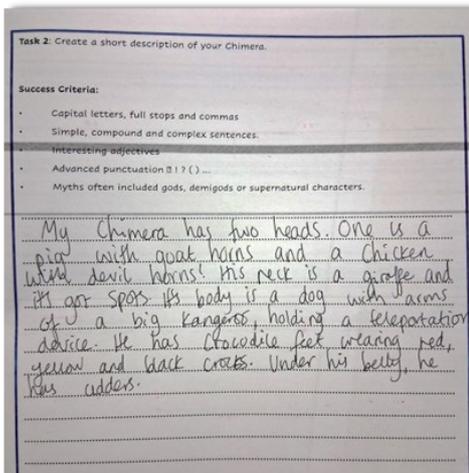
Curriculum updates:



On Friday Primary spent their enrichment at Ash End Farm. They enjoyed feeding the goats, rabbits and guinea pigs. They also groomed a pony and stroked a newborn chicken. They visited the reptiles and birds of pretty centre before enjoying some time in the play barn.



Curriculum updates:



Amethyst Class have been exploring a variety of myths and mythical creatures this half term; from Pandora's box to

Theseus and the Minotaur, and Odysseus and the Cyclops. This week, Amethyst

Class have learned about Chimeras (mythical

creatures made from 2 or more animals) and competed to see who could create the chimera with the most animals. Pupils created chimeras with over 10 animals

and practiced their full sentences and describing skills.

A real WOW moment for Amethyst Class, well done!

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Curriculum updates:



DMe made 'Chicken nuggets' from scratch in Food studies, they had a great time preparing all the ingredients, cooking and tasting the final product!

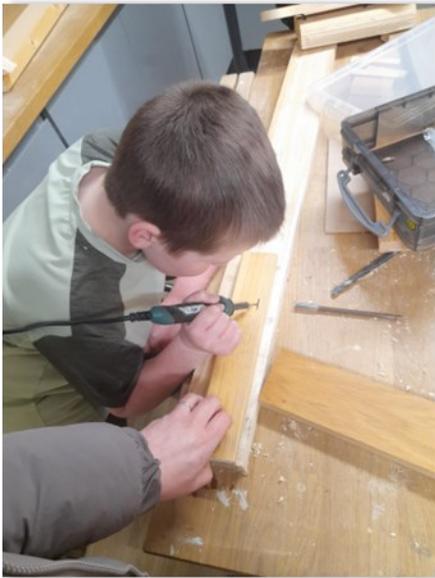
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Curriculum updates:



This week in Design Technology DMe/Amythest class made a dog lead hook to take with us to the dog rescue on Monday, some students also made their own to take home.



Curriculum updates: SHS class

'Dreamcatchers'

SHS class have had a wonderful time exploring creativity

and fine motor skills to create their own

inspired 'Dreamcatchers' using natural objects like

twigs and feathers, also

beads and coloured threads. The finished pieces are very successful; and really

capture the student's efforts, well done to all involved!



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Lunch Menu: Week commencing: 09/02/2026

Monday main: Pizza, crosscut chips, corn on the cob

Dessert: Strawberry gateau

Tuesday main: Balti curry, naan bread, rice

Dessert: Angel delight

Wednesday main: Roast beef, potatoes, cauliflower cheese, vegetables,
Yorkshire pudding, gravy

Dessert: Chocolate cake & custard

Thursday main: Chicken burger, chips, spaghetti

Dessert: Rice pudding

Friday main: Pasta king day, cheese & tomato tubed pasta, crisps, snack bar,
drink/shake

Dessert: Cookie

Each day there are also the following options in addition to the main meal:

jacket potato or sweet potato

hot ham baguette

hot cheese baguette

hot ham and cheese baguette

hot tuna and cheese baguette

Ham, tuna or cheese sandwich

salad choices

a vegetarian option of the main course is also available daily

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SAFEGUARDING UPDATE: Parent/Carer Information

Lemon8 App

Lemon8 is an app which seems to be growing in popularity. Calling itself a 'lifestyle community' app the terms and conditions, as per most social media, is 13+. The company which owns Lemon8 is ByteDance, who also own TikTok and it's essentially a mix between Instagram and TikTok. Reviews generally seem to be quite positive but one of the big downfalls is that parental features are a little lacking. It's worth checking if your child is using Lemon8 and if so have a look at this ...

<https://www.waynedenner.com/lemon8-app-parents-guide/>

New Parental Control Videos

A couple of days ago Internet Matters uploaded 3 new short videos onto YouTube, each focussing on parental controls for YouTube, Roblox and TikTok, the links are:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hskr4KnSKJE>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VkMuSv0rRWw>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9KFzq7iG5LE>

Mental health and social media

Next week is Children's mental health week and we will be sending out resources and ideas to help you support your child's mental health. There has been lots of research and studies into this area and the NSPCC are one of the leading organisations in this field. Learn about NSPCC's 'Race to a Mili' Childline campaign helping children and young people find the answers and support they need to look after their mental health when using social media. What should you do if you receive hateful comments on social media? How can you spot when peer pressure is making you act differently? When is it time for a digital detox?

[Support Childline's Race To A Milli campaign | NSPCC Learning](#)