



Lingey House Primary and Nursery School



Newsletter 27 – 2nd May 2025

Budget Update

It has been widely publicised in the press that school budgets are struggling due to rising costs and falling government funding.

We have been in a very lucky position for a number of years where we have not charged parents for trips and experiences, they have received at Lingey House. Unfortunately, we have reached the point where it is not going to be able to continue.

To ensure that our students receive the best teaching and curriculum resources we will be asking parents for contributions to school trips and events moving forward.

Hannah is available to speak to if you wish to discuss any financial issues.

Year One Phonics Screening Check

We would like to invite all parents/carers of Year One pupils to an information meeting regarding the statutory phonics screening check. The meeting will be held in the large hall at **3:30pm** on **Tuesday 20th May**.

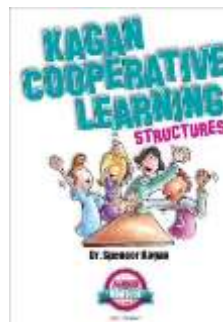
We aim to provide information about the screening process and how you can help your child secure their phonics knowledge at home in preparation for the screening in June. We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible and appreciate your support.



Academic Year 2025/2026

Advanced notice for parents. The Children will return to school on **Monday 1st September** for the start of the new academic year, but school will be closed to pupils on **Monday 8th September** for a staff training day.

An exciting opportunity has arisen, to provide staff with training to promote higher engagement in lessons and pupils learning. More details about term dates and INSET days to follow.



Dinner Money Price Increase

The price of School Meals will increase on the **2nd June 2025** to **£2.90** per day which is **£14.50** per week, we ask that meals are paid for in advance on a Monday. This will apply to children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

If you think you may be eligible for free school meals please complete the Gateshead Council [FSM form here](#).

End of Year Reports to Parents

Our reports to parents/guardians will be sent via email to each parent with parental responsibility this year, please can you ensure that your contact details are up-to-date via your Arbor App/Parent Portal.

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

Attendance Update

Do you know what to do if your child can't come to school?

If your child is poorly and cannot attend school or has a medical or educational appointment the school office **MUST** be notified prior to the **start of the school day**.

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

We have a dedicated absence telephone line on **0191 4381287** where a voicemail can be left, please state your child's name, reg group and the reason why they are absent.

The school office can also be contacted on the above number and selecting option 2 (after 8am) via Arbor In-App messaging and via emailing office@lingeyschool.org

If we have not heard from you as to why your child is absent, school will follow the procedures below:

- Ring all contacts on the contact list to ascertain the reason why child is absent.
- If no answer, call a second time.
- If no reply our Family Support Worker or a member of the SLT will carry out a home visit.
- If the door is not answered school will follow safeguarding procedures and alert the relevant authorities.

Term Time Absences

If you wish for your child to be absent for any reason other than illness an application for your child's term time leave of absence, you must fill out an application form, which can be requested from the school office. The application form asks you to outline the reasons why you feel your application for leave of absence during term time should be regarded as 'exceptional'. Following the submission of your application, you will be notified as soon as possible of the school's decision.

Holidays During Term Time

Lingey House Primary School is committed to maximising the potential of every child. You too want the very best for your child therefore good, consistent attendance at school is crucial to give your child the best chance of success. We need your support in ensuring that holidays are not taken in school time so that your child has the very best opportunity to succeed.

Headteachers are not able to grant any leave of absence for holidays during term time unless there are proven exceptional circumstances. Therefore, as a school we have adopted a standard practice of not authorising any family holidays in term time. This is in line with government guidelines and the local authority. If parents/carers, contrary to what the school has said, still decide to take their child out of school for a holiday then the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

If you wish to make an application for your child's term time leave of absence, you must fill out an application form, which can be requested from the school office. The application form

asks you to outline the reasons why you feel your application for leave of absence during term time should be regarded as 'exceptional'. Following the submission of your application, you will be notified as soon as possible of the school's decision.

Parent/carers should be aware that if you take leave of absence during term time without making a prior application to the school, or if you make an application but your requested leave of absence is not authorised and still take your child out of school, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. Similarly, if you keep your child away from school for longer than agreed/authorised, the excess absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Unauthorised absences on your child's attendance record may mean that you are liable to incur a Fixed Penalty Notice or could face prosecution. A fixed penalty notice will be issued to each person with parental responsibility for the child/children who is deemed liable for the offence/offences.

Lateness

There are more and more children coming to school after the bell has gone and entering school via the main entrance. The yard doors open at 8.45am and children are expected to be in school by 8.55am at the latest. Lateness can have a huge effect on children's education.

Minutes late per day...	Equates to days of teaching lost in one year...	Which means this number of lessons have been missed...
5 mins	3 Days	15 Lessons
10 mins	6 Days	30 Lessons
15 mins	9 Days	45 Lessons
20 mins	12 days	60 Lessons
30 mins	18 days	90 Lessons

If you need any support with this, please contact our family support worker, Hannah.

Article 28: We all have the right to a good quality education.

Coffee Morning

We've moved our coffee mornings to **Tuesdays from 9-10am!** Come by for a cuppa, catch up with others, and enjoy a friendly chat.

If you or your family need any support, our Family Support Worker, **Hannah**, will be available to help with any questions or assistance you might need. Whether it's advice or just someone to talk to, we're here to support you.



Feel free to pop in – we'd love to see you there!

Article 26: We have the right to help from the government if we are in need.

Article 27 – We have the right to a good standard of living.

Y5 MR H Residential

Year 5 Residential – June 2024

Year 5 students have the opportunity to have a residential at Lingey House, camping overnight on Wednesday, **11th June**.

There will be activities such as archery, fire lighting, a water fight, circus training, an assault course and many other camping past times. Students were given letters and consent forms last week, sign up and payments are via Arbor.



Article 31: I have the right to rest relax and play

After School Clubs

School Clubs will be available to book from 11th April at 4.30pm

After school clubs will run 28th April – 23rd May.

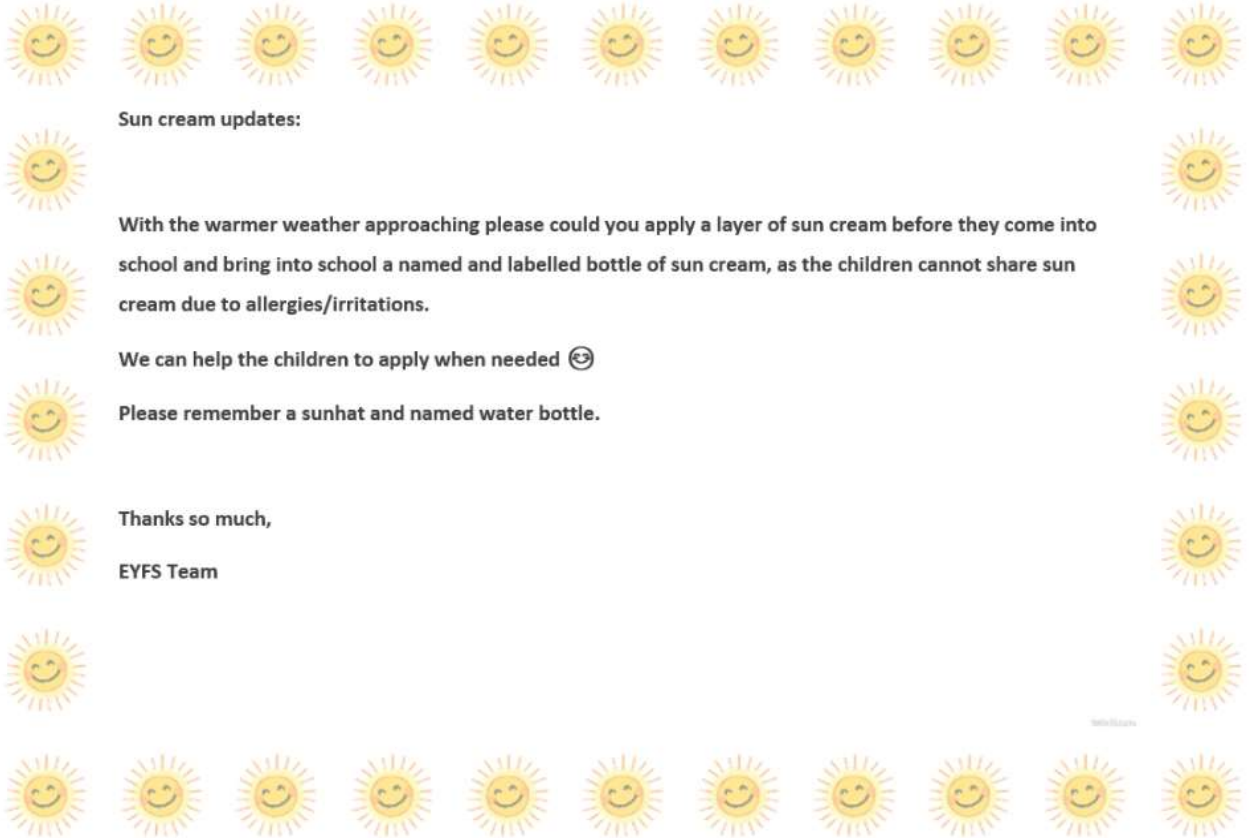
We are excited to offer a wide range of after-school clubs. Places are limited, please only sign up to one place per child. Places are available to book via Arbor.

Day	Club	Year	Ran by	Places
Monday	Gardening Club	Y4	Mr Burrell & Mrs Burrell	Places available – please book via Arbor
	Watercolour Club	YR	Miss Attwood	Places available – please book via Arbor
Tuesday	Book & Craft	YR	Mrs Adam-Ratheram	Places available – please book via Arbor
	Photography	Y4/Y5/Y6	Mrs McCallum & Mrs Goulty-Brown	FULL
	Cuppa's & Conversations	Y2/Y3/Y4	Miss Hewitt	Places available – please book via Arbor
Wednesday	Athletics	Y5/Y6	Mr Burrell & Mr Masson	FULL
Thursday	Film	Y5	Mrs Lynn	Places available – please book via Arbor
	Indoor & Outdoor Fun	Y2	Mrs Jackson	Places available – please book via Arbor
Friday	Football Trials (2 weeks only 2 nd & 9 th May)	Y3/Y4	Mr Rippon & Mr Bloomfield & Mr Burrell	Places available – please book via Arbor

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

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

EYFS Update



Sun cream updates:

With the warmer weather approaching please could you apply a layer of sun cream before they come into school and bring into school a named and labelled bottle of sun cream, as the children cannot share sun cream due to allergies/irritations.

We can help the children to apply when needed 😊

Please remember a sunhat and named water bottle.

Thanks so much,

EYFS Team

Meet our Ambassadors

Please see below for the fabulous things our ambassadors do.

Safety Ambassadors

- Provide ideas for keeping in school safe (road safety, stranger danger and safe-guarding)
- Involved in developing risk assessments in school
- Assist in health and safety tours
- Feedback in assembly from safety drills

Safety Ambassadors work with Mrs. Wilkinson and Mrs. Hewitt.



The safety ambassadors have also been involved in supporting with whole school fire drills working with senior leaders looking at the procedures in place. They will be involved in a health and safety walk in school during an upcoming tour in the summer term.

Article 19: I have the right to be protected from being hurt or badly treated.

Article 24: I have the right to be as healthy as possible.

Article 33: I have the right to be protected from dangerous drugs.

Article 34: I have the right not to be touched in ways that make me feel uncomfortable, unsafe or sad.

Article 35: I have the right not to be kidnapped, sold or trafficked.

Article 37: I have the right not to be punished in a cruel or unnecessary way.

Article 39: I have the right to help to get better if I have been hurt or badly treated.

Nursery Suncream

Please can all 30 hour children have suncream brought into school, this will be re-applied at lunchtime. 15 hour children to have sun cream applied before coming into nursery.

Can all students be provided with a sunhat, both the suncream and hat to be kept at nursery/in their nursery bag.



Lingey Ducks

Happy birthday to our 5 Lingey Ducks they celebrated their birthday on Wednesday 30th April.

Look at how much they have grown!



Nursery Farm Trip



'Five ways to Wellbeing'



connect



be active



keep learning



take notice



give

Are you, your child or someone you work with aged between 4-18 years? The Gateshead Children and Young People's Primary Care Mental Health Service are going to be hosting FREE events in your local community during school holidays.

Join us for our next event and meet children's therapists who will be available for advice and support as well as various wellbeing activities for young people. We will be joined by other professionals within the Gateshead area including our adult peer support workers.

A free brunch or snacks and refreshments will be provided, as well as free activities for children and their families such as; crafts, archery, bush craft and managing emotions activities. There will also be 'free' mental health resources to take home.

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday 28th of May – 10:30am until 14:30pm @ The Baltic Centre for Contemporary art, South Shore Road, Gateshead, NE8 3BA

Friday 30th of May – 10:30am – 14:30pm @ Chopwell Woods Forest Classroom, Rowlands Gill, Gateshead, NE39 1LT

Further information on travel to these destinations is available on our website.

If you would like to know more about our mental health services visit www.stsftmentalhealth.nhs.uk or scan the QR code using the camera on your mobile phone.



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SEND Drop in Session

Our SEND drop-in sessions are back!

If you're concerned about your child's progress or think they may have a special educational need or disability, a chat with our SENDCo Mrs Kayleigh Watson may provide the opportunity to seek advice and support as well as making a clear plan on the next steps to support your child.



Our first drop-in session will take place **during parents evenings** where Mrs Watson will be available to chat with parents.

Following on from this, an informal drop-in session will be available the **first Friday of every month** starting **Friday 4th April**. No need to make an appointment! Just turn up and ask to speak to Mrs Watson any time from 2pm until the end of the school day.

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

Ducks 2024 – 2025

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 chopped up small 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.

Years or OPAL.

Feeding		
Monday	Toddlers	30hour/15hPM Nursery – yellow & blue group
Tuesday	Rec A	30hour Nursery – green group
Wednesday	Nursery 15 hours PM – red group	
Thursday	Nursery 15 hours AM – red & yellow group	
Friday	Rec B	15hour Nursery – green group

What do ducks like to eat?

- Please do not feed them – oranges, mushrooms, avocados, bread, crackers, cereals
- Sweetcorn and peas (frozen or tinned)
- Lettuce
- Tinned potatoes, not Potato skins
- Tomatoes
- Oats
- 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

Article 24 – I have the right to be as healthy as possible

Article 31: I have the right to rest relax and play

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	93.81%	Y3B	96%
YRB	97.73%	Y4A	92.33%
Y1A	96%	Y4B	99.31%
Y1B	90%	Y5A	92.31%
Y2A	92.86%	Y5B	98.67%
Y2B	94.07%	Y6A	97%
Y3A	97.33%	Y6B	93.67
Whole School Attendance:		94.1%	

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	Daisy D & William F
Y1	Spencer M & Eric M
Y2	Alarnah A & Archie R
Y3	Amelia G & Arin N
Y4	Blake G & Jacob T
Y5	Freddie N & Abbie D
Y6	Alek D & Emily S

Times Table Rockstars



Most Minutes Played	Class
Jack S	Y6A
Mollie M	Y5B
Summer M	Y5B
Biggest Increase in Speed	
Liam W	Y5A
Charlie H	Y4A
Ceejay G	Y4B
Highest Coin Earners	
Jack S	Y6A
Mollie M	Y5B
Summer M	Y5B
Golden Guitar Winner – Y5B	



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

Name	Year Group
Arya P	Y2
Jochobed O	Y3
JJ W	Y4
Evie C	Y5
Darasimi O	Y6
Golden Book Winner	Y5B

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

This week's House Tokens

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



Bamburgh	155
Hylton	175
Warkworth	115
Lumley	115
Dunstanburgh	125
Alnwick	190

Dates for the Diary

<u>Date/time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Who's involved</u>
Summer Term		
5 th May 2025	Bank Holiday	Whole School
12 th May -15 th May 8.00-8.15am	Y6 Pre-SATS Breakfast (school hall)	Y6 students
20 th May 2025	Nursery Visit to Hall Hill Farm	Nursery children & parents
19 th May – 23 rd May	Y1 Phonics Check	Y1 Students
20 th May	Y1 Phonics Meeting	Parents of Y1 children
26th – 30th May 2025	Half Term	Whole School
2nd June 2025	Occasional Day	School Closed to Children
3rd June 2025	Inset Day	School Closed to Children
4th June 2025	School Re-Opens	Whole School
4 th June – 13 th June	Y4 Multiplication Check	Y4 Students
11 th June 2025 9.15am & 5.15pm	Reception (Sep 25 new intake) Information Meetings	Parents/Carers of Nursery pupils who will start Reception in September
11 th & 12 th June	Y5 Residential	Y5 Students
19 th June 2025	Sports Day	Whole School
16 th June 2025	Nursery (Sep 25 new intake) Information Meetings	Parents of nursery children starting in Sep 25
25 th June 2025	Reception 2024 Transition School Tour 4 onwards	Children & Parents of Sep 2025 intake
26 th June 2025	PTA Summer Fair	All students and parents
2 nd July 2025	Lingey House Transition Day	Whole School
4 th July 2025	Y5 Trip to Beamish	Y5 Students
7 th – 9 th July	Y6 Residential Trip	Y6 Students
11 th July 2025	Nursery Graduation	N2 students & parents
11 th July 2025	Reports to parents	Whole School
18th July 2025	Last Day of Term	Whole School
Autumn Term		
1st September 2025	School Re-opens	Whole School
8th September 2025	INSET DAY	School Closed to Children

The above dates have been scheduled to take place, further information will be given in due course for events across the summer term.

Out of School Achievements

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

A Huge Well Done to Jace!

As part of the **Newcastle Adventurer Club**, Jace was chosen as **Team Captain** of the "Guardians of Truth"—a team of six young learners, with Jace proudly representing **Lingey House**.

Well done Jace.



A Huge Well Done to Lee!

Lee took part in the Copa Santa Cup in Barcelona during half term with his football team. They finished 3rd out of 13 teams across the world playing a year up

Well done Lee

