



# Lingey House Primary and Nursery School



## Newsletter 16 – 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025

### Home Reading



Reading for pleasure enhances **empathy** and the ability to understand others' identities



**19%** of readers say that reading stops them from feeling lonely

As you know, reading achievement and promoting the enjoyment of reading is very important at our school. Children who enjoy and achieve well in reading are more likely to make progress across the curriculum, develop creativity and develop empathy skills (Book Trust). Not only that, but children who achieve the expected standard in reading are more likely to have high levels of mental wellbeing compared to their peers with below expected reading skills (National Literacy Trust).

Our reading curriculum is designed to teach children the skills they need in order to access books that they are interested in as well as introducing them to a range of novels, texts, stories and rhymes to get them excited about reading.

Whilst we have dedicated reading time in our curriculum, reading regularly at home can add so much to your child's learning as well as being enjoyable for both adult and child. Reading together can help foster the positive attitudes crucial to driving the enjoyment of reading. Which is why we need parents and carers on board to help us bring the message **home**.

**Please support us in encouraging your child to read at home for 5-10 minutes 3-5 nights a week.**

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### Parking

We kindly request that all parents/visitors to school park their vehicles responsibly and respectfully, unfortunately school have received complaints from neighbouring houses regarding blocked driveways and abusive language which we do not condone.

**Can parents refrain from parking/dropping off/picking up from the school carpark this is to be used for staff parking only.**



## Y6 London Visit

Happy New Year! Now we are in 2025, the countdown to our end of Year 6 Residential to London is officially on!

Thank you to parents/carers for all payments so far. Reminder that the final balance is due on **1st May 2025**.

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## KS2 SATS Information Meeting for Parents

Parents of **Year 6** children are invited to attend a SATS information meeting on **Wednesday 22nd January** at **5:30 - 6pm** in the large hall.

The Year 6 Team will give details of the statutory assessments taking place on

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

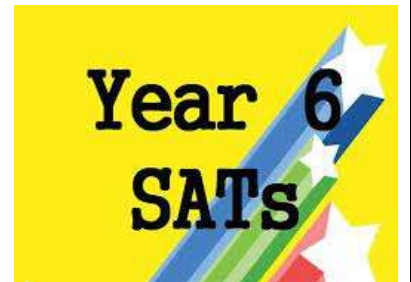
including an invitation for children to attend after school booster classes.

We will also be on hand to answer any questions you or your children may have.

Additionally, **we will be selling CPG revision guides for Maths, Reading and Grammar for £3 each or a bundle of all three for £8**. If you wish to purchase these, please bring cash on the day (the correct change would also be much appreciated). We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible!

The Y6 Team

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## Special Event Clothing

School are collecting items of clothing for our special event days like Christmas Jumpers, Children in Need and Red Nose Day, if your child has outgrown any items from last year please can these be donated via the school office.



## Family Learning

Family learning are holding another course these sessions are for Y1 and Y2.

Please sign up via Arbor, places are limited to 1

**\*\*Places are now available for Reception age people\*\***

*If you have any difficulty logging into Arbor please contact the school office.*

**BUILDING A RESILIENT CHILD**

A free course for Year 1 and Year 2 families at  
Lingey House Primary School

- Understand the importance of building positive relationships.
- Find out how to promote self-regulation in your child.
- Learn strategies to support your child's wellbeing at home.

Starting Friday 17th January for 5 weeks - 9.00 to 10.30am.

Please sign up to this course using Arbor

familylearning@gateshead.gov.uk

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# Anxiety Drop-Ins – Gateshead Council Children & Young People’s Service.

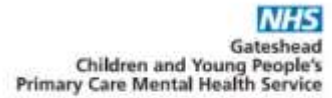
Is your child (aged 4 - 18 years) struggling with their mental health and wellbeing? Or are you a professional interested in working with us?

Our team of friendly children's therapists will be present at one of our free drop ins. These will be safe and inclusive spaces to:

- Talk about your child and their needs
- Get advice and guidance
- Receive tips and resources to take home

Our Drop Ins are set up throughout Gateshead and have monthly themes. However, we encourage you to chat to us about any mental health concerns, such as:

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



## 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](http://www.stsftmentalhealth.nhs.uk) or scan the QR code using the camera on your mobile phone.



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### Anxiety Drop Ins

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

- Venue: Blaydon Primary Care Centre, ~~Shildon~~ Rd, NE21 5NW  
Date: Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February  
Time: Professionals - 14:30 - 15:30 Parents/Carers - 15:30 - 16:30
- Venue: Wrekenton Family Hub, Gateshead, NE9 7JR  
Date: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February  
Time: Professionals - 09:30 - 10:30 Parents/Carers - 10:30 - 11:30
- Venue: Whickham Library, 9 Front St, NE16 4DN  
Date: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February  
Time: Professionals - 14:30 - 15:30 Parents/Carers - 15:30 - 16:30
- Venue: Christ Church Felling, Gateshead NE10 0HQ  
Date: Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February  
Time: Professionals - 10:00 - 11:00 Parents/Carers - 11:00 - 12:00
- Venue: Gateshead Central Library, Prince Consort Rd, NE8 4LN  
Date: Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February  
Time: Professionals - 14:30 - 15:30 Parents/Carers - 15:30 - 16:30
- Venue: Winlaton Centre, North Street, NE21 6BY  
Date: Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February  
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 17<sup>th</sup> February  
Time: Professionals - 14:30 - 15:30 Parents/Carers - 15:30 - 16:30
- Venue: Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art, Gateshead NE8 3BA  
Date: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February  
Time: Professionals - 10:00 - 11:00 Parents/Carers - 11:00 - 12:00
- Venue: Dunston, Unit 2, Clockmill Rd, Dunston, Gateshead NE8 2QX  
Date: Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February  
Time: Professionals - 09:00 - 10:00 Parents/Carers - 10:00 - 11:00

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## Reception Multi Skills

A handful of our reception children were chosen to attend Heworth Grange Comprehensive School today!

Our little sports superstars took part in a vast array of sporting challenges, set out by the staff and sports leaders, which tested their skills to the limit. We had boxing, football, dancing, running... the list goes on.

Our little Lingey Ducks were amazing, they gave absolutely everything to each activity. The walk back to school was a long one... lots of tired little legs!



## After School Clubs

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.

**After school clubs will run 13<sup>th</sup> January – 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025.**

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

Day	Club	Year	Ran by	Places
<b>Monday</b>	Wellbeing	Y5	Mrs Burrell	Places available – please book via Arbor
<b>Tuesday</b>	The Arts	Y1	Miss Hewitt	Places available – please book via Arbor
	Ball Skills	Y2	Mr Burrell	Places available – please book via Arbor
	Puzzle/Board Games	Y4	Mrs Moyle	Places available – please book via Arbor
	Basic First Aid	Y5	Mrs Masson, Mrs Gray & Mrs Masson	Places available – please book via Arbor
<b>Wednesday</b>	Basketball	Y4	Mr Burrell	Places available – please book via Arbor
<b>Thursday</b>	Spanish Club	Y2	Miss Lynn	Places available – please book via Arbor
	Bringing Stories to Life	Y3	Miss Brown & Miss Ross	Places available – please book via Arbor
	Drawing	Y3	Mrs McMenemy	Places available – please book via Arbor
	Dance Festival Club	Y5/Y6	Miss Mather & Mrs Goundry	<b>FULL</b>
	Bootcamp	Y6	Mrs Jackson	Places available – please book via Arbor

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

## Early Years Outdoors

This term, EYFS have been trying hard to develop the outdoor area to keep the children excited and develop their learning!

It is looking great; however, we are on the hunt for a few items to help us get to our vision! If anyone has any of the following items, please could they be dropped into the EYFS outdoor area, or via the school office.



Thanks in advance. 😊

### **Loose Parts and Equipment Wish List for Early Years**

Tyres – tractor, go-cart, bikes, scooter, pram, steering wheels. Car parts	Diggers, cars, and trucks Wheelbarrows (adult or child), small shopping trolleys	Natural items – stones, tree stumps, logs, large branches, small twigs, sea-shells, beach rocks, drift-wood,
Old decking, long pieces of wood, log	Small world animals – dinosaurs etc	Hay bales Bark
Bread crates, vegetable crates, old shopping baskets	Small world people of all sizes – preferably wooden or plastic	Large and small troughs
Guttering and piping	Spades, forks, trowels for digging	Old street signs, road signs and traffic cones
Cable reels of all sizes and materials	Large plant pots	Fancy dress costumes, hats, bags, scarves, jewellery, shoes
Tarpaulin, tent pegs, mesh, ropes, tent clips, tents for den building	Large trees that have been planted	Buckets Trugs and flexi tubs
Pallets	Netting and landscape netting	Bamboo
Buckets, tubs, laundry baskets	Willow for weaving	Fabric – curtains, sheets
Kitchen ware – pots, pans, utensils, cake tins, foil tins, tins of different sizes	Jugs, colanders, funnels, cylinders, pipettes	Tape measures, builders' tools (plastic) Pulleys
Plastic boxes for storage. Wooden boxes for storage	Clipboards Pencil pots Large paint brushes, window washers, sponges, brushes, hand brushes	Stage Musical instruments

## Ducks 2024 – 2025

A big thank you to Embells and JR Holland for all of their food donations this term.  
Also a huge thank you to all of the families in school for their weekly food donations.

### What do ducks like to eat?

<b>Please do not feed them – oranges, mushrooms, avocados, bread, crackers, cereals</b>	
Sweetcorn and peas (frozen or tinned)	Tomatoes
Lettuce (bag or a ball of lettuce)	Oats
Tinned potatoes, not Potato skins	Veg – beans, cucumber, broccoli, spinach, kale
Hard boiled eggs with shells	Seeds – squash, pumpkins, tomatoes, melons, mangos, pomegranates, wild bird seed
Greens, herbs and weeds – cut grass from the garden, fresh herbs like oregano, basil, mint, calendula, parsley	Fruits – strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, watermelon, melon, pears, peaches, banana (they like frozen berries too)

### Parental Consent

A new consent has been created on Arbor; please can all parents/carers give consent via the Arbor App/Parent Portal Website if they are wanting to **allow their children to go into the Quack Shack to feed the ducks**. Children will not be allowed in the Quack Shack going forward without consent.

**Early Years** - Children in Nursery and Reception are welcome to bring in food from home to feed the ducks on their set days and we will prepare this in class.

**Rest of the School** – During OPAL each day, children will be allowed to feed the ducks at lunchtime with Miss Brown and Mr Burrell. If you are wanting to feed the ducks, please bring food into school and keep this with you in your class until lunch time. Please remember duck food needs to be chopped up into small pieces before feeding them 😊

Any donations of food that your child is not wanting to feed to the ducks, please drop these at the school office and they will hand them down to Early Years or OPAL.

Feeding		
Monday	Toddlers	Nursery 30hours
Tuesday	Rec A	
Wednesday	Nursery 15 hours PM	
Thursday	Nursery 15 hours AM	
Friday	Rec B	

Our school are trying to develop the Quack Shack to make it the best we possibly can for the ducks to live but also, to make it as sustainable as possible.

### If anyone would like to donate anything towards our ducks, we are looking for the following items:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hay bail for bedding or bags of animal bedding</li> <li>• Herbs to plant in pots (living herbs or seeds) Rosemary, peppermint, chives &amp; coriander.</li> <li>• Old bags of compost, grow bags and topsoil</li> <li>• Egg boxes (to allow us to collect the eggs and sell them)</li> <li>• Clover and grass seed Wild bird seed &amp; duck food</li> <li>• A-frames made from wood for the ducks to hide in or tunnels</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Large troughs &amp; large plant pots</li> <li>• Fruit and vegetable seeds</li> <li>• Large rocks, stones and rockery (no building materials)</li> <li>• Stackers boxes and large bins to store food</li> <li>• Pond plants to help clear the water</li> <li>• Pond filter</li> <li>• Pea gravel and stones</li> <li>• Hanging baskets that are empty</li> <li>• Hanging plants for ducks to hide in</li> </ul>
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# 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	<b>100%</b>	Y3B	95%
YRB	94.55%	Y4A	94.67%
Y1A	94.14%	Y4B	92.76%
Y1B	97.14%	Y5A	93.33%
Y2A	98.52%	Y5B	99.33%
Y2B	87.41	Y6A	96.33%
Y3A	94%	Y6B	96.67%
Whole School Attendance:		<b>95.2%</b>	

## 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	Esmae S & Esmay B
Y1	Jake C & Harry S
Y2	Jacob H & Alannia U
Y3	Alfie L & Aria McD
Y4	Blake G & Jasmine G
Y5	Dionne G & Maddie F
Y6	Carmen F & Sophjie L

## This week's House Tokens

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



<b>Bamburgh</b>	<b>200</b>
<b>Hyllton</b>	<b>230</b>
<b>Warkworth</b>	<b>160</b>
<b>Lumley</b>	<b>155</b>
<b>Dunstanburgh</b>	<b>150</b>
<b>Alnwick</b>	<b>240</b>

## Times Table Rockstars



Most Correct Answers	Class
Jack S	Y6A
Ella M	Y4B
Mila H	Y6B
Biggest Increase in Speed	
Aria McD	Y3B
Blake G	Y4A
Alivia A	Y4B
Minutes Played	
Jack S	Y6A
Alexis T	Y4B
Ella M	Y4B
Golden Guitar Winner – Y5B	

# Out of School Achievements

Please email Out of School Achievements to [office@lingeypouse.org](mailto:office@lingeypouse.org)

## A Huge Well Done to... Edward!

Last weekend Stagecoach Performing and Acting School had their Annual Awards Ball. Edward was awarded with the Performer of the Year Award for the year 2024. Edward's hard work and dedication in 2024 was recognised at a very high level, in particular his performance in Shrek the musical when he played Pinocchio. We are super proud of him.

**Well done, Edward.**



## A Huge Well Done to... Annabelle!

Annabelle passed her grade 1 ballet with "Highly Commended" and her Level 1 Statuette with "Honours" in tap.

She was also on a show in Durham organised by Creative All Sorts just before Christmas where she had a dance and singing solo on « I'm a little Christmas Cracker.

**Well done, Annabelle.**



## Dates for the Diary

<u>Date/time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Who's involved</u>
Spring Term		
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 5:30 – 6:00pm	Y6 SATS Briefing	Y6 Parents
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Break up for Half Term	Whole School
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Return to School	Whole School