



Lingfield Primary School

Newsletter

April 2026

Message from Head Teacher

I would like to welcome back everyone as we begin the Summer Term. I hope you all enjoyed a restful and refreshing break and are ready for the exciting weeks ahead. Today it seemed all of the children have grown so much over the holidays!

The summer term is always a particularly busy and rewarding time in the school year. It is the term where we see pupils grow and make great progress, they rise to new challenges and take part in a wide range of learning experiences, events and celebrations. From assessments and year-group transitions to trips, performances and sporting events, there is much to look forward to.

Our focus this term remains firmly on high expectations, positive attitudes and ensuring every child feels supported, challenged and inspired to do their best. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership—it plays a vital role in our pupils' success.

I look forward to sharing the many achievements of our school community with you over the coming weeks and wish everyone a happy, productive and successful Summer Term.

Planned Leave

Many of you will have noticed that I have been struggling with my mobility recently and would like to thank you for your kind words. I just wanted to keep you in the loop, that this week I will be starting my planned leave of absence to undergo a hip replacement. Fingers crossed all goes as planned, I hope to return to light duties as soon as possible and, during this time, I will remain contactable via email should you need to get in touch, please do so via the school email. In my absence, Mrs Jones will be Acting Head Teacher, and I am pleased to confirm that our Trust Hub Lead, Mrs Watson, will also be working from the school during the week to support the team and ensure the continued smooth running of the school.

Water Bottles

A gentle reminder that children should bring **water only** into school each day. We have recently had instances of juices being brought in, which are not permitted. Water helps keep children well hydrated, supports concentration and learning, and protects dental health by reducing sugar intake. Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a healthy school environment for all pupils. We are aware that some pupils do not drink enough during the school day. If this is the case, please make the class teacher aware and they will assist in encouraging and supporting them to drink more.

Welcome

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Fordy to our school team. Mrs Fordy has recently joined us as a Teaching Assistant and is already settling in well, working closely with pupils and staff to support learning across the school. We are delighted to have her with us and are sure she will be a valuable addition to our school community.

Southern Cross Car Park



and an agreement with the Southern Cross Pub to use their car park on a morning to enable parents to walk to school. The Southern Cross have now changed its parking policy and now you need to register And pay for parking in the car park. We don't want anybody getting fines, so please do not park in there to walk to school.

Nursery Play Equipment/Adventure Area

Please could we politely ask that children do not use the nursery equipment and adventure area before or after school, as we have no supervision in place and would hate any accidents to happen. Please could you kindly pass this information on to anybody who does morning drop off or after school collections. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Nut-free

reminder

A gentle reminder to please be vigilant when sending items into school, particularly packed lunches for trips, and ensure that no products containing nuts are included, e.g chocolate spread. We have several pupils and staff with allergies, and even small amounts can pose a significant risk. By working together, we can help keep everyone safe and eliminate any unnecessary risks. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Attendance

We would like to thank parents and carers for your support in ensuring children attend school every day and arrive on time. Regular attendance and punctuality are expectations of our school and are essential in supporting pupils' learning, progress and wellbeing. Children who attend consistently and are punctual are better able to engage with lessons, establish routines and make the most of their education. We also thank parents for being honest and proactive in informing the school about holidays and planned absences. This communication is vital in supporting our safeguarding policies and procedures, as it ensures we know where children are and that they are safe. We appreciate your continued partnership in prioritising attendance and supporting your child's success.

Dogs on the school site

Dogs on School Site – Safety Reminder

We would like to remind parents and carers that dogs should not be tied or left unattended on the school site. When dogs are left tied up, it can unintentionally encourage children to approach and pet them without the owner's permission. Whilst most dogs are friendly, it is very important that we teach our children safe behaviours, including always asking an owner before approaching or touching a dog. This helps to keep everyone safe and supports our wider safeguarding responsibilities. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Fundraising

Danceathon

The children from Nursery and Reception had an amazing time in their danceathon last term, they raised a huge £1506.50. The money raised has purchased lots of new resources to stimulate learning in Reception, so a huge thank you to all that were involved in supporting school.



Easter Fundraising

Great fun was had by all over the Easter period, with a range of exciting events enjoyed by our school community. Our Easter raffle was a great success, with lots of lucky winners taking home delicious Easter eggs. We were also amazed by the wonderful array of decorated eggs—this competition was incredibly difficult to judge! I was very grateful that our School Council took on this challenge, as every entry was truly fantastic. Bunny Bingo was another highlight and a huge success; thank you to Mrs Merritt for being an excellent bingo caller and for organising such a lovely opportunity for parents, pupils and staff to come together. Altogether, our Easter events raised an amazing **£767.60**. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Redevelopment of our Playgrounds

As you will be aware, we have recently received a grant from **Tesco** to further develop our outdoor provision. We consulted with pupils and staff across the school to understand what they would like to see on the playground during break and lunchtime. The children came up with some amazing ideas, and we are excited to begin bringing these to life—please keep an eye out for developments during the Summer Term.

During the May holiday, we would welcome any adults who may be able to spare a couple of hours to help with laying the foundations for some of the new equipment. More details will follow shortly. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Parent Support

We would like to thank the parents and carers who have already volunteered to speak to different classes about their jobs and the pathways they took to achieve them. Experiences like these are hugely valuable in helping our children learn about the wide range of professions available, particularly those within our local area.

We are planning a strong focus on **careers during June**, and I will be sending out a timetable shortly. Please do take the opportunity to sign up for a time slot—it will be fantastic for the children to hear first-hand about your job roles and experiences. Even if you did not respond to the previous email, we would still love to hear from you if you are willing to take part. Thank you for your continued support in enriching our children's learning.

Coffee Morning

To continue to support the lines of communication further and to foster a positive dialogue within our school community, we invite you to join us on **Wednesday, 24th June 2026, between 9.30am and 10.30am** for a coffee morning hosted by Mrs Padgett and Mrs Jones. This is an excellent opportunity to chat informally with school leaders, with no agenda. Additionally, Mrs Jones will be available to discuss any individual SEND concerns you may have.

In addition to this we are pleased to let parents and carers know that we are setting up a **lending library** in the school entrance. This will include a range of carefully selected books designed to support families in understanding different aspects of children's development and needs, including ADHD, ASD and a variety of SEND needs. The aim of this library is to provide accessible information, guidance and reassurance, helping to strengthen our partnership with families and support the wellbeing of all children. Please feel free to lend any of the books, all we ask is they are returned once you have read them to allow others to lend them.

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. We will add extra dates as they come up.

Event	Date
Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month – the children will be learning about this each week during the month	April 2026
Year 2 Bolton Castle Trip	22/04/2026
Ambassadors to visit Marton Manor and Captain Cook	29/04/2026
Year 3 visit to Tees Barrage	06/05/2026
Year 6 SATS week	11-14/05/2026
Year 5 Life Centre Trip	13/05/2026
Nursery visit to the beach – parents/carers invited	15/05/2026
Year 6 Play in a Day – parents will be invited-information to follow	15/05/2026
Y4 trip to Arbeia	18/05/2026
Ambassadors to visit The Avenue Primary School	19/05/2026
Year 2 Class assembly - Parents invited	20/05/2026 9am start in the hall
Year 1 visit to Danby	21/05/2026
Walk to School Week – more information to follow	18-22/05/2026
PD day (break up for the half term – children not in school)	22/05/2026
Half term children off school	25-29/05/2026
Reception trip to Monk Farm Date to be confirmed	June 2026
Multiplication Tables Check for Year 4 – Please avoid holidays during this period	01/06/2026 - 12/06/2026
Y5/6 Cricket Competition – more information to follow	02/06/2026
Year 6 River Tees workshop in school	05/06/2026
Y3/4 Cricket Competition – more information to follow	08/06/2026
Phonic Screening Assessment Week for Year 1 – please avoid holidays during this period	08/06/2026 - 12/06/2026
KS1 and LKS2 Quad kids - more information to follow	15/06/2026
Trust Athletics competition – more information to follow	23/06/2026
Coffee morning – information above	24/06/2026
Tees Valley Athletics – information to follow	24/06/2026
Sports week – all children to come dressed in sports wear each day	29/06/2026 to 03/07/2026

Sports Day – Nursery 9.30am -10am Morning nursery 2pm -2.30pm afternoon nursery Children who attend for 30 hours – parents are welcome to join either of the sessions or both.	02/07/2026
Sports Day - Reception to Year 6	03/07/2026 1.30pm -3pm
Year 6 transition dates to Kings Academy	06-08/07/2026
Year 3 Visit to Dorman Museum	08/07/2026
Year 6 transition to Stokesley	08-10/07/2026
Nursery Visit to Hall Hill Farm – parent	09/07/2026
School Summer Fair – parents invited picnic style	10/07/2026 from 1.30pm
Year 6 Leavers Trip	14/07/2026
Year 6 Leavers Assembly	17/07/2026
Break up for the summer – children in school last day	17/07/2026

This is a copy of the school holidays for the academic year 2025/2026.

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	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
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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
Wednesday	4 11 18 25	4 11 18 25	8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29
Thursday	5 12 19 26	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30
Friday	6 13 20 27	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31
Saturday	7 14 21 28	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25
Sunday	1 8 15 22	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26

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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...

1st September 2025

5th January 2026

22nd May 2026

20th July 2026

21st July 2026

2026-2027 Dates – PD Days have not been set yet although, Tuesday 1st September 2026 will be a PD Day.

Middlesbrough LA School Holiday and Term Dates 2026 - 2027

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Saturday	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	31
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Saturday	6	13	20	27	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31	6	13	20	27	31
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