



# Chess Club

Autumn Term 2025. Latchmere Primary School (LAT)

Dear Parents,

After an **amazing** year of achievement for Latchmere chess pupils we are again offering a **Y3-Y6 After School** session and **Y3-Y4 and Y5-Y6 Lunchtime** sessions; continuing to offer the incredibly popular **lunchtime chess** to **Y1 and Y2 pupils as well!** With **limited places** available, After School is for **intermediate/advanced players only**. Lunchtime sessions are open to pupils of **any standard** including complete beginners on a **first-come-first-served basis**.

Chess is a fun game. It **improves** concentration, memory, cognitive thinking and calculating ability. It also **develops** analytical skills, training the mind to **plan ahead**.

**We play and learn about strategy and tactics together**

Although fun, it is not just about winning. They will learn from their losses and become more **resilient** and how to stay **calm under pressure**. You will see them grow in confidence as they progress. **Last year, several players were selected for Surrey!**

**This Autumn Term all children will be prepared for the popular UK Chess Challenge (70,000 kids nationwide take part!) which starts in the Spring Term. This year Latchmere achieved 10 Giga Finalists. We became the first ever again State Primary to become GNSCC Girls Finalists.** Five Latchmere pupils represented Surrey and one, our **first ever** England player!

Our names are Mark & Hilary Hogarth. We are very experienced Chess teachers. Mark is also a Junior Chess County selector/coach, England Senior International and qualified Chess Arbiter. Complete beginners are **taught from scratch** until ready for assimilation into main group which covers Openings/middlegame strategy/basic endgames & mating patterns.

County U11 Chess Selector • England Senior International • chess tournament director • managed nationally/internationally

Whilst working at **Goldman Sachs** I also successfully pioneered Chess Partners as part of the Tower Hamlets Education Business Partnership a Charity, teaching Primary School kids in London's East End.

The club will run for 10 weeks as follows:

**Monday 3.30 - 4.25pm Y3 to Y6 £90 15th Sep- 13th Oct (5 weeks) and 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov – 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 2025 (5 weeks)**

**Tuesday 12.05-12.30pm Y1 to Y2 £70 16<sup>th</sup> Sep- 14th Oct(5 weeks) and 4<sup>th</sup> Nov – 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2025 (5 weeks)**

**Tuesday 12.30-1.00pm Y3 to Y4 £70 16<sup>th</sup> Sep- 14th Oct(5 weeks) and 4<sup>th</sup> Nov – 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2025 (5 weeks)**

**Tuesday 1.00 -1.30pm Y5 to Y6 £70 16<sup>th</sup> Sep- 14th Oct(5 weeks) and 4<sup>th</sup> Nov – 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2025 (5 weeks)**

To register your interest in joining the club **please would you email** [hilary.hogarth@btinternet.com](mailto:hilary.hogarth@btinternet.com) the following information by **7 July 2025**:

1. Your Child's Name
2. Year Group and Class
3. Session required (**L – lunchtime, A – After School**)
4. Chess Ability (e.g. beginner, basic moves, castling, chess notation)
5. Parent/Guardian Contact Name, email address and mobile number (**2 mobile numbers required if After School**)
6. Details of any allergy, medical needs (including use of inhalers and epi-pens)

Open for bookings from on a **first-come-first-served basis**, **limited** to 26 players in each session. **Places will go fast, so please apply early to avoid missing out.** We will **email you directly** to confirm your child's place and at that stage send our **payment details** and general joining instructions. Cost for the Term is **£70 for lunch time, £90 for After School**. If you are in receipt of **Pupil Premium or equivalent then chess maybe free and you must contact the school directly.**

Regards, Mark Hogarth, Chess Teacher, [mark.hogarth@btinternet.com](mailto:mark.hogarth@btinternet.com) 07976 639080

N.B. Sessions will only be refunded in the event of a whole school closure **except** when a **force majeure**. No refunds given after Week 2