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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to inform you about an exciting development in our Early Years provision that will begin on Monday 23rd February 2026.

From this date, our Nursery and Reception children will be taught together in a mixed Nursery and Reception class, known as *Aspiring Acorns*. This change has been carefully planned to ensure it supports children's learning, wellbeing, and development from the very start of their school journey.

### Why are we making this change?

Research and experience show that mixed-age early years classes can offer many benefits for young children.

By learning together, children experience:

- Strong role models, with older children supporting and inspiring younger ones
- Consistency in routines, expectations, and teaching approaches
- Smooth progression in learning and development across Nursery and Reception
- Increased confidence, independence, and social skills
- A warm, inclusive environment where every child feels safe, valued, and supported

This approach also allows staff to work closely as a team, ensuring high-quality teaching, effective support, and carefully planned learning experiences for all children.

### How will children be supported?

We understand that children develop at different rates, and we want to reassure you that:

- Learning activities will be carefully planned and differentiated to meet the needs of both Nursery and Reception children
- The classroom environment will be well organised, calm, and age-appropriate
- Staff roles and routines are clearly planned to ensure children receive the right level of support
- Children's wellbeing, confidence, and progress will be closely monitored

Our vision is to help every child **"Be Our Best"** from the very start by nurturing curiosity, independence, resilience, and a love of learning.

### Working together with families

We value the strong partnership we have with our families and are committed to keeping you informed and involved. Over the coming weeks, we will share further information and offer opportunities for you to ask questions and discuss the new provision.

If you have any immediate questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the Early Years team or contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to provide the very best start for your child.

Kind regards,

**Maryam Dakramendjian (Early Years and KS1 Lead) and The Early Years Team**



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## Questions & Answers for Parents and Carers

### What is changing?

From Monday 23rd February 2026, Nursery and Reception children will learn together in a mixed class called Aspiring Acorns.

### Why is the school making this change?

A mixed Nursery and Reception class provides consistency, strong relationships, and smooth progression through the Early Years. It allows children to learn alongside peers of different ages, building confidence, independence, and social skills in a nurturing environment.

### Will my child still be taught at the right level?

Yes. All learning is carefully planned and differentiated to meet each child's individual needs and stage of development. Nursery and Reception children will be supported and challenged appropriately.

### Will Nursery children be overwhelmed?

No. The classroom, routines, and learning spaces are carefully designed to be calm, structured, and age appropriate. Younger children are closely supported by staff, and activities are planned to avoid cognitive overload.

### Will Reception children still be ready for Year 1?

Absolutely. Reception children will continue to follow the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum, with clear progression to ensure they are confident, independent learners ready for the next stage of school.

### How will behaviour and routines be managed?

Clear routines and expectations will be in place. Older children act as positive role models, helping to create a calm, respectful, and supportive learning environment.

### Who will be supporting my child?

A consistent Early Years staff team will work together in the classroom, with clearly defined roles to ensure high levels of care, supervision, and teaching throughout the day.

### How will progress and wellbeing be monitored?

Children's learning, development, and wellbeing will be regularly observed and assessed. Staff will closely monitor progress and provide support where needed, keeping parents informed.

### What if my child needs extra support?

Children who need additional support will continue to receive it. The mixed-age model allows for flexible grouping and increased adult support where required.

### Who can I speak to if I have questions?

We encourage parents to speak to a member of the Early Years team or contact the school office at any time. We value open communication and partnership with families.

### A Message from the Headteacher

*At Langland, our priority is always the wellbeing, happiness, and development of our children. This carefully planned move to a mixed Nursery and Reception class reflects our commitment to giving every child the strongest possible start to their learning journey.*

*Please be assured that this needs at the heart of every*



*change has been thoughtfully designed, with children's decision. Our experienced Early Years team will continue*



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*to provide a safe, nurturing, and inspiring environment where every child belongs, feels valued, supported, and encouraged to be their very best.*

*Thank you for your continued trust and support as we work together to help every child thrive from the very beginning.*

**Donna Christy**

**Headteacher**



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