



Newsletter 10 – Friday 23th January 2026

Welcome to our newsletter. We can't wait to welcome our role models into school next week!

Year 4 Go Back To The Stone Age

Year 4 began the year with an exciting Stone Age Workshop. Pupils enjoyed demonstrations of long-bow shooting and Stone Age fire lighting and handled a wide range of artefacts. An interactive timeline took us from today back to the end of the last Ice Age, with children holding objects from different periods. A teacher was dressed in Arctic clothing worn by early hunter-gatherers. In class, pupils completed archaeology fieldwork, analysing finds and making inferences. They explored Stone Age nutrition, animal skins and mammals of Britain, tried sign language teamwork activities and watched safe Bronze Age bow shooting.



Year 5 Get On Their Bikes

Year 5 have been thoroughly enjoying their Bikeability sessions so far. Despite the rain and blustery conditions, the children have taken part with huge enthusiasm, heading out with smiles on their faces and proudly sharing how much they've enjoyed the experience. The Bikeability fun continues for another week next week, with more children working towards achieving their Level 1 and 2 awards and growing in confidence about staying safe on the roads. The instructors have been brilliant with the children – incredibly supportive, encouraging, and great at building both skills and confidence. Well done everybody and happy riding!



Rainbow Flag Award

This week we had a visit from Riley from the Allsorts Youth Project.

Riley came to see and hear about all the amazing work we have done to diversify our curriculum and teach our children about celebrating difference. He was so incredibly impressed with what our school has been doing and especially the Wellbeing Champions that he was able to speak to.

Riley will now feedback what he has seen to The Proud Trust. They will then decide whether Lindfield Primary Academy will be successful in achieving the highly coveted Rainbow Flag Award.

Whatever the decision, we would like to thank Mrs Adams, Mrs Marshall and Miss Duncalfe for their incredible efforts alongside our wider staff and our supportive community in ensuring every child at LPA feels seen, heard and celebrated.

STAR of the Newsletter

We've had a Gladiator visit the academy and now we have one of pupils helping some other Gladiators carry out pranks!

Patrick H (Laurel Class, Yr5) was cast in the CBBC show (Gladiators Epic Pranks - episode 4) which he filmed last summer. What is more, you can see Patrick in action on iPlayer right now! Form an orderly queue for autographs on the playground please everyone.



Reading Corner

Some worrying statistics published by the National Literacy Trust states that just 1 in 3 children and young people aged 8 to 18 (32.7%) said that they enjoyed reading in their free time in 2025. We are passionate about reading for pleasure at LPA and there are many ways you can help at home to keep children reading and choosing to read! One idea is to set aside 10–15 minutes a few times a week where *the goal isn't to practise reading*—it's just to enjoy a story together. Let your child choose *anything* they'd like to read – stories, comics, fact books or magazines all count. You might take turns reading or simply read aloud while your child listens. There's no need to correct or quiz – just chat about what you enjoyed. Keeping it relaxed and fun helps children see reading as something to look forward to.

Chailey Heritage Visit

A group of children from Year 5 and 6 were invited to attend a very exciting event at Chailey Heritage, our chosen charity for the year.

Chailey are using the funds we raise to build a new learning space for their young people and it is now in the final stages of being built. The children from LPA made some fantastic clay tiles for Chailey to display on the walls of the new barn and we are excited to be invited back to see them later in the summer term.

Whilst on the visit, we were also able to feed animals on the farm - the pigs, donkeys and Shetland pony were firm favourites! The children that attended were a real credit to our school.



JOLF

Children across our school have been busy on Tuesday afternoons learning golf skills with Neil and Lewis from JOLF.

As well as building on their knowledge of the game, they children are also developing teamwork, resilience and self-confidence. These sessions are part of a charity set up by Justin Rose, famous golfer, and we are excited to see who will be the next on the PGA tour!



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Over and Above

Lola A (Willow)	Arlo M (Sycamore)
Rupert K (Hazel)	Tilly B (Elder)
Aaron R (Walnut)	Isabel M (Juniper)
Florence H (Pear)	Sophia J (Pine)
Florence T (Apple)	Henry T (Lime)
Sahasra S (Cherry)	Margot W-J (Laurel)
Charlotte F (Maple)	Lily P (Cedar)
Taiga K (Rowan)	Alice R (Palm)
Ruben E (Holly)	Jessi A (Ash)
Theo S (C Beech)	Mae L (Elm)
Zara D (S Birch)	Amelie S (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.

Smartphones

There is continuing evidence that smartphones are having a negative impact on our children's development.

A quarter of 5-7 year olds now own a smartphone with the average age for being given their first smartphone just 9 years old.

Children are being drawn into a digital world that is proven to have detrimental impact on their mental health, development and relationships.

At LPA we are increasingly concerned about the harm that is proven to occur when young children have access to smartphones. Next week we will send out our new Mobile Phone Policy and our plans to go 'smartphone-free' from September 2026.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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