



## Newsletter 8 – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Welcome to our newsletter. We wish all our children and families a very Merry Christmas!



# Merry Christmas



What a fantastic and magical time of year to be in a primary school! Christmas 2025 at Lindfield has been our biggest and best yet!

We started things off with a bang last week as our Early Years and Year 5 classes teamed up to perform 3 shows of the Big Little Nativity! The cute factor was dialled up to 100, the Year 5s were in fine voice and the Reception children were hugely impressive actors as they told the story of the first ever Christmas. We also enjoyed seeing lots of parents joining in with the songs too!



Before the week was out, we held our 'Santa Dash' with the children running, jogging or walking around the playgrounds looking great in their Santa hats.

Next, on Monday, we held our ever-popular Christmas Lunch in the William Allen Hall. Crackers were pulled, hats were worn, songs were sung and lots of roast potatoes were eaten as we managed to get 660 children through separate sittings to enjoy the food and festivities. Huge thanks go to Liane and her team at Chartwells, as well as our ever-supportive PTA, for helping ensure this event was enjoyed by all.

This week has continued with the small matter of 6 Christmas Concerts. Years 2 and 4 joined forces for some classic Christmas songs on Tuesday and Years 1 and 3 finished the week off in style with polished performances



yesterday. In between, Year 6 had their special 'Last LPA Christmas' concert at All Saints Church. The children performed a mixture of up-tempo toe-tappers, slower ballads and the spoken word beautifully.

Thank you to All Saints for letting us use their wonderful venue.

Finally, the term has ended today with a very special treat for all classes. Some brave (or silly) teachers donned 'interesting' costumes before performing a Staff Pantomime for all the children to enjoy.

There was a huge amount of enthusiastic shouting, booing, cheering and laughing as the children tried to help Lindfield Ella meet Prince Charmless and live happily ever after!

We are hugely thankful for all the help and support of the many different groups that ensure Christmas at LPA is special and magical every year. We also hope we have raised much needed funds for our charity chosen by our School Council, Chailey Heritage, through our collection buckets. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.

We would like to wish all our families and wider community a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



### Reading Corner

Look out for our annual CHRISTMAS READING CHALLENGE that should have come home at some point this week. It is really good for children to read a little bit every day and the reading challenges are designed to make their daily reading a bit more fun, funny and different.

Children need to annotate their sheets and bring them back to school on Friday 9th January. Feel free to email in some photos too.

If you haven't already, take a look at the Autumn Term Reading for Pleasure Newsletter for some great recommendations for bookish gifts and stocking fillers.

Merry Christmas and happy reading!

### Spreading Christmas joy in the community

Our wellbeing and diversity champions across Years 2 to 5 spread some Christmas joy last week with a visit to Compton House Nursing



Home. The children had a wonderful time crafting, chatting and singing with some of the residents as a way of creating meaningful connections between generations. It was a joy to hear the children sharing their school experiences and listening with interest to the residents talking about their hobbies and school experiences from the past. One of the residents is 104 years old!

Studies show that intergenerational activities can be beneficial to both groups. They can help build confidence, challenge assumptions and prejudices and help tackle social isolation and loneliness in both groups. We are very grateful to Compton House for hosting us and we hope to visit again in the summer term.

### Poppy Appeal

We have been informed that the children, staff and families at Lindfield raised £373.65 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal this year through sales of poppies, wristbands and broaches.

Thank you to everyone who supported this worthy cause. It is another indication of how our academy works alongside and within our community to help support those in need.

### **LPA Over and Above**

Teddy S (Willow)	Luna G (Sycamore)
Darcy B (Hazel)	Freya H (Elder)
Noah B (Walnut)	Kitty E (Juniper)
Benji P (Pear)	Hugo H (Pine)
Emily S-S (Apple)	Reika K (Lime)
Joshua G (Cherry)	Leo R (Laurel)
Megan P (Maple)	Akain A A (Cedar)
Mae F (Rowan)	Wizzie C (Palm)
Holly F (Holly)	Poppy C (Ash)
Ivy R (C Beech)	Tilly W (Elm)
Lewin W (S Birch)	Maddy B (Oak)

Well done to all of these Over and Above children who have been role models for our Ready, Respectful and Safe Behaviour Code this week.

### PTA News!

*Merry Christmas*  
from the PTA

Wow! What a spectacular festive season we have had at LPA this term!

We wanted to end the year by saying a massive THANK YOU to everyone who has supported us and helped us to raise lots of money for our school.

A huge thanks must also go to everyone who has given up their time to volunteer too. We couldn't do it without you

### End of Term Awards

Many congratulations to Hazel Class (EYFS) and Silver Birch Class (Year 3) for winning the Autumn Attendance Trophies.

It was very tight from 2nd to 4th in the race for the House Cup this term, but no doubting the winners this time around. The final scores were:

Yellow - 1,631	Blue - 1,637
Red - 1,654	Green - 1,827

### **DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

We will return from the Christmas break on Monday 5th January.