



Newsletter 5 – Friday 7th November 2025

Welcome to our newsletter. We hope you all had a brilliant half term and enjoyed Bonfire Night!

Year 4 at Forest School

A highlight of our Year 4 curriculum is the opportunity to take part in Forest School sessions. Over a 6 week period, 15 children at a time go down into the woods behind our playing field for half a day. Elder Class were the first to have the experience this academic year. Here is what they made of it!



Last half term, Elder Class experienced Forest School in the woods behind the KS2 building. We used flint and steel to make a spark on cotton wool to make fire. It was amazing and we even got to roast food on it! We learnt about fire safety and what to do if you get burnt. We thoroughly enjoyed building dens and finding supplies from the 'forest' to create pieces of art including charcoal from the fire. One of the weirdest bits was when we learnt how to pick and eat stinging nettles which are actually like a green leafy vegetable and used magnifying glasses to examine bugs. Josh commented, "My best bit was playing conkers," whilst Joe added, "I really enjoyed building the den best!"

Lime Class have started their sessions today. We can't wait to hear what they get up to!

Year 2 were on fire!

Before half term, Year 2 stepped into Samuel Pepys's world to bring the sights, sounds and drama of 1666 to life. In this fun, fact-filled and interactive workshop, Mr Dilly took children back into the bustling streets of London, discovering the events that led to the fire, and taking part in re-enacting the dramatic night when flames swept across the city. They worked together in a water chain to help put out the fire! It was an unforgettable experience!



The fire service also visited us and taught us all about fire safety. They showed us the protective clothing they wear during fires, and we learned that firefighters attend many different kinds of emergencies — not just fires! We also practised the 'Stop, Drop, and Roll' technique in case our clothes ever catch fire and we even had the exciting opportunity to sit inside the fire engine.



Attendance Update

Whole academy attendance up to half term was 97.40%. This is an increase on the same period last year and compares very positively to the local and national picture. Thank you to all our families and carers who help to get their children in on time and miss as little school as possible.

With winter illnesses spreading and tiredness kicking in, please see the NHS 'Is my child too ill for school' guide to assist you in making a decision—<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> We adhere to the '48hr rule' should your child be sick. Absence due to illness is usually marked as authorised.

Thank you from Haywards Heath Foodbank

Dear Lindfield Primary Academy

As we reflect on this season of harvest, our hearts are full of gratitude for your generous support provided to the Haywards Heath Foodbank.

Your thoughtful donations have truly made a difference, helping us share the abundance of this season with families and individuals who need it most.

Because of your kindness, we were able to distribute 452.90 kgs of food and sundries ensuring that no one in our community goes without nourishment or care. Your contribution represents more than just food, it is a gift of hope, comfort and connection.

We are deeply thankful for your partnership and the spirit of giving you bring to our mission, together, we continue to strengthen our community.

With grateful thanks

Heather Cooper

Haywards Heath Foodbank/Babybank Manager

Shining Bright

This week, Rebecca Stevens from St Peter and St James Hospice came in to talk to the children in assembly about the success of the Shine Bright walk that took place on the 4th October. An amazing £480.45 was raised by Lindfield Primary Academy and the charity are truly grateful for all your support.

Congratulations goes to Leah-Rose Slack who won 2nd prize in her age category for her beautiful bag decoration and won a 'Voucher for The Gingerbread Tree Art Studio - an hour's tuition for 1 or 2 people'.



PTA News

Upcoming

PTA Events

Tuesday 11th November PTA Committee Meeting

Thursday 27th November Wreath Making

Tuesday 2nd December Village Christmas Festival Night

Saturday 6th December Christmas Fair

Thursday 15th January PTA Committee Meeting

Monday 26th January Role Model Week

Friday 20th March Quiz Night

More dates to follow!

Driving and Parking

We are writing to again request that all parents and carers drive and park safely and responsibly around our academy site.

We sympathise with the continuing difficulties with finding spaces near to school at the busiest times and understand the frustration over the lack of lollipop people to assist with crossings. However, there have been a number of incidents of parents parking across yellow lines or the 'School, Keep Clear' markings on Backwoods Lane, making crossing dangerous for children, families and staff. This is also causing congestion at the mini roundabout and leading to delays to other village users and emergency services. Inconsiderate and dangerous stopping and parking like this must stop to ensure everyone is able to come to and from school calmly and safely.

We are continuing to press both local and county councils to further engage with us on finding lasting solutions to the congestion problems around school. As part of that, we are hoping for a long-promised site visit from the council at some point soon to see the issues for themselves.

Open Day Events

The corridors have been filled to bursting this week with our annual Open Day events for prospective new entrants to our academy in September 2026.

Our wonderful Year 6 children guided families around the school site expertly, showing off everything from classrooms to outside spaces, from guinea pigs to toilet blocks! Our guests were hugely impressed by the school but even more so by our respectful and knowledgeable children. Well done Year 6!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 10th - Weds 12th Nov: Yr5 Bowles Residential
Tues 11th, Weds 13th & Thurs 14th Nov: Early Years Parent Consultations
Tues 11th: Yr4 Explorers Workshop
Fri 14th: Yr3 Pirate Day
Mon 17th: Catch up school photos
Tues 18th: Yr6 Rationing Day
Fri 21st Nov: EYFS Fire Service visit
Weds 26th Nov: CommuniTEA