



Lingey House Primary and Nursery School



Newsletter 15 – 19th December 2025

It's hard to believe we have reached the final newsletter of 2025 — where has the year gone?! The past few weeks have been a whirlwind of activity in school, filled with excitement, celebration, and plenty of festive cheer.

All children in Years 1–6 (approximately 360 pupils) were treated to a wonderful trip to the pantomime, fully funded by our fantastic PTA. A huge thank you to the PTA and staff for making this memorable experience possible, with a very special mention to Kayleigh Watson, who has dedicated countless hours to fundraising and organising to ensure our children enjoyed such a magical outing.

Our KS2 Carol Services, Reception and KS1 Nativities, and Nursery stay-and-play sessions have truly captured the spirit of Christmas. The children performed beautifully, and we are incredibly proud of them all. It has been heart-warming to see so many family members join us to celebrate. A special thank you to our Choir, along with our amazing staff and volunteers, whose hard work and dedication ensured each event was a great success. We hope that the children enjoyed the Christmas parties as much as we have.

As the term draws to a close, we also say a farewell to Amy Clydesdale who leaves this Christmas after 11 years at Lingey House. We wish her the best of luck in her new adventures and thank her for Once a Lingey Duck, always a Lingey Duck!

Please keep an eye out in the New Year for details of our Spring Term after-school clubs, which will be shared when we return to school.

We wish you all a magical Christmas and a very Happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming everyone back when school reopens on Tuesday, 6th January 2026.

Warmest festive wishes,

Chloe Wilkinson

Headteacher 🌲 ✨

INSET DAY – School Closure

Please note that **Monday 5th January is an INSET day and the school will be closed to pupils.** We look forward to welcoming everyone back, refreshed after the Christmas break, on **Tuesday 6th January 2026.**

Goodbye from Mrs Clydesdale



After Christmas, I will be leaving Lingey House to begin a new teaching role in a specialist school, following my passion for SEN teaching. This is an incredibly emotional goodbye as Lingey House has been a huge and important part of my life for many years. It is not only where I have grown professionally, but also where I met my husband making this school forever special to me.

I feel truly privileged to have worked alongside such dedicated colleagues and to have shared my journey with so many wonderful children and families over the years. The children at Lingey House have brought me so much joy, and I will miss them all more than I can say. I have loved my time here and am so grateful for the memories, experiences and friendships I have made. Lingey House will always hold a very special place in my heart, and I will look

back on my time here with immense pride and the happiest of memories. Once a Lingey duck, always a Lingey duck!

Menu Change 6th January

During the first week back, our menu will change slightly.

On Tuesday, we will be serving **Monday's Week 1 menu**:

- Tomato & Basil Pasta
- Macaroni Cheese
- Jacket Potato
- Tuna and Cucumber



On Wednesday, the menu will return to the normal **Week 1 schedule**.

Bringing things to school

Reading is a vital skill for our children. Can children please remember to bring in their reading books to school daily? This ensures staff are able to listen to children read without disruption or lost learning time while looking for reading books. Children should also not be bringing toys or other items into school. Resources in supporting their learning, such as ear defenders, are welcome.

[Article 28 - I have the right to an education.](#)

Christmas Raffle

Please see list of winners below, collection from the school office if you have not done so already.

	Prize	Ticket Number	Name
1.	Night in Hamper Set	Green 161	Iris H - Y2A
2.	Champagne	Pink 171	Robyn B - Y5A
3.	Sparkling Wine & Smellies set	Blue 491	Taylor H - Y4B
4.	Blue gift hamper – smellies	Green 574	No Name
5.	Pink gift hamper	Green 617	No name
6.	Christmas Eve Gift Hamper	Green 268	Theo B - YRB
7.	Laphroaig Whiskey	Blue 427	Libby M - Y4A
8.	Rose Wine Sparkling	Pink 481	Skylar H - Y1B
9.	Rose Wine	Blue 831	Marcel MC – Nursery
10.	Sunderland FC Shirt	Green 578	Will G - Y2A
11.	Sunderland FC Shirt	Pink 561	Esme- RS - YRA
12.	Peppa Pig Book Gift Set	Orange 336	Thomas B - Y2B
13.	Sanctuary Gift Set	Yellow 885	Bonnie B – Rec B
14.	George R R Martin Book Set	Blue 160	Amelia W – Y4B
15.	Ted Baker Gift Set	Yellow 500	Max T – Nursery
16.	Caudalie Gift Set	Green 225	Mollie E – YRA
17.	Soap & Glory Gift Set	Blue 574	Will G - Y2A
18.	Soap & Glory Gift Set	Green 623	Skylar H - Y1B
19.	French Connection Gift Set	Yellow 829	Jackie Brown
20.	Giant Prosecco glass & bottle of Prosecco	Yellow 631	Holly D - Y4B
21.	Christmas cup & Chocolates	Orange 217	Gracie R – Y6A
22.	Bergomot Bliss Gift Set	Orange 126	Freddie N – Y6A
23.	Temple Spa Gift Set	Orange 224	Brandon J – Y6A
24.	Fox & Ivy Gift Set	Yellow 876	Bonnie B – Rec B
25.	Bailey's Trio Set	Orange 132	CA
26.	Bodyshop Gift set	Orange 71	Gracie R – Y6A
27.	Earbuds	Yellow 915	Olly J – Y4A
28.	Jixels – Tiny Pieces Big Builds Set	Blue 995	No Name

After school clubs -last week

Our schedule for the Spring half term will be published in the new year.



Parents Data on Arbor

Please can you make sure that anyone with Parental Responsibility has at least one contact number and email address along with your home address on Arbor.



Our admin team have started ringing each guardian with missing data, however if each parent could check and update their details via the Arbor app that would help us immensely.

Thank you – School Admin Team

Charity Clothes Bank

You may have noticed that we now have a charity clothes bank on site! We'd really appreciate it if you could encourage your family and friends to use it to donate any unwanted clothing. Every donation supports a good cause and helps our school too.

The clothes bank is located next to the main pedestrian gate, and it's open for the whole community to use. Thank you for your support!!

Items that can be recycled.

- Adult clothes
- Children clothes
- Bags
- Accessories
- Paired Shoes
- Bras



Smoking & Vaping

Reminder that our whole school site is non-smoking, this includes vapes and e-cigarettes. Please refrain from using these on school grounds.

Article 24: We all have the right to information which keeps us safe and healthy.



Toddler Group

Our toddler group has moved to a **Monday afternoon 1.30-2.30** in the main school.

The Toddler Group is open to the whole community. Cash donations are welcome each week.



Parking Reminder

Please can we kindly ask all parents and carers to behave respectfully towards our local residents and fellow parents during school drop-off and pick-up times.

We have received a number of reports regarding confrontations and the use of inappropriate language around children. As a school, we do not condone this behaviour and ask everyone to help us maintain a safe and respectful environment.

When parking, please remember to:

- *Do not park in front of the school gates, we still require emergency access even if the gates are closed.
- *Park safely and responsibly
- *Do not block driveways
- *Avoid parking on yellow lines or pavements
- * Be kind and considerate to our neighbours



Let's work together to ensure our school community remains safe, respectful, and welcoming for everyone.

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	93%	Y3B	90%
YRB	93.43%	Y4A	93.33%
Y1A	92.61%	Y4B	92%
Y1B	96.82%	Y5A	95.52%
Y2A	93.67%	Y5B	84.296%
Y2B	85.67%	Y6A	89.67%
Y3A	93.93%	Y6B	89%
Whole School Attendance:		91.2%	

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

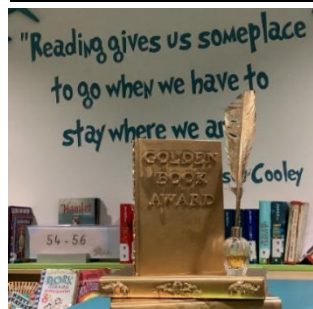
Year Group	
Reception	Joshua L & Bonnie-Rae H
Y1	Willow F & Iris V-A
Y2	Jake C & Harriet W
Y3	Jack R & Willow J
Y4	Reggie D & Jochebed O
Y5	Harley S & Alexis T
Y6	Emilee B & Charlie G

Times Table Rockstars



Highest Coin Earners		Class
1 st	Logen D	Y4A
2 nd	Jace S	Y4A
3 rd	Dylan N	Y4A
Biggest Improvement in Studio Speed		
1 st	Gracie R	Y6A
2 nd	Reggie D	Y4A
3 rd	Amelia G	Y4A
Golden Guitar Winner – Y4A		

Accelerated Reader



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

Children in Y2 - Y6 who have read the highest number of quizzes in their Year group this week are:



Name	Year Group
Frankie S	Y1
Kaelan	Y2
Noah	Y3
Emikie P	Y4
Alivia	Y5
Jayden W	Y6
Golden Book Winner	Y2A

Dates for the Diary

<u>Date/time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Who's involved</u>
	Spring Term	
5 th January 2026	INSET	School Closed to PUPILS
6 th January 2026	School re-opens	Whole School
23 rd February – 27 th February 2026	Half Term	School Closed
3 rd April – 17 th April 2026	Easter Holidays	School Closed
	Summer Term	
4 th May 2026	Bank Holiday	School Closed
25 th May – 29 th May 2026	Half Term	School Closed
1 st June 2025	Occasional Day	School Closed

Out of School Achievements

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

A huge well done to Ellera, Grace & Ivy!

Performed their Christmas dance show on Saturday with their dance group Bodyrockers they all done amazing and received a rosette we are so proud of them

Well done, Ellera, Grace & Ivy

