



Lingfield Primary School

Newsletter

September 2026



Message from Head Teacher

I would like to extend a very warm welcome back to everyone as we begin another exciting school year. It has been wonderful to see our children return to school with such enthusiasm, positivity and smiling faces. The school has once again been filled with energy, laughter and a real sense of community. I would like to offer a special welcome to all our new children and families who have joined us this term and the end of the summer term too. We are delighted that you are now part of our school family and look forward to getting to know you over the coming weeks and months.

The children have settled back into their routines exceptionally well and have already shown great enthusiasm for their learning. Our staff have been impressed by the positive attitudes, excellent behaviour and determination that pupils have demonstrated from the very first day back. This year promises to be full of exciting opportunities, memorable experiences and high-quality learning for all our pupils. We are committed to ensuring that every child feels happy, safe and valued, enabling them to achieve their very best.

Thank you for your continued support. Working together, we can ensure that our children have a successful, enjoyable and rewarding year ahead.

I look forward to seeing all that our children will achieve this year.

Exciting Pantomime Trip

We are delighted to share some very exciting news! This year, we will be taking all children from Reception through to Year 6 to the pantomime. This promises to be a fantastic experience for our pupils and a wonderful opportunity for us to come together as a whole school community and enjoy this special festive tradition.

Pantomimes are always full of fun, laughter and audience participation, and we know the children will create many happy memories from the visit. We are very much looking forward to sharing this experience with them.

A letter containing further details, including dates, arrangements and payment information, will be sent out shortly. We hope the children are as excited as we are!

School Plea!

We are always looking for ways to make playtimes even more enjoyable and engaging for our children. To help us further develop our outdoor play provision, we would be very grateful for any donations of the following items that you may no longer use at home:

- Buckets and spades
- Dressing-up costumes suitable for KS1 and KS2 pupils
- Toy microphones for our outdoor stage and performance area
- Fun sunglasses
- Feather boas
- Board games suitable for primary-aged children
- Two wheeled scooters
- Helmets
- Push chairs
- Dolls
- Dolls clothes
- Mini figures

If you have any of these items in good condition and would be willing to donate them to school, please send them in with your child or hand them in at the school office.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity. Donations like these help us to create exciting play opportunities, encourage creativity and imagination, and make playtimes even more enjoyable for all of our pupils.

Important – Health Packed Lunches and Nut Allergies

We would like to remind parents and carers of the importance of providing a healthy, balanced packed lunch to help children stay focused, energised and ready to learn throughout the school day. Please ensure packed lunches contain nutritious options such as sandwiches, fruit, vegetables and other healthy snacks. We kindly ask that sweets, chocolate bars and confectionery are not included in packed lunches, as we strive to promote healthy eating habits across the school.

We also ask all families to be especially vigilant when preparing packed lunches, as we have both pupils and adults in school with severe nut allergies. To ensure the safety of everyone in our school community, products containing nuts, including peanut butter, chocolate spreads containing nuts, nut-based snack bars and other nut products, must not be brought into school. We greatly appreciate your support and cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and healthy environment for all. Thank you for your understanding.

Water Bottles

Stay Hydrated the Right Way!

We encourage all pupils to bring a water bottle filled with water only to school. Water is essential for staying alert, focused, and healthy throughout the day. Please remember that juice is only permitted at lunchtime as part of a packed lunch and should not be brought into the classroom. This helps us maintain a clean learning environment and supports healthy habits for everyone. Thank you for your cooperation!

Birthdays and Celebrations

We understand that many parents enjoy helping their children celebrate their birthdays by bringing in treats to share with their classmates. However, we kindly ask that no birthday treats, cakes, sweets or other food items are brought into school.

While this may seem a little strict, we have pupils and staff with allergies that could cause serious harm if they come into contact with the wrong food products. The safety and wellbeing of everyone in our school community must always come first.

In school, we take great care when providing food to pupils, ensuring that products are suitable for those with dietary requirements and allergies so that all children can be included safely. We appreciate your understanding and support in helping us maintain a safe environment for every child and member of staff.

We love celebrating our pupils' birthdays and teachers will continue to recognise these special occasions in class, just without the sharing of food treats. Thank you for your cooperation.

Late Arrivals

We are delighted to share some fantastic news. Over the past few weeks, we have seen a significant reduction in the number of children arriving late to school. Thank you to all of our parents and carers for your support in making this happen.

Arriving at school on time is extremely important. When children arrive late, they can miss key learning at the start of the day, making it harder for them to settle into lessons and keep up with their classmates. Late arrivals can also disrupt the learning of other children and interrupt the flow of teaching in the classroom.

Thanks to your efforts, more children are arriving ready to learn from the very beginning of the school day. This has created a calmer start to the morning and ensured that pupils can make the most of every learning opportunity available to them.

Let's keep up the excellent work! We appreciate your continued support in helping every child develop positive habits that will benefit them throughout their education. Together, we can ensure that every minute of learning counts.

Behaviour and Expectations in School

At Lingfield, we are committed to ensuring that every child has the right to learn in a calm, safe and purposeful environment. To support this, we are placing an increased focus on addressing low-level disruptive behaviours that can affect both pupils' learning and the learning of others.

While the vast majority of our children demonstrate excellent behaviour, even minor disruptions can have an impact on the quality of teaching and learning in the classroom. We want every pupil to experience the very best education possible and to make the most of every learning opportunity.

This year, we have removed the classroom "Monster" behaviour system and are fully implementing our Behaviour Policy, which follows a clear stepped approach. This ensures that expectations are consistent across the school and helps children to understand that their choices have consequences. Staff will continue to recognise and celebrate positive behaviour while addressing inappropriate behaviour fairly, consistently and promptly.

Our approach is underpinned by our school values of Respect, resilience, patience, kindness, honesty and ambition. We expect all members of our school community to demonstrate these values every day, whether in the classroom, on the playground or within the wider community. By showing respect for others, taking responsibility for our actions, demonstrating resilience when things are challenging, showing kindness in our interactions and aspiring to be the very best we can be, we can create a school environment where everyone can flourish.

Thank you for your continued support in reinforcing these expectations at home. By working together, we can ensure that all pupils benefit from a positive, respectful and disruption-free learning environment where they are able to thrive both academically and socially.

Consent for Photos

As we begin another exciting year of learning, we are looking forward to celebrating our pupils' achievements, experiences and successes through our school website, newsletters and social media platforms.

To enable us to share and celebrate these special moments, we ask parents and carers to complete their child's photo consent form within the next week if they wish to give permission for their child to be photographed and included in school publications.

We are proud of the wonderful learning that takes place in our school every day and are keen to showcase the fantastic opportunities our children enjoy throughout the year. Ensuring consent forms are completed promptly will help us to begin sharing and celebrating these experiences from the start of the academic year.

School recognises that developments in artificial intelligence (AI) have increased the potential for images shared online to be copied, manipulated or used without permission. Whilst the school takes appropriate steps to protect pupils' privacy, and uses images responsibly, it is not possible to eliminate this risk entirely once an image has been published online.

To help minimise the likelihood of misuse, the school will, wherever practicable, use group photographs rather than individual images, avoid publishing pupils' full names alongside photographs, and only use images that are appropriate for educational, promotional or celebratory purposes. Parents and carers should take this information into account when deciding whether to provide consent for their child's image to be used in school publications, on the school website and on official school social media channels.

Changes to school dinners

Our school meal provider is currently reviewing and updating its menus. We expect to receive the new menus within the next week and, as soon as we do, they will be uploaded to the school website and shared with families. Thank you for your patience, and we look forward to sharing the new menu options with you soon.

We would like to reassure parents and carers that all of our younger children are well supported during lunchtime.

Before entering the dining hall, children are informed about the meal choices available that day, allowing them to make their selection in advance. This helps the lunchtime experience run smoothly and supports children in becoming more confident and independent when making choices.

Our lunchtime staff do a fantastic job encouraging children to try new foods, including salads, fruits and vegetables, helping them to develop healthy eating habits and broaden their tastes over time.

Once children have started eating, we also have a process in place for accessing desserts. Children are asked to seek permission before moving on to their dessert. This is not intended to restrict their choices,

but rather to ensure that children are eating their main meal and not rushing through their lunch in an eagerness to get outside to play.

The welfare of our pupils is always our priority, and we want lunchtime to be a positive, enjoyable experience that supports healthy eating while giving children the energy they need for the rest of the school day. Thank you for your continued support.

Please ensure that your child's school meal account is topped up in advance each Monday. School meals cost £2.40 per day, or £12.00 per week. If your child is absent from school, you will not be charged for their meal that day. Any money already paid will remain on your child's account as a credit and will be carried forward to your next top-up. Please help us to keep all school meal accounts up to date by ensuring payments are made in advance each Monday.

Wrap Around – The Hideaway

I am pleased to let parents and carers know that our wraparound care charges will remain unchanged next academic year.

- Morning session: £4.00
- After-school session: £9.00

We now have a direct line to the Hideaway, parents can use this line to contact staff.

Telephone Number: 01642 071385

We still have parents not booking their children in to breakfast club. Please can this be done in advance of the morning as we need to ensure we staff our provision correctly and in advance. Thank you.

If you're using the tax-free childcare account, once a booking has been made for our wraparound facility, we kindly ask that payment is made through your Tax-Free Childcare account **on the same day**. Please ensure that your account remains up to date and that payments are made promptly to avoid an outstanding balance building up. Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us to keep our wraparound service running smoothly.

Parent Survey

Firstly, I would like to thank all parents and carers who took the time to complete our recent parent survey. Your feedback is incredibly valuable and plays an important role in helping us continue to improve and move our school forward. We have carefully considered your responses and have already made a number of changes because of the feedback received.

One area that some parents identified as a concern was communication between school and home. We have listened carefully to these views and would now like to gather further feedback from as many parents as possible about how we can improve communication moving forward.

We are currently exploring the possibility of introducing an app called **Class Charts** to support communication between individual classes and parents. The purpose of this would be to allow teachers to send quick, direct messages to parents, such as:

- Reminders about PE days and kit requirements
- Trip and visit reminders
- Requests for resources or materials
- Updates about classroom events and activities
- Important class-specific messages

While the app does include a feature that allows parents to contact teachers directly, we would not be using this function. Parents would continue to contact school through our usual communication channels.

Our intention is simply to make routine class communication quicker, more efficient and easier for parents to access, reducing the number of messages that need to be sent through the school email system.

To help us decide whether this would be beneficial, we would be grateful if you could complete our short survey. We are keen to hear the views of as many parents and carers as possible before making any decisions.

Thank you once again for your continued support and for working with us to ensure we provide the best possible experience for our children and families. Together, we can continue to strengthen the partnership between home and school.

Therefore please can I ask you kindly to complete the quick survey below.

Communication Review 2026



Class Teachers

Nursery	Mrs Stoddart	Mrs Norris
Reception	Mrs Shipp/Mrs Clark	Miss Duffy
Year 1	Mrs Graham	Mrs Freer & Miss Fordy
Year 2	Mrs Park/Mr Juckes	Miss Fordy

(Mrs Park will be returning from maternity leave in November, Mr Juckes will be class teacher until then and then teach 1 day a week in Year 2)

Year 3	Mr Carter	Mrs Bethell & Miss Stokes
Year 4	Mrs Jones	Mrs Bethell & Mrs Maiden

(Mr Juckes will teach 1 day per week in Year 4 after October half term)

Year 5	Miss Hoskins	Mrs Stokes
Year 6	Mrs Gamble	Mrs Stokes

Miss Davis & Mrs Hewitt will be working across the school

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.

Events	Dates
Year 4 to Marton Library	22.09.2026
Cross Country Competition (Pupils will receive an invite)	22.09.2026
Cross Country Final by invite	7.10.2026
Y2 Parents Evening – booking system will be out shortly	12/14.10.2026
N/R/Y1/Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 Parents Evening – booking system will be out shortly	13-14.10.2026
School Disco – Email of timings will be sent out	19.10.2026
Choir event (pupils will receive an invite)	21.10.2026
Year 4 Class assembly on Harvest Festival – Parents invited	23.10.2026 @ 9am
Bonfire assembly in school	23.10.2026
Myth Monster in school for Y5/6	4.11.2026
Table Tennis Competition (Pupils will receive an invite)	5.11.2026
Ambassadors to visit Captain Cook and Marton Manor school	10.11.2026
Year 3/4 change for life festival (Pupils will receive an invite)	12.11.2026
School Christmas Fair from 3.15pm	30.11.2026
Christmas Jumper day and Christmas Dinner Day	08.12.2026
Reception to Year 6 Pantomime Visit	10.12.2026
Nursery Christmas Party – children can come in dressed in party clothes	10.12.2026
Nursery open afternoon for new pupils	10.12.2026 @ 3.30-5pm
Nursery Christmas Performance – parents invited	11.12.2026 @ 9.30am
Christmas Performance Rec/Year 1 & Year 1 parents invited	14.12.2026 @ 9.30am
Christmas Performance Year 3/Year 4/Year 5 & Year 6 parents invited	14.12.2026 @ 2pm
Christmas Performance Year 3/Year 4/Year 5 & Year 6 parents invited	15.12.2026 @ 9.30am

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YR/Y1/Y2 Christmas party – can come into school dressed in party clothes	16.12.2026 am
Year 3/ 4 Christmas party in school – can come to school dressed in party clothes	18.12.2026 am
Year 5/6 Christmas party in school – can come to school dressed in party clothes	18.12.2026 pm
PD day – pupils not in school	04.01.2027
Parents Evening Spring Term	23-24.02.2027 3.30pm -6pm
Year 3 swimming block	11-16.01.2027
KS2 top swimming lessons	18-22.01.2027
Year 4 visit to Mima	28.01.2027
Year 5 Science assembly parents invited	12.02.2027 @ 9am
World Book Day – whole school can dress up as a book character	04.03.2027
World Book Day breakfast with a book – parents invited	04.03.2027 @ 8am
Nursery Visit to Fairy Dell am	05.03.2027
Year 3 class assembly parents invited	05.03.2027 @9am
Ambassadors to visit Hemlington Hall, Viewley Hill and Mandale Mill schools	09.03.2027
Year 2 class assembly linked to Easter – parents invited	19.03.2027 @ 9am
Easter Egg decorating Competition and Easter Egg hunt	22.03.2027
Year 6 trip to Beamish	24.03.2027
Good Friday – school closed	26.03.2027
Year 1 class assembly – parents invited	23.04.2027 @ 9am
Year 6 SATS Week	10-13.05.2027
Nursery Pip and Posy Theatre Visit	12.05.2027
Year 6 Play in a Day	14.05.2027
Reception Class Assembly – parents invited	19.05.2027 @ 9am
Ambassador visits to Handale, Chaloner and Lingdale	25.05.2027
Year 5 Bikability all week	14-18.06.2027
Parents of Ambassadors invited to a presentation afternoon	15.06.2027 @ 2pm
Nursery visit to Adventure Valley	09.07.2027
The Arts Week in school	12-14.07.2027
Sports Day – parents invited	16.07.2027 @ 1.30pm
Year 6 leavers party	19.07.2027
Year 6 Leavers Assembly – parents invited	20.07.2027 @ 9.30am

This is a copy of the school holidays for the academic year 2026/2027. PD days are...

Tuesday 1st September 2026
Friday 4th January 2027
Friday 28th May 2027
Monday 7th June 2027
Wednesday 21st July 2027

Middlesbrough LA School Holiday and Term Dates 2026 - 2027

	AUGUST 2026					SEPTEMBER 2026					OCTOBER 2026					NOVEMBER 2026					DECEMBER 2026					JANUARY 2027						
Monday		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
Tuesday		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
Wednesday		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
Thursday		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
Friday		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
Saturday	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
Sunday	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

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	FEBRUARY 2027					MARCH 2027					APRIL 2027					MAY 2027					JUNE 2027					JULY 2027						
Monday	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	
Tuesday	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	
Wednesday	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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Sunday	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		

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School Holiday	
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The number of term days shown is 195. Up to five of these will be used as professional development (PD) days for teaching staff, pupils will not attend these days. PD days are determined by the individual schools and schools should inform parents accordingly.