Lingey House Primary and Nursery School

Newsletter 9 – 6th November 2026

This Week at Lingey House

I hope you've all had a lovely half term and enjoyed Bonfire Night! It's been wonderful welcoming the children back this week. We're especially proud of how sensibly they've responded to our firework safety messages, with some helping us raise concerns about unsafe firework use in our local community. It's lovely to see them looking out for others!
A big thank you for your patience and support with our new collection arrangements, which already seem to be making a positive difference!
Please do have a read of our Christmas update below – we're really looking forward to sharing some festive magic with you all!

Have a wonderful weekend!
Best wishes, Chloe Wilkinson

What We're Celebrating

Christmas Performances and Celebrations

As an inclusive school, we continually reflect on how we meet the changing needs of our children. We believe in equity rather than simply equality – recognising that giving every child the same experience doesn't always mean giving them the best experience. For some, performing on stage is a wonderful opportunity to shine, while for others it can feel overwhelming. Above all, we want Christmas to be magical, enjoyable and inclusive for everyone!

With this in mind, our celebrations will look a little different this year:



- Monday 7th December – Nursery: Christmas Stay and Play, 9.30am (morning children) and 1.30pm (afternoon children)
- Tuesday 8th December – Year 2: Nativity, 9.30am
- Wednesday 9th December – Reception: Nativity, 9.30am
- Thursday 10th December – Year 1: Nativity, 9.30am
- Thursday 10th December – The Nest and The Lodge: Christmas Stay and Plays, 1.30pm
- Monday 14th December – KS2 Carol Service at Church: 9.30am (Years 4 and 5 families) and 10.30am (Years 3 and 6 families)

A little change to arrangements this year… There will be no advance tickets. Entry to Nativities and Christmas Stay and Plays will be £2 per adult, payable on the door, with a cuppa included!

As each Nativity involves just one year group, we won't be limiting adults per child. Parents, grandparents and loved ones are very welcome – just please don't bring the whole street! We still need everyone to fit safely and comfortably.

For The Nest and The Lodge, Stay and Plays will be limited to two adults per child to help keep the environment calm and enjoyable for children who may find larger gatherings overwhelming.
Your £2 contribution helps fund costumes, resources and Christmas party food. We're proud that we never ask families to buy or provide Nativity costumes – we provide everything, avoiding extra expense at an already costly time of year.

Our celebrations may look different, but each is equally special. This reflects UNCRC Article 31 – every child's right to participate in cultural and artistic activities. **At Lingey House,** inclusion isn't about everyone doing the same thing – it's about giving every child the chance to shine in their own way.
We can't wait to share the magic of Christmas with you all!

Exciting News – We're Expanding Our FREE Breakfast Club!

We're delighted to share that, thanks to funding from the Department for Education, we're expanding our free breakfast club offer to give even more children the chance to enjoy a healthy breakfast and a happy start to their school day!

As we're a large school, we'll be introducing this gradually, with different year groups invited on different days:

- Monday: Reception
- Tuesday: Year 1
- Wednesday: Year 2
- Thursday: Years 3 and 4
- Friday: Years 5 and 6

Breakfast Club will open at 8.15am, with last entry at 8.40am. Children can enjoy a choice of toast, cereals, fruit and juice, completely **free of charge**!

If you have more than one child at Lingey House, please choose the day that works best for your family so your children can attend together. For now, we're asking that each child attends on just one day per week while we gradually expand the offer.

We're hoping to open Breakfast Club to all children, every day, after Christmas, but need to introduce this carefully to ensure we have the space, staffing and routines in place to give everyone a lovely start to their day.

Our existing invitation-only breakfast club, run by Tom/Hannah, will continue alongside this new offer, so children already accessing that provision will see no change.

We know how much difference a good start to the day can make, and we're really pleased to be able to offer this extra support to our families!

UNCRC Article 24: Every child has the right to good health, including nutritious food. Our free breakfast club helps ensure children have a healthy, positive start to their school day.

After School Clubs

Our offering for after school clubs are scheduled to run from the 9th November until Friday the 11th December 2026. Sing up will open on Arbor tonight at 4.30pm, please note that if you cannot sign up this will mean that the club is full, waiting lists are held via the school office

UNCRC Article 31: Every child has the right to play, relax and take part in recreational, cultural and creative activities. Our varied clubs give children opportunities to explore their interests, develop new skills and have fun with friends.

Day	Club	Year Group	Ran by
Monday	Y6 Book Club	Y6	Mrs Lillie
Tuesday	YR Christmas Crafts Club	YR	Mrs Goundry & Miss Smith
	Y1/Y2 Ball Skills Club	Y1/Y2	Mr Burrell
	Y1/Y2 Mindfulness Club	Y1/Y2	Miss Drummond & Miss Hughes
	Y5 Games Club	Y5	Mrs Moyle & Miss Wallace
	Y5/Y6 Christmas Crafts Club	Y5/Y6	Mrs Dellow & Mrs Wood
Wednesday	Y1/Y2 Christmas Crafts Club	Y1/Y2	Mrs Atkinson & Mrs Masson
	Y3/Y4 Basketball Club	Y3/Y4	Mr Burrell
Thursday	YR Cookery Club	YR	Mrs Burrell & Mr Bolam
	Y5.Y6 Football Club	Y5/Y6	Mr Burrell

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Event	Who it applies to
Friday 13th November	Children in Need – children can come to school in non-uniform or Pudsey merchandise.	All pupils and staff
Tuesday 17th November	Year 6 Safety Works Visit – cost £5 per pupil and booking/payment is open on Arbor. Children will return to school slightly later than usual.	Year 6 pupils
Monday 7th December	Nursery: Christmas Stay and Play, 9.30am (morning children). 1.30pm (afternoon and 30 hour children)	Nursery families
Tuesday 8th December	• Year 2: Nativity, 9.30am • Y3/Y4 Pantomime Trip	Year 2 families Y3/Y4 pupils
Wednesday 9th December	• Reception: Nativity, 9.30am • Y5/Y6 Pantomime trip	YR families Y5/Y6 pupils
Thursday 10th December	• Year 1: Nativity, 9.30am • The Nest and The Lodge: Christmas Stay and Plays, 1.30pm	• Year 1 families • The Lodge and The Nest families
Friday 11th December	Lingey House Christmas Playfest – 1.30-3.00pm	All pupils and families
Monday 14th December	KS2 Carol Service at St Andrew's Church: 9.30am for Year 4 and 5 families. 10.30am for Year 3 and 6 families	KS2 Pupils
Tuesday 15th December	EYFS Christmas Party	EYFS Pupils
Tuesday 15th December	Y5/Y6 Christmas Party	Y5/Y6 Pupils
Wednesday 16th December	Y3/Y4 Christmas Party	Y3/Y4 Pupils
Thursday 17th December	Y1/Y2 Christmas Party	Y1/Y2 Pupils
Friday 18th December	Last Day of Term	Whole School
Monday 4th January	School Re-opens	Whole School

Next Week / Important Reminders

Children in Need – Friday 13th November

Our Class Ambassadors would love everyone to join in with Children in Need! Children are invited to come to school dressed in yellow or Pudsey Merchandise and make a donation of £1 if they can. Article 27, 24 – Every child has the right to an adequate standard of living and the best possible health.

Save the Date – Lingey House Christmas Playfest!

Join us on Friday 11th December, 1:30–3:00pm for festive OPAL adventures, family fun and Christmas fayre stalls! Entry and lots of activities are completely free, with optional paid stalls raising money for school. (See emails for further details)

Celebrating Article 31 – the right to play and Article 2 – non-discrimination

School Site Safety

A polite but important reminder that **parents and carers must not drive into the school car park at any time**, including when dropping children off at Breakfast Club or collecting them from after-school clubs. Unfortunately, **two members of staff have recently had their cars damaged in our car park**, which is extremely disappointing. Our car park is strictly for staff and authorised vehicles only.

We have also noticed an increasing number of **parents and children riding bikes and scooters on school premises**. Please ensure that everyone dismounts at the school gates and walks their bikes or scooters through the grounds. This helps prevent accidents, particularly during busy drop-off and collection times.

We want our school site to be a safe and welcoming place for everyone, and these simple rules help us achieve that. **Thank you for your understanding, cooperation and consideration for others.**