



Newsletter 9 – Friday 10th January 2026

Welcome to our newsletter. We would like to wish all our families a very Happy New Year!

New Year, New Learning, New Fun!

The children have settled back brilliantly after the excitement of Christmas and the academy is already buzzing with new topics, learning and adventures. Here is what each year group is going to get up to this term.

Vroom Vroom! Early Years are incredibly thrilled to be learning all about transport this term. From the tales of The Naughty Bus to zipping across the playground on scooter day, the children are really excited for an action-packed term ahead. Inspired by books such as Digger School, The Hundred Decker Bus and Mr Gumpy's Motor Car, the children in Early Years will be set the task of designing and making a brand new vehicle of their own! The term will end with a visit from an old friend or should we say foe - The Evil Pea - who will once again be causing mayhem, this time it will be down to the Easter Bunny to save the day!

Get ready for lift-off! **Year 1** will be blasting into space this term as we begin our brand new topic, To Infinity and Beyond. The children will become space experts, learning all about the planets, the moon and famous astronauts. In History, we'll be travelling the world through time as we discover amazing explorers like Sylvia Earle, Jessica Babongo and Ibn Battuta, and hear all about their incredible adventures. PE will be just as exciting, with astronaut training and gymnastics to build strength, balance and teamwork. It's going to be a fun packed term full of exploration, discovery and excitement. We can't wait!

The Spring Term is going to be an exciting one for our **Year 2** pupils. Our 'Scales and Tales' topic will include plenty of dragon-themed adventures and we've already kicked things off with a dragon hunt around the school! The children will also be developing their historical and geographical skills as they explore and learn all about castles. We are eagerly anticipating a visit from Jaws N Claws, who will deliver an interactive and engaging workshop featuring a range of fascinating creatures. As part of our RE curriculum, the children will be visiting a mosque to deepen their understanding of this faith and its traditions. It promises to be a jam-packed term!

Year 3 are excited to be delving into the world of dinosaurs! We will become palaeontologists, studying fossils, dinosaur species and discussing what we think happened to them. Meanwhile, in our role as experts we will be writing dinosaur leaflets showcasing everything we have learnt about dinosaurs. In science we are looking further at fossils, different types of rocks and volcanoes! We are looking forward to dazzling our families with our fascinating facts!

Year 4 are learning about the Stone Age this coming term and have already had a workshop on how to draw comic strips to support our work in English. Next week the children are having a very exciting workshop from Hands on History to help them understand how people lived during this period. This may even involve dressing up a teacher in Stone Age clothes! Forest School sessions will continue for some of the classes yet to have their turn too.

Year 5 have an exciting half term ahead as we continue our 'Ancient Greece' topic. In history, pupils will be delving deeper into daily life in ancient Greece, while in English we will be exploring more Greek myths to inspire our reading and writing. We also have Bikeability Level 1 and 2 sessions coming up in a couple of weeks, which the children are really looking forward to as they develop their confidence and safety when cycling. There is certainly lots to look forward to in Year 5 this term!

This will be a jam-packed term for everyone in **Year 6**. The focus of a lot of our work will be around Magical Mysteries which will include some writing based around the Lady of Shallot, magical creatures and potions linked to Harry Potter (we will even be visiting Warner Brother Studios in February). Our maths will include the introduction of ratio and algebra whilst consolidating our understanding of decimals. In science we will look at how light works and learn all about Ancient Maya in our history.

What a busy but exciting term ahead across Lindfield Primary Academy!

Reading Corner

2026 is the Year of the Reader!

At LPA we put reading at the heart of everything we do—because confident readers become confident learners. Being a “reader” isn’t just about sounding out words; it’s about understanding, imagining, questioning and enjoying stories and information. By nurturing a love of reading at school and at home, we help children build strong literacy skills, curiosity and a lifelong love of learning. Head over to LoveReading4Kids.co.uk and check out our class wish lists! Together, let’s inspire every child to see themselves as a reader.

The Academy Car Park

A polite reminder that the Academy Car Park is for use by **staff members** and **blue badge holders** only between 8:15-9:00am and 2:45-3:20pm.

We continue to recognise the difficulties with driving and parking around the school site and are particularly aware of how unpleasant it can be at drop off and pick up in the winter weather.

However, it is vital that all children, parents, staff and the wider community can access school safely. ‘Closing’ the car park has allowed us to do this far more effectively and led to a significant decrease in the number of incidents or near misses.

Please continue to walk to the side of School Lane as, despite significantly reduced traffic, it is still a road that is used by people accessing the school and St Nicholas Court.

Any person attempting to drive onsite at the specified times without a staff permit or blue badge will be politely turned away as we continue to enforce this safeguarding measure.

The Golden Rules of Being Safe Online

With many children receiving new tech and devices for Christmas, we wanted to share the British Council’s ‘Golden Rules’ for supporting your children when online:

- 1. Show me:** Ask children to show you what they access online and how they use them.
- 2. Low profile:** Show children how to keep their profiles private.
- 3. Just ask:** Ask children about who they are talking to online.
- 4. Photo check:** Talk to children about only sharing photos that they would be happy to show to everyone they know.
- 5. Don’t worry:** Create an atmosphere where children are able to tell you when they are worried about what they see online.



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.

Designated Schools Team

Did you know that LPA benefits from having a specialist Designated Schools Team worker, Natalie Taylor?

Natalie is qualified to provide early support to families who face some difficulties in a range of areas. Perhaps you feel your child accesses too much screen time, or maybe they are defiant or even violent at home. It could be that they have trouble sleeping or find the transition to school challenging each day.

Whatever concern you have, Natalie may be able to help. We can facilitate informal chats at school at a time that suits you. Contact the Senior Leadership Team if you think this offer may benefit your family.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wed 14th Jan - Year 4 Stone Age Workshop
Wed 21st Jan - Year 1 Phonics Parents Meeting
Wk Beg 26th Jan - Role Model Week
Wed 4th Feb - Year 1 Phonics Pop In
Wed 4th Feb - Year 6 Warner Bros. Studios Trip
Thu 6th Feb - Year 2 HH Mosque Trip
Thu 12th Feb - INSET Day (no school for pupils)
Fri 13th Feb - INSET Day (no school for pupils)
Wk Beg 16th Feb - Half Term Week
Mon 23rd Feb - INSET Day (no school for pupils)
Wk Beg 2nd Mar - Book Week
Tue 3rd Mar - Year 1 & 5 Planetarium Visit
Thu 5th Mar - World Book Day