



# Lingfield Primary School

## Newsletter

### July 2025



#### Message from Head Teacher

As we approach the end of the summer term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on what has been an immensely exciting time at our school. We've packed the last few months with events that have truly showcased the talents and creativity of our wonderful students. From sports days to charity and fundraising events, the enthusiasm and participation has been nothing short of inspiring.

I would also like to extend my heartfelt thanks for the fantastic support I have received from you all, upon starting my journey as headteacher at Lingfield Primary School. The children are at the heart of everything we do. We are excited looking forward to what next year will bring.

Remember, my door is always open. If you have any concerns or just wish to chat about your child's experience at school, please don't hesitate to come and see me.

Wishing you all a restful summer break ahead!

#### A Huge Thank You to our Nursery and Reception children!

We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the parents for their tremendous support during the recent reception and nursery sponsored bike ride. Thank you for your patience, we have just received the final donations this week therefore, we are absolutely amazed to announce that, together, we have raised just over a whopping £2,100! This is an incredible achievement, and we couldn't have done it without the enthusiasm and commitment of both the children and parents.

Nursery and Reception have already begun the exciting process of renovating our outdoor area, which we know will provide wonderful opportunities for exploration and play. We kindly ask for your patience as these renovations unfold; great things take time!

All the funds raised will be directly invested into enhancing our Nursery and Reception provision. We have plans for a brand-new writing environment complete with tables and chairs, and new storage sheds, improved kitchen areas with updated utensils, an outdoor shop, and new wooden chairs and benches. These improvements will help create fantastic new areas that encourage the children to explore and learn outside.

Once again, thank you for your incredible support. We look forward to sharing the journey of our nursery's development with you all!

#### Attendance

As a parent, understanding the importance of your child's attendance at school is crucial. Regular school attendance plays a vital role in your child's educational success, helping them to build essential knowledge and skills. Missing school, even for a day, can result in gaps in learning that are difficult to fill. Not only can this affect their academic performance, but it can also impact their social development and confidence. Encourage your child to show up every day; after all, being present is the first step towards achieving their goals and making the most of their educational experience.

#### Celebrating Through Facebook

It's great to see so many of our parents following us on Facebook! This platform has become an amazing

way for us to connect and share the wonderful things happening at our school. Our dedicated staff will be keeping you all in the loop about the fabulous work they are doing in each class every week. Whether it's exciting projects, creative activities, or special events, there will always be something new to discover!

So, make sure you keep an eye on our updates, as there's plenty to celebrate and engage with. We love sharing your children's achievements and the vibrant community we've built together. If you haven't followed us yet, take a moment to do so. Watch this space for regular highlights, and let's keep the conversation going. We look forward to seeing your comments and support as we continue this journey together! Thank you for being such an important part of our school community!

### **Adventure Park/Nursery Play Equipment**

We kindly ask that you please do not use the adventure park with children before and after school hours. While we understand the park can be a fun space for children to play, it poses safety and supervision concerns during these busy times. Your understanding and cooperation in keeping our children safe is greatly appreciated!

### **Sports Day**

What a fantastic morning we had for Sports Day! The atmosphere was electric as all the children took part in a variety of events, showcasing incredible determination and teamwork. From the sprint races to the sack races, it was wonderful to see the pupils supporting one another and giving their absolute best.

Laughter and cheers filled the air as friends rallied to encourage their teammates, creating a true sense of community. Each child demonstrated not only their athletic abilities but also their sportsmanship, which made the event even more special.

A huge thank you to all the parents who came out to support our young athletes. Your encouragement means the world and adds to the fun of the day. We couldn't have asked for a better Sports Day, and we can't wait to do it all again next year! Great fun was had by all!

### **Colour Run**

What a fantastic way to wrap up Sports Week with our Charity Colour Run! The atmosphere was absolutely buzzing, filled with laughter and excitement from both the children and staff. As the paint flew through the air, it was wonderful to see the sheer joy on the children's faces; they thoroughly enjoyed the delightful chaos of being splashed with vibrant colours.

Not only did this event encapsulate the spirit of fun and teamwork, but it also fostered a strong sense of community within our school. The enthusiasm was infectious, and it was heartwarming to witness everyone come together for a great cause. While the children sprinted around, competing in a festival of colours, the spirit of camaraderie truly shone through, with some staff joining in on the fun, chuckling and throwing paint alongside the eager participants.

Best of all, we raised an amazing amount of £2670.50 for the charity Mind, which is such an important organisation dedicated to mental health. This event not only provided a riot of colour and excitement, but also promoted awareness and support for mental health issues. It was a day full of laughter, love, and most importantly, a sense of purpose.

### **Pupil Fund Raising**

Next week, several of our Year 5 pupils will be selling handcrafted items, with the intention of donating the proceeds to charity. I believe this initiative is commendable, and the proposal they developed and presented was excellent. I am confident they would greatly value any support offered during this endeavour.

## Staff Changes

As we approach the end of the summer term, I wanted to take a moment to update you all on some staff changes at Lingfield Primary School. Firstly, it is with mixed emotions that we announce Miss Anderson will be retiring at the end of the term. After many years of unwavering commitment to our children, she is ready to enjoy some well-deserved quality time with her family and friends. Her dedication has made a lasting impact on our community, and she will certainly be missed.

We also bid farewell to Mrs Higgins, who will be leaving us this summer to embark on an exciting new journey teaching adults. Her contributions to our school have been invaluable, and her presence will surely be felt in the halls for years to come. We wish her the best of luck as she takes on this new challenge.

Miss Boaler will also be leaving us at the end of the summer term to continue her teaching journey; we wish her all the best and thank her for all the hard work she has put in to supporting children in Reception this year.

Lastly, please join me in congratulating Mrs Park on her upcoming pregnancy! She will be leaving us in the autumn term to focus on being a full-time mum. We are thrilled for her and know she will bring the same warmth and care to her family that she has shown to our pupils. Let's all extend our best wishes to these remarkable staff members as they move forward! Staffing to replace Mrs Park will be announced in the new term.

We have successfully recruited Miss Hoskins and Mrs Rose yesterday who will join us in September. They will be visiting school before the holidays to meet the children. I am sure they will be a wonderful asset to the team.

I would like to take this opportunity to send our best wishes to Miss Clews as she prepares for her forthcoming wedding during the summer holidays. It is a delightful occasion that we hope will be filled with joy and cherished moments. Upon her return, we look forward to congratulating her on her new surname, as she will transition to Mrs Graham.

## Parking

As it is the term for many celebrations and special events at school, we'd like to kindly remind everyone about our parking arrangements. Please could we all be considerate of our residents during these busy times? It's important that we refrain from parking over driveways or blocking access for our neighbours.

Also, we ask that cars are not parked at junctions, as this can obstruct visibility for both drivers and children who are attempting to cross the road safely. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated and helps to ensure a safe environment for everyone, especially our little ones.

We have established an agreement with The Southern Cross, allowing our parents to utilise the car park for dropping off and collecting children. This arrangement aims to facilitate a smoother transition during these busy times.

Additionally, please be aware that community officers will be in the local area over the next couple of weeks to assist with any parking-related concerns.

Thank you for your understanding and support. Together, we can make our school events enjoyable and safe for all!

## Warning

Please be aware that Gunnergate Lane will be closed for 2 days from 7<sup>th</sup> July to carry out work between 8.30am and 3.30pm.

## Dates for your Diary

These dates can change. In the event they do the next newsletter will be updated or a message will be sent home.

Please note changes or dates added are highlighted in yellow.

Event	Date
11 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Year 3 Museum Trip
11 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Nursery trip to Adventure Valley
14 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	School summer Fair 3.15pm-5pm letter to follow
14 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Year 6 end of year treat
15 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Year 3 class assembly parents invited 9am
18 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	9.30am - Year 6 Leavers assembly at all parents and relative's welcome
18 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Break up for the Term
21 <sup>st</sup> July 2025	PD Day – children not in school

This is a copy of the school holidays for the academic year 2025/2026. PD days have not been confirmed yet.

### Middlesbrough School Holiday and Term Dates 2025 - 2026

	AUGUST 2025	SEPTEMBER 2025	OCTOBER 2025	NOVEMBER 2025	DECEMBER 2025	JANUARY 2026
Monday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Tuesday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Wednesday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Thursday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Friday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Saturday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31
Sunday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25

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	FEBRUARY 2026	MARCH 2026	APRIL 2026	MAY 2026	JUNE 2026	JULY 2026
Monday	2 9 16 23	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27
Tuesday	3 10 17 24	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28
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Bank Holiday	40
School Holiday	35
Possible PD Days	35

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The number of term days shown is 195. Up to five of these should be taken as professional development (PD) days for teaching staff when pupils will not attend. It is suggested that two could be in July as shown, the remaining three days will be determined by the individual schools and schools should inform parents accordingly.

PD Days 2025-2026 for Lingfield Primary School will be...

1<sup>st</sup> September 2025

5<sup>th</sup> January 2026

22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

20<sup>th</sup> July 2026

21<sup>st</sup> July 2026