

LANGSIDE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Autumn 2023

It feels like Christmas is now racing towards us, probably exacerbated by an extremely early end of term. As ever we have a range of Christmas events for both the children and families, and we very much look forward to seeing you.

Nurses

I would like to welcome Bethan Adams to the team. Bethan is an experienced paediatric nurse, currently based at Lily's Place. Bethan will be joining us at the start of December and it will mean that the team is now back to full strength following the loss of Hazel.

Don't forget to
TREECYCLE
Diverse Abilities will collect your tree for a suggested £10 donation

TREE COLLECTION DATES:
FRI 5TH, SAT 6TH, SUN 7TH & MON 8TH
JANUARY 2024

RESERVE YOUR COLLECTION AT
[DIVERSEABILITIES.ORG.UK/TREES](https://diverseabilities.org.uk/trees)

The poster features a background of evergreen trees and three circular inset photos showing people participating in tree collection activities.

Treecycling

Don't forget to book your tree collection through Diverse Abilities. Each year the charity collects and recycles thousands of Christmas trees. Monies raised directly benefit the children at Langside.

Your Name

Named Property

Please can we request that all clothing and property is clearly labelled, it genuinely makes life a lot easier for us and saves a lot of staff time.

The Christmas Production

This year's production 'Christmas Movie' is taking place on Tuesday 5th Dec (@10.30). Tickets are always in high demand so please contact Cate with your request.

a polite reminder...

Visitors Mobile Phone Policy

On arrival, visitors are asked to read the notice about mobile phone use and sign to acknowledge understanding of the following:

- Visitors must keep mobile phones concealed
- Visitors must NEVER take photos of pupils
- Parents wishing to photograph their own child should speak to a member of the class

Visitors needing to answer a telephone call or text should return to reception.

End of Term Arrangements

Just a gentle reminder that term ends on **Friday 15th December at 1.00pm**, staff training in the afternoon will be focused on wellbeing. Children will return on **Thursday 4th January**.



This year's Christmas Service will be a 'Sensory Nativity'. Children, parents and staff are encouraged to wear their finest Christmas outfits for the Service on Wed 13th December (@ 10.45).

...and Don't forget 'Christmas Jumper Day' on Thursday 7th December.

Caterpillar Club

Do you know about the school's **Caterpillar Club**? It runs every Friday from 10am – 11.30am and gives the opportunity for parents and pre-school children with disabilities to attend a free, fun and friendly session each week. [Please share with anyone you think might benefit from a service like this.](#)

The logo for the Caterpillar Club features the words 'Diverse Abilities' in a simple font above 'Caterpillar Club' in large, colorful, multi-colored letters. Below this, it says 'At Langside School'. A green banner contains the text 'A FREE, fun and friendly group for children with disabilities, their parents and siblings'. Below the banner, there is a paragraph of text: 'Join the Caterpillar Club and meet other parents that have children with complex disabilities while your child can enjoy a range of multi sensory activities and meet other children. Siblings are also welcome to the group.' At the bottom, it lists 'Activities include music, art, massage, playing with sensory toys and stories.' and 'Advice and guidance also provided from specialist staff.'

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Don't Forget our Transition Offer....



TRANSITION

Parent Drop In Sessions



Meet the experts and find out more about the transition process into adult services for children with physical and learning disabilities.

Where? Colten Care's Bourne View
When? Once per term

We understand this can be an incredibly stressful time, so we're here to help ease the process.

Topics discussed include:

- options for adult services
- how the process works
- phased transition schedules
- funding & deputyships



Our aim is to guide, advise, prepare, and support SEND parents

The sessions will all take place at **Bourne View, Langside Avenue, Poole, BH12 5BN** between 10.30am and 11.30am

on the following dates:

23rd November

22nd March

21st June



To find out more and book in for a session, please contact Langside School
office@langsideschool.org.uk
01202 518 635

Register your interest and submit and questions at diverseabilities.org.uk/transitionsdropin

Langside School is part of Diverse Abilities, a registered Charity in accordance with the Charities Act 1993. Charity no. 282197.



Parent Group

Parent group will be taking place before the end of this term, we are just awaiting for some confirmation from Bourne View Care Home, who have kindly agreed to both accommodate us and provide refreshments. As always, Patsy will be there to welcome you. More details to be emailed out.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events, if not have a wonderful Christmas.

Jonathan

Dates for your Diary

Transition Parent Drop in (*Bourne View*)

10.30, 23rd November

Langside Production

10.30, Tues 5th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 7th December

Church Service (@ Langside)

10.45, Wednesday 13th December

Visit from Santa

Friday 15th December

End of Term

1.00pm Friday 15th December

Start of Spring Term

Thursday 4th January 2024

Staff Training 2nd and 3rd Jan