



Lingey House Primary and Nursery School



Newsletter 21 – 21st February 2025

Group Chats

To follow on from the Safeguarding update email last week regarding social media can we highlight the below to all parents:

The importance of privacy, respect, and kindness in all online interactions.

- That sharing, possessing, or distributing indecent images of anyone under 18 is a serious matter with both emotional and legal consequences.
- The necessity of reporting any inappropriate behaviour or content to a trusted adult immediately.
- The benefits of parental controls, open conversations about online activity, and monitoring social media use

Instructions below on how to change WhatsApp settings so you are not automatically added to groups:

You can change your WhatsApp settings to require approval before being added to a group. Here's how:

On Android & iPhone:

1. Open WhatsApp.
2. Go to Settings:
 - On Android: Tap the **three dots** (top right) > **Settings**
 - On iPhone: Tap **Settings** (bottom right)
3. Select **Privacy**.
4. Tap on **Groups**.
5. Choose who can add you to groups:
 - **Everyone** – Anyone can add you directly.
 - **My Contacts** – Only people in your contacts can add you.
 - **My Contacts Except...** – Select specific contacts who **cannot** add you.
6. If you choose **My Contacts Except...**, you can select **all contacts** to force all group invites to require your approval.
7. Tap **Done** to save the settings.

Now, when someone tries to add you to a group, you'll receive an **invite instead of being added automatically**. You can then choose to **accept or decline** the invite within three days.

World Book Day

Thursday 6th March is World Book Day and we are so excited to celebrate at Lingey House!! World Book Day is a chance to celebrate reading for pleasure and this year's theme is **Read Your Way**. Our Reading Ambassadors have been thinking really hard about the theme and have come up with a few ideas to help us celebrate.

Pyjama Day

We thought it would be really fun to come to school dressed in pyjamas/onesies and bring in a favourite bedtime story from home to share!

Competition

Send a photograph of you reading your way! This could be reading in an unusual place, as you're doing an activity or however you like to read! Reading Ambassadors will judge the competition and present book tokens in assembly on World Book Day to the winners. You can submit your photograph on Seesaw, by emailing it to the school (**office@lingeyhouse.org**) or by printing your photograph and giving it to your teacher.

Sharing Stories

Reading Ambassadors loved the idea of sharing stories and reading stories with younger children. On the afternoon of World Book Day, arrangements will be made so that this can be enjoyed!

In addition to all of this, teachers are already planning exciting lessons for the day and there may be few surprises along the way. We hope to make this the best World Book Day yet!

Article 31: We have the right to take part in cultural and creative activities.

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations will be held during the week of **March 24th**. Appointment slots will be open for booking on **March 3rd**. You can use Arbor to schedule a time that is convenient for you to meet with your child's class teacher on the applicable day.

The meetings will take place in school with your child's class teacher, we encourage all parents to take part in these discussions to stay informed and engaged with their child's education.



Y6 London

The countdown to our Year 6 Residential trip to London is officially underway!

A huge thank you to all parents and carers for the payments made so far.

Just a reminder that the final balance is due by **May 1st, 2025**, which means there are 10 weeks remaining to settle any outstanding balances.



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Book Fair



Following on from World Book Day on Thursday 6th March, we will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair for 5 nights from **Wednesday 12th March - Tuesday 18th March**.

This will offer a perfect opportunity for children to redeem their £1 World Book Fair tokens as well as supporting our school to earn free books for our libraries. The fair will be held in **Large Hall from 3:15 - 3:45 each night** and both cash and cashless payment options will be available. We look forward to welcoming as many families as possible!

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Mrs McMenemy's Maternity

It is time for Mrs McMenemy to leave school and prepare for the arrival of her baby,

We cannot wait to meet baby McMenemy when he/she arrives and I am sure you will join me in wishing Mrs McMenemy a happy maternity leave.

I will contact Y1B's parents after half term with a staffing update.

Coffee Morning

We've moved our coffee mornings to **Tuesdays from 9-10am!** Come by for a cuppa, catch up with others, and enjoy a friendly chat.

If you or your family need any support, our Family Support Worker, **Hannah**, will be available to help with any questions or assistance you might need. Whether it's advice or just someone to talk to, we're here to support you.



Feel free to pop in – we'd love to see you there!

Article 26: We have the right to help from the government if we are in need.
Article 27 – We have the right to a good standard of living.

After School Clubs

School Clubs will be available to book from 21st February at 4.30pm

After school clubs will run 3rd March – 11th April 2025.

We are excited to offer a wide range of after-school clubs. Places are limited, please only sign up to one place per child. Places are available to book via Arbor.

Day	Club	Year	Ran by	Places
Monday	Fun Phonics	Y1	Mrs Atkinson & Mrs Crawford	Places available – please book via Arbor
	Gardening	Y6	Mrs Burrell & Mr Burrell	Places available – please book via Arbor
Tuesday	Movement & Mindfulness	Y2	Miss Attwood & Mrs Masson	Places available – please book via Arbor
	Film Club	Y4	Mrs Gray	Places available – please book via Arbor
	Puzzle Club	Y5	Mrs Moyle	Places available – please book via Arbor
	Sports	Y5	Mr Burrell & Mr Masson	Places available – please book via Arbor
Wednesday	Football	Y3 /Y4	Mr Burrell & Mr Masson	Places available – please book via Arbor
Thursday	Junk Modelling	YR	Mrs Dellow & Mrs Wood	Places available – please book via Arbor
	Easter Crafts & Activities	Y1	Mrs Jackson & Mrs Masson	Places available – please book via Arbor
	Art	Y2	Miss Brown & Miss Drummond	Places available – please book via Arbor

If you do not have an Arbor account, please contact the school office.

Article 15: You have the right to be with friends and joining clubs.

Y5 Building a River

Thank you to everyone who joined Year 5 on Wednesday for our celebration of our Geography topic of rivers. The children had to show what they had learnt during the topic by producing a 3D river model. As you can see, they have made some amazing models.



Lingey House Sports

Europa League Finalists

On Thursday 20th February, we hosted the Europa League group stage for our development team. This was the first ever competitive football match for some of the players and they were all amazing. They finished top of the group after two wins and a draw. Well done and good luck in the finals on 6th March at Harlow Green



Swimming Gala



On Wednesday, we took part in the Gateshead Schools Swimming Gala at Dunston. The event was extremely competitive and the 8 children took part in an individual race, relay and the cannon. A special well done to Aria, who came in first place in 25m Girls Freestyle Race.

Article 29- We all have the right to develop our personalities, talents and abilities.

Nursery

We would like to invite our family and friends to the following events:



Important Nursery Reminders

Afternoon Drop-off: The nursery door will be open from 12:15 pm to 12:20 pm for drop-off. Please ensure you are on time. If you are late, please report directly to the office.

Bikes: All 15-hour AM session bikes must be taken home. The bike shed will be closed during lunchtime, and bikes cannot be stored inside the nursery due to the risk of damage.

Toys: Please remember that toys should be kept at home. We want to avoid any toys getting lost or damaged. If needed, comforters can stay in bags.

Drop-off Procedure: Parents/carers should drop their children off at the nursery door. **Please do not enter the cloakrooms**, as this can create an unsafe environment for the children.

Fish Tank Ornaments: We are currently on the lookout for plants and fish ornaments for our pet fish, Danny and Nemo. If anyone has any spare, we'd be grateful for donations!

Thank you for your understanding and support!
The Nursery Team

Article 28 – We all have the right to a good quality education.

Family Learning

Our next family learning sessions are for parents of YR (Reception) students.

Please sign up via Arbor – places are limited.



A colorful poster for a 'Chatterbox' course. The background is yellow with various colorful shapes like a sun, hearts, stars, and hands. The text is arranged in a central white box-like shape.

FREE 4 WEEK COURSE

Chatterbox

FOR RECEPTION PARENTS AND CARERS

STARTING

FRIDAY 14TH MARCH - FRIDAY 4TH APRIL 2025
8:50AM - 10:15AM

Join Family Learning to create a box full of games and resources to support your child's language and communication skills at home. Your child will join you later in the session to get crafty and creative!

PLEASE USE ARBOR TO SIGN UP FOR THIS COURSE

FAMILYLEARNING@GATESHEAD.GOV.UK

Changes to School Menu

4th March – Desert will be changed to Pancake's for Pancake Day

6th March – World Book Day Menu below to celebrate Author David Walliams, Deli & Spud still available.



A poster for 'Happy Pancake Day!'. It features a tall stack of pancakes on the right side. The text is on the left.


HAPPY PANCAKE DAY!

Tuesday 4th March 2025

PANCAKES SERVED WITH:

- CHOCOLATE SAUCE
- SYRUP
- OR LEMON WITH A SPRINKLE OF SUGAR

GATESHEAD SCHOOL CATERING



A poster for 'World Book Day'. It features a yellow background with book icons and a cartoon character reading a book at the bottom.

WORLD BOOK DAY

6TH MARCH

Explore the Crazy World of David Walliams

- Rat burger (beef burger in a bun, sprinkle of cheese & ketchup)
- Burts Veggieburger (vegetarian burger in a bun with sprinkle of cheese & ketchup)
- Gangster Granny Green Salad (mixed green salad)
- Mr Stinks stringy Fries
- Billionaire Boy Shortbread (chocolate chip shortbread cookies)
- Orang U Tan pots (orange jelly & mandarins)

GATESHEAD SCHOOL CATERING

Do you want to talk about your child's mental health?

Come along and meet us at one of our free drop-in sessions to:

- talk about your child (4-18) and their needs
- get advice and guidance
- receive tips and resources

We talk about different topics each month, but feel free to talk to us about any concerns, such as:

- Worries and anxiety
- Low mood
- Support with sleep
- Phobias
- Behaviour
- Confidence
- Anger
- Stress

We are a team of friendly therapists working with children aged 5-18, and their families.

Our drop-in sessions are all over Gateshead to find out when our next session is visit our website:

www.stsftmentalhealth.nhs.uk or scan the QR code using the camera on your mobile phone.



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OCD Drop Ins

Is your child or someone you work with (aged 5 – 18 years) struggling with OCD? Why not drop in and meet children's therapists to discuss what you can do to support? Learn more about strategies to support with OCD.

Free resources to take home.

Venue: Blaydon Primary Care Centre, Shibdon Rd, NE21 6NW
 Date: Thursday 6th March
 Time: Professionals - 14:30 - 15:30 Parents/Carers - 15:30 - 16:30

Venue: Wrekenton Family Hub, Gateshead, NE9 7JR
 Date: Friday 7th March
 Time: Professionals - 09:30 - 10:30 Parents/Carers - 10:30 - 11:30

Venue: Whickham Library, 9 Front St, NE16 4DN
 Date: Monday 10th March
 Time: Professionals - 14:30 - 15:30 Parents/Carers - 15:30 - 16:30

Venue: Christ Church Felling, Gateshead NE10 0HQ
 Date: Wednesday 12th March
 Time: Professionals - 10:00 - 11:00 Parents/Carers - 11:00 - 12:00

Venue: Gateshead Central Library, Prince Consort Rd, NE8 4LN
 Date: Thursday 13th March
 Time: Professionals - 14:30 - 15:30 Parents/Carers - 15:30 - 16:30

Venue: Winlaton Centre, North Street, NE21 6BY
 Date: Thursday 13th March
 Time: Professionals - 09:30 - 10:30 Parents/Carers - 10:30 - 11:30



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Venue: Birtley Leisure Centre, Durham Rd, DH3 2TB
 Date: Monday 17th March
 Time: Professionals - 14:30 - 15:30 Parents/Carers - 15:30 - 16:30

Venue: Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art, Gateshead NE8 3BA
 Date: Wednesday 19th March
 Time: Professionals - 10:00 - 11:00 Parents/Carers - 11:00 - 12:00

Venue: Dunston, Unit 2, Clockmill Rd, Dunston, Gateshead NE8 2QX
 Date: Thursday 27th March
 Time: Professionals - 09:00 - 10:00 Parents/Carers - 10:00 - 11:00



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Article 23 – We all have the right to special care and support if we are disabled and be able to lead a full and independent life.

Article 28 – We all have the right to a good quality education.

Let's Celebrate!

Attendance

Each week, the class with the best attendance will have an extra **10 minutes of playtime**.

If any class has **100%** attendance, they will have an ice cream/hot chocolate playtime!

Class	This week's attendance	Class	This week's attendance
YRA	99.05%	Y3B	94.33%
YRB	98.18%	Y4A	94.67%
Y1A	89.67%	Y4B	93.45%
Y1B	96.07%	Y5A	94.33%
Y2A	94.07%	Y5B	96.67%
Y2B	92.59%	Y6A	94%
Y3A	97.32%	Y6B	95.67%
Whole School Attendance:		94.34%	

This Week's Superstars



I would like to say a huge well done to all this week's superstars watch out for their special certificate given out in Assembly! Our superstars for this week are as follows

Year Group	
Reception	Willow F & Phoebe W
Y1	Charlie S & Grayson S
Y2	Dougie L & Noah C
Y3	Hannah L & Rose M
Y4	Ava B & Elizah S
Y5	Nathan B & Olivia T
Y6	Dylan S & Ella McC

Times Table Rockstars



Highest Coin Earners	Class
Jack S	Y6A
Jax R	Y5A
William H	Y5B
Biggest Increase in Speed	
Lennon B	Y5B
Reggie D	Y3A
Jorge G	Y5A
Most Minutes Played	
Jax R	Y5A
Jack S	Y6A
Preston D	Y5B
Golden Guitar Winner – Y5B	

This week's House Tokens

This week's winner is **HYLTON!**



Bamburgh	215
Hylton	310
Warkworth	220
Lumley	215
Dunstanburgh	210
Alnwick	210

Accelerated Reader



Children in Y2 - Y6 who have read the most words in their Year group this week are:

Most Words Read	Class
Arya P	Y2
Jochebed O	Y3
Benjamin M	Y4
Evie C	Y5
Joshua R	Y6
Golden Book Winner	Y4B

The Golden Book goes to the Class with the greatest number of quizzes completed.

Dates for the Diary

<u>Date/time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Who's involved</u>
Spring Term		
Friday 21 st February	Break up for Half Term	Whole School
24 th - 28 th February 2025	Half Term	Whole School
Monday 3 rd March	Return to School	Whole School
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day	Whole School
Tuesday 11 th March	Nursery Stay & Play	Nursery Families & Students
Tuesday 8 th April	Nursery Easter Stay & Play	Nursery Families & Students
Friday 11 th April 2025	Last Day of Term	Whole School
Summer Term		
Monday 28 th April 2025	School Re-Opens	Whole School
5 th May 2025	Bank Holiday	Whole School
26 th - 30 th May 2025	Half Term	Whole School
2 nd June 2025	Occasional Day	School Closed to Children
3 rd June 2025	Inset Day	School Closed to Children
18 th July 2025	Last Day of Term	Whole School

Out of School Achievements

Please email Out of School Achievements to office@lingeypouse.org

A Huge Well Done to... Chloe!

Chloe has been to Bristol for an Acro competition at the weekend. She came third out of 22 competitors!

Well done, Chloe.



A Huge Well Done to...

Ahmed!

Ahmed got his Yellow Belt in Tikwando last week

Well done, Ahmed.

