



Lingey House Primary and Nursery School



Newsletter 1 – 4th September 2026

Welcome Back

A very warm welcome back to all of our children, families and staff. I hope you have all had a lovely summer and managed to enjoy some time together.



It has been wonderful to see the children back in school this week, smiling, reconnecting with friends and settling into the new school year. We know the start of term can feel exciting, but also a little nerve-racking, especially for our newest children and families joining Nursery and Reception. We have been delighted with how well our youngest pupils have settled so far.

Across school, children have returned looking smart, positive and ready for the year ahead. There is already a lovely atmosphere around school, and it has been a pleasure to see children getting to know their new teachers, classrooms and routines.

As always, thank you for your continued support. Strong relationships between home and school make such a difference, so please continue to speak to us if you have any worries, questions or information that may help us support your child. We are really looking forward to the year ahead at Lingey House.

Best wishes, Chloe Wilkinson (Headteacher)

Staffing updates

We are pleased to share some staffing updates as we begin the new school year.

We are delighted to share that **Gemma Wrightson** has been appointed as Deputy Headteacher following the departure of our previous Deputy Headteacher. Gemma has been part of the Lingey House team for many years as Assistant Headteacher and already knows our children, families, staff and community incredibly well. As part of this leadership change, SLT responsibilities have been reviewed and reorganised to ensure a clear, strategic approach across school.

Tom Burrell will be fulfilling Hannah's role while she is on maternity leave, supporting families and children through family support and pastoral work. Many of you will already know Tom well, and we know he will continue to be a friendly and supportive point of contact for children and families.

We are also very pleased to welcome **Levi Bolam and Amy Craig**, who have joined our team as teaching assistants. They will be working alongside staff to support children's learning, wellbeing and wider school life.

Each of our new staff members will be sharing a short pen portrait so that you can get to know them a little better. We are really pleased to have them as part of our Lingey House team and know you will join us in giving them a warm welcome.

Gemma Wrightson – Deputy Headteacher

I am absolutely delighted and incredibly proud to have accepted the role of Deputy Headteacher at Lingey House Primary School.



Having worked at Lingey House for 22 years, the school has become such an important part of my life. I have loved my time here and feel very privileged to have shared so many wonderful experiences with our children, families and staff over the years. Lingey House truly feels like part of my family, and I am incredibly proud to continue to be part of such a special school and community.

Taking on the role of Deputy Headteacher is a new and exciting chapter for me, and I am very much looking forward to the opportunities and responsibilities that come with it. My passion for education remains as strong as ever, and I am committed to working alongside our wonderful staff, children and families to provide the very best opportunities for every child.

As I begin this new role, I look forward to building on all that makes Lingey House so special. I am excited to work with our whole school community to continue raising standards, supporting our children to thrive and ensuring that every child feels valued, happy and proud to be part of Lingey House.

Levi Bolam – Teaching Assistant

Hello, I'm Mr Bolam and I started working at Lingey House in September 2026 as a Teaching Assistant. Before joining Lingey House, I worked in a range of schools, with experience across both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. I have also worked with children with SEND and SEMH needs.

I really enjoy supporting children in all aspects of their learning and development. I have a particular passion for design and the many skills children can gain through creative, practical learning. I am excited to share this with the children at Lingey House.

At weekends, I enjoy spending time with my family and my partner, and going on adventures. A lot of my time is also spent walking and giving lots of love to my five dogs!

Baby News

We would like to send a huge congratulations to Mr Bloomfield and his wife on the safe arrival of their beautiful baby boy, Jude, who was born at the beginning of the school holidays.



We are absolutely delighted for them as they begin this very special new chapter as a family. We hope they are enjoying lots of precious time together and soaking up all of those lovely newborn moments.

Please join us in wishing Mr Bloomfield and his wife a huge congratulations. We cannot wait to meet Jude properly and, of course, enjoy some baby cuddles when the time comes!

PE Kits

Children will continue to come into school on PE days in their PE kit (see timetable below).

NO LOGOS OR FOOTBALL KITS TO BE WORN.

PE kit consists of:

- plain white t-shirt or polo shirt
- navy joggers or shorts
- navy school sweatshirt
- plain black trainers

PE Days

Reception - Thursday

Year 1 – Monday & Friday

Year 2 – Wednesday & Friday

Year 3A- Wednesday & Thursday (Swimming - starts 10th September)

Year 3B – Monday (Swimming - starts 7th September) & Wednesday

Year 4- Tuesday & Thursday

Year 5 – Tuesday & Thursday

Year 6 – Monday & Friday

Lunches

We have children in school with severe nut allergies, please can you be mindful if supplying a packed lunch to ensure there are no items that include nuts of any kind.



Packed lunches need to also follow the healthy school guidelines, and include elements of each food group.

If your child has an allergy/dietary requirement you will have been given forms to complete, please ensure these are returned to the school office asap to process.

Keeping Children Safe in School

You can speak to **any adult** in school about **anything** that is worrying you. The six adults below are Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) and have had special training to keep you safe.



Mrs Wilkinson
Headteacher



Mrs Wrightson
Deputy Headteacher



Mrs Flowdy
Assistant Headteacher



Mrs Davis
Mental Health Lead



Mrs Watson
SENDCO



Mr Burrell
Pastoral Support

Emergency Contact Details

As part of our safeguarding and attendance policies, we require at least **two emergency contacts** to be listed in Arbor for each student. You are welcome to add more if needed.

If someone other than yourself is regularly picking up your child, please ensure they are listed in Arbor with the appropriate collection permissions. Our school staff will verify these details before allowing students to leave the school premises.

If you require someone who is not listed with collection permissions in Arbor to pick up your child, the school office must be notified **before the end of the school day**. If this information has not been provided, the staff member responsible for dismissal will keep your child with them until the office has confirmed the change with a parent or guardian. This confirmation will occur after the rest of the class have been dismissed. If we are advised from a parent that an adult who we are not familiar with is picking up pupils, identification is required on arrival.

Please note, we cannot accept a phone call from another family member or parent claiming they are the correct person to collect your child. Our office staff will verify the identity of the caller against Arbor to ensure our safeguarding procedures are followed.

If you wish to add additional contacts to your child's Arbor account, you can do so through the Arbor App or Parent Portal.

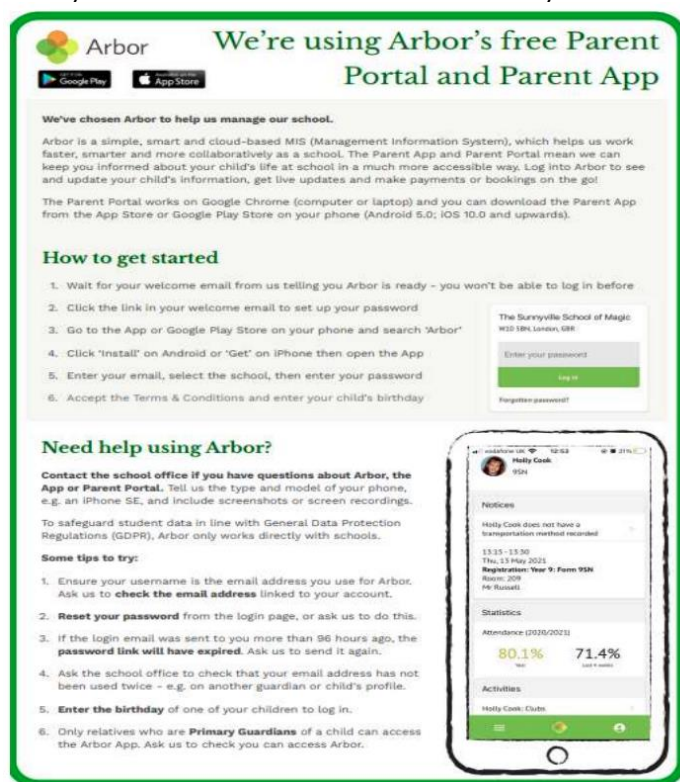
Parental Communication

At Lingey House we use a management information system called Arbor, Parents can access Arbor via the Parent Portal and Parent App – Please see image below to setup your access. Access is given via your email address; please can you ensure that anyone with parental responsibility has given the office staff their email address.

School use Arbor for:

- Parental Communication via In-App Messages
- Consent to our policies and agreements
- For students to participate in clubs, Activities and Trips, including sporting activities
- Parental consultations – to book your consultation
- Payments for School Meals and Residential Trips
- Check your child's attendance
- Update contact details/add additional contacts

If you are using the Parent App please allow push notifications this is the quickest way for school to message you and you will have a notification on your mobile.



Uniform

It has been lovely seeing children returning to school looking so smart in their new uniforms and I'd like to thank parents for their support with this. We all know how much lost property accumulates in school so can I please ask that all uniform items, coats and shoes are clearly labelled with children's name and class as this makes it much easier to return items to their owners.



We understand that some children have sensory issues and may struggle with certain items of uniform. Please contact school and ask to speak to Mr Burrell (family support worker) or Kayleigh Watson (our SENDCO) if you need to make us aware of anything or discuss any adjustments needed.

If you need any help with school uniforms, please speak to your class teacher/Mr Burrell (our family support worker) we have some donations that we may be able to help you with.

Attendance Update

What should I do if my child can't come to school?

If your child is unwell or has a medical or educational appointment, please let the school office know before the start of the school day.

You can report an absence by:

- calling our absence line on **0191 438 1287** and leaving a voicemail with your child's name, class and reason for absence;
- calling the school office on the same number and selecting **option 2** after 8am;
- sending a message through Arbor In-App messaging;
- emailing office@lingeypouse.org.

If we have not heard from you, school will contact the people on your child's contact list. If we are still unable to make contact, our Family Support Worker or a member of SLT may complete a home visit. If there is no answer, school will follow safeguarding procedures.

Term time holidays and absence requests

Good attendance makes a huge difference to children's learning, confidence and progress. For this reason, holidays should not be taken during term time.

Headteachers are only able to authorise leave during term time in exceptional circumstances. If you need to request term time leave, please ask the school office for an application form. Once this has been completed, school will consider the request and let you know the decision.

If a child is taken out of school without permission, or does not return on the agreed date, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. Unauthorised absence may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice or further action from the Local Authority.

Lateness

The school yard doors open at **8.45am** and children should be in school by **8.55am**. Arriving late can be unsettling for children and means they miss the important start to the school day.

If you need any support with attendance or punctuality, please contact school. We are here to help.

Article 28: Every child has the right to a good quality education.

Flu Jab

The flu jab will be administered by Gateshead School Nurses on the 23rd October.

This vaccination programme is in place to help protect your child against flu. The vaccine will help prevent them catching the flu. Vaccinating your child will also help protect vulnerable friends and family by reducing the spread of flu.

The intra-nasal flu vaccine is effective in protecting your child against flu.

A flu vaccine can be given as an injection in the upper arm if you do not wish for your child to receive a vaccine containing porcine gelatin. We can give the injection in school to all those children in Year 7 and above. Children from Reception age to Year 6 will be offered a clinic appointment at one of our community clinics.

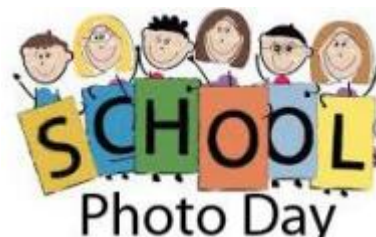
The online consent can be accessed via any online device. Please click on the following link <https://www.northumbriaimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu> which will direct you to an online consent form for you to complete using the following school code **NB108360**

Consent submissions will close 48 working hours before the school session date. You can call to complete a consent after that but may have to attend a clinic instead.

If you do not want your child to receive the flu vaccination, please complete a non-consent, this can be completed on the same form by selecting NO this will also stop any further communications from our team

School Photographer

Our School Photographer, Tempest, will be in school on **Wednesday 30th September** to take individual and sibling photographs. Parents who would like to have photographs taken with older/younger siblings who do not attend this school should come into school at 8:15am to have their photographs taken.



School Dinner Money

A reminder that our lunches £3.00, £15 per week, please can you ensure that your child's meals are paid for in advance. Students in Y3 and above are required to pay for school meals unless you are entitled to free school meals.

Please can you ensure when paying for meals that **School Meal** is selected and not **Nursery Fees**.

Free school meal applications can be made via this [link](#).

Tapestry

Please can all parents ensure that they have given permission to use Tapestry as a form of parental communication for students in Nursery & Reception.

Once consent is given we will be able to create parent logins to the system.

Jewellery & Earrings

Jewellery is not to be worn in school for health and safety reasons, students can wear stud earrings however they must be able to take them out themselves for PE.

London Meeting

We would like to invite parents of our year 6 children to attend an information meeting for the Year 6 London Residential in summer 2027. The trip has been a highlight for many children over the last 3 years and the meeting aims to give parents as much information about the trip as we can as well as being a great time to ask questions and get pricing information.

The meeting will take place in the large hall on **Monday 21st September 2026** at 5:30-6pm. We look forward to seeing lots of you there!



EYFS Transition Week

EYFS have had a fantastic few days settling into their new classrooms, meeting their new teachers, making friends, and getting back into routines.

We are very proud of how well they have settled. Thank you to all our parents and guardians for supporting our Nursery and Reception transition your support really helps make this a smooth and positive experience for the children.

We are also on the hunt for a few things to enhance our provision. If you have any cars, animals or small figures that you no longer need, we would be very grateful for any donations.

Have a lovely weekend and see you next week!

Privacy Notices

Our Privacy Notices can be found on our school website.

Christmas Support

We are working with Local Charities to offer support to our families over the Christmas period. This may include, food parcels, toiletries and presents, for your family.

If you would like this support please see our Family Support Worker, before **Friday 9th October 2026**

Please note, all conversations will be treated confidentially, this support is not means tested.



Asthma

If your child has Asthma and you have previously filled in asthma card, please ensure that they have an in date inhaler in school.

If your child has asthma and you have not filled in asthma card, please collect one from the school office

After School Clubs

At Lingey House, we have always been proud to offer a wide range of clubs across the school that enrich our pupils' experiences and support their personal development, **children can only attend 1 club per half term.**

Bookings open tonight at 4:30pm.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain these valuable activities for our children.

Day	Club	Year	Ran by	Places
Tuesday	YR Junk Modelling	YR	Mrs Wood & Mrs Dellow	Places available – please book via Arbor
	Y2/Y3 Story & Crafts Club	Y2/Y3	Mrs Wilson	Places available – please book via Arbor
	Y4/Y5 Board Games	Y4/Y5	Mrs Moyle & Miss Wallace	Places available – please book via Arbor
	Y5 Cookery Club	Y5	Mrs Burrell	Places available – please book via Arbor
	Y5/Y6 Football	Y5/Y6	Mr Burrell, Mr Bloomfield, Mr Rippon	Places available – please book via Arbor
	Y6 Film Club	Y6	Mrs Crawford	Places available – please book via Arbor
Wednesday	Y1 Phonics	Y1	Mrs Atkinson & Mrs Masson	Places available – please book via Arbor
	Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 Girls Football	Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6	Mr Burrell	Places available – please book via Arbor
Thursday	YR Multi-Skills	YR	Mrs Goundry & Miss Smith	Places available – please book via Arbor
	YR Mindfulness	YR	Miss Hughes & Miss Drummond	Places available – please book via Arbor
	Y1/Y2 Dance Club	Y1/Y2	Miss Mather	Places available – please book via Arbor
	Y1/Y2 Film Club	Y1/Y2	Mrs Adams & Mrs Masson	Places available – please book via Arbor
	Y4 Gardening Club	Y4	Mrs Dellow	Places available – please book via Arbor
	Y6 Design Club	Y6	Mr Bolam	

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

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.



Parking

Please can all Parents/Carers ensure that at school pickup and drop off times that they behave respectfully towards residents and other parents, parking and park responsibly. A number of incidents have been reported to school of confrontations and abusive language being used around children which as a school we do not condone.

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

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>This week's attendance</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>This week's attendance</u>
Each week, the class with the best attendance will have an extra 10 minutes of playtime.	YRA	96.7%	Y3B	98.18%
	YRB	94.62%	Y4A	95.56%
	Y1A	96.3%	Y4B	88.27%
	Y1B	96.43%	Y5A	95.56%
	Y2A	95.24%	Y5B	96.24%
	Y2B	100%	Y6A	93.68%
	Y3A	100%	Y6B	96.36%
	Whole School Attendance:		95.75%	
If any class has 100% attendance, they will have an ice cream/hot chocolate playtime!				

Out of school achievements will be added to next weeks newsletter.