

Friends of Longford Park Timeline Lesson Plan



Approximate duration:	15 minutes.
Suitable for:	Key Stage 2, 3.
Learning objective:	To understand some key dates in Longford Park's history.
Overview:	A quick quiz activity to help children understand how Longford Park has evolved. Possibly useful to do this before a visit to the park, particularly before the "Mapping the park" exercise.
Location:	Any location in the park. The southern section would be more appropriate given the diversity of vegetation.
Materials required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cards with key dates• Cards with significant historical milestones

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Session Plan: Give children the cards and ask them to match the historical milestones and key dates. This can be done as a group exercise or a competitive element could be introduced by having each child, or small groups, come up with their own answers and then the teacher reads out the correct information.

- 1801 John Rylands born
- 1857 John Rylands moves into Longford Hall
- 1875 John Rylands marries Enriqueta Tennant
- 1877 Sunnyside cottages built for “aged gentlewomen”
- 1888 John Rylands dies
- 1908 Enriqueta Rylands dies
- 1911 Stretford Council buys Longford Hall and gardens
- 1912 Stretford Council opens Longford Park
- 1925 Longford Park extended to the north
- 1964 Athletics Stadium opened
- 1995 Longford Hall demolished
- 2011 New climbing boulder and gardens improved

Extension activity: Imagine we are in the year 2100. What might be written on the card for 2020, 2045 and 2089?

Alternatively, children create their own dates and milestones for the next 50 years