Lingey House Primary and Nursery School

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This Week at Lingey House

As we come to the end of our first half term, there is so much to feel proud of. Our children have worked hard, tried new things and had so many successes, both big and small. I am incredibly proud of them, proud of our staff and proud to lead Lingey House. We keep getting better and better because of the people who make our school what it is, and I am excited about what we will achieve together as the year continues.

What an amazing week we have had to finish! Our first ever scarecrow competition has brought so much creativity and autumn cheer to school. It was an exciting idea to try, and you have certainly helped us bring it to life! Thank you to all the children and families who took part, and to Mr Brown for arranging the scarecrows and hammering them into place.

Choosing the winners was so difficult—you can find them announced below! We already have plans to make next year bigger and better by asking all families attending the Pumpkin Patch to score the scarecrows, so that choosing our winners becomes a community decision.

Our second ever Pumpkin Patch was another lovely highlight, with over 300 children attending. Seeing our families coming together and enjoying themselves has been a wonderful way to end the half term. These are the occasions I hope our children will remember for years to come.

A huge thank you to our staff for all their hard work, care and enthusiasm this half term, and to our families for your support. There is so much that goes into every school day, as well as these special events, and I am very grateful to everyone who helps make Lingey House such a lovely place for our children.

Have a wonderful half term. Enjoy the autumn days, a little spooky fun if you are celebrating, and some time together. I hope our children and staff have a well-earned rest, and I look forward to seeing everyone back after the break.

Best wishes, Mrs Wilkinson

What We're Celebrating

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



Scarecrow Competition Winners

1st Place - Room on the Broom (Ella Mason - Y1B)
2nd Place - Shrek (Nell Palmer Y2B)
3rd Place – Scarecrow (Rosie - N and Jaycee Stoker -Y1B)







Pumpkin Patch

What a wonderful afternoon at our second ever Pumpkin Patch, with over 300 children attending! It was lovely to see so many families enjoying some autumn fun together. We are the only school I know of that holds its own Pumpkin Patch, and I love that it is becoming a Lingey House tradition. Alongside our first ever scarecrow competition, it made for a very special end to the half term.

A huge thank you to Kayleigh Watson, who led and organised the whole event, supported by our amazing staff and the children who volunteered to help set everything up. With more than 400 pupils in school, bringing an event like this together takes a great deal of planning, preparation and teamwork. We really appreciate the time, care and creativity everyone gave to make it happen.

Thank you also to families who waited patiently while we checked purchases when tickets had been forgotten. Last year, pumpkins were taken without tickets and we ran out, so this year we bought 50 extra and checked bookings to help ensure there were enough for everyone. A few people did take more than the one pumpkin allocated per ticket, which made this trickier, but staff stepped in where they could. There was a little searching across the patch for the last few pumpkins, but every child who attended went home with one!

We are learning as we go and already have some simple improvements planned for next year, including having ticket purchase lists at the patch so any checks can happen more quickly.

We put these events on because we want Lingey House to be a place where our community can come together, enjoy themselves and make happy memories. Seeing our children and families having fun makes all that effort worthwhile. Thank you for supporting the afternoon and helping us raise money for school—we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!



Stall Winners

Guess the Number of Sweets in the Jar - 180
Winner is Aria McDonald (Y5A)
Guess the Weight of the Pumpkin – it weighed 14kg
Winner is Ian Escoto (Y2B)

Year 4 Trip to the North East Land, Sea and Air Museum (NELSAM)



This week, our Year 4 children enjoyed a fantastic visit to NELSAM as part of their World War II topic.

The children loved exploring the military vehicles and exhibits, and especially enjoyed the opportunity to go inside an aeroplane! It was a brilliant way to bring their classroom learning to life and deepen their understanding of this important period in history.

A very special thank you to Mrs Dellow for helping to arrange some VIP access for our children and making the visit even more memorable!



A fantastic day of exploring, learning and making memories together!



Our AI Ambassadors in Action! 🤖



On Monday, our 16 AI Ambassadors visited Portobello Primary School for their first workshop with Northumbrian Water. They explored how AI helps us, its risks, how to spot AI-generated images and why the water used to cool AI computers matters for our environment.
The Deputy Mayor was impressed by their knowledge and enthusiasm—we are very proud of them all! Look out for updates next term as the project continues at Lingey House, including a special visit from the Mayor.
Our ambassadors have BIG ideas!

Cross Country 2026 🏃 🏃



Last week, our runners represented Lingey House brilliantly at the Gateshead School Sports Partnership cross country event!
This year brought a new course full of twists, turns, off-road running and even a mountain—according to Year 6! In reality, it was a very steep hill, but it certainly put their determination to the test! 🌰
Every child gave it their all, showing fantastic effort and resilience as they tackled the course. A huge well done to everyone who took part. We couldn't be prouder of you all!



Out of school Achievement

Ada took part in her first Junior Race (1.1km) on 11.10.26 At Newcastle Town Moor (accompanied by her dad) And she raised £160 for her favourite animal rescue, Richmond Exotics.

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Event	Who it applies to
Monday 2nd November	Return to school after half term break – change to collection arrangements (see below)	All Pupils and staff
Friday 13th November	Children in Need – children can come to school in non-uniform or Pudsey merchandise.	All pupils
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

Next Week / Important Reminders

Changes to collection after Half Term

From Monday after half term, we are making a small change to our end-of-day arrangements to help make collection a little smoother and less congested for everyone.

Year 3 will continue to leave from their current doors. Year 4 will be dismissed from the doors currently used by Years 5 and 6, and Years 5 and 6 will leave via the main hall.

We have looked carefully at different options, including staggered collection times, but with so many families collecting brothers and sisters from different year groups, we felt this would make things more difficult rather than easier.

We appreciate that any change can cause a little confusion or disorganisation at first, particularly on the first day back, and we are sorry if this causes any inconvenience. However, we do feel the change is needed to create clearer collection points and reduce congestion at the end of the day.

We will keep the new arrangements under review once they begin and make any further tweaks if needed.

Thank you, as always, for your support and patience at such a busy part of the school day.