



Newsletter 11 – Friday 6th February 2026

Welcome to our newsletter. Thank you so much to all our inspirational role models last week!

Role Model Week

Role Model Week is always an extra special event in our academy calendar and this year didn't disappoint! We had 29 role models from our community in to share information about their jobs and passions with children across all our year groups.

We are always so grateful to our role models for giving up their time to prepare the most fantastic talks and presentations for the children.

For days and weeks afterwards, we hear the children talking about the visits and what has inspired them. It has opened their eyes to future possibilities and exciting prospects that could

lie ahead for them and it instils a sense of commitment to achieve and do their very best.



This year we enjoyed the following visits and talks:

Walking with wild animals in South Africa, football sessions, police officer, charity founder, LEGO retail development manager, being an entrepreneur, live goldsmith demonstrations, IT consultant, events planning, illustrator, occupational therapist, Sky Sports presenter, children's doctor, PE sessions, self-confidence workshops, professional footballer, environmental specialist, solicitor, DJ, TV journalist and reporter, charity trustee, IRONMAN triathlon participant, travel and marketing expert, National Crime Squad officer, community responder, town councillor, mental health nurse, publisher, motivational coach and fashion design.



The children received such high praise from the role models for their excellent questions, respectful listening, and enthusiasm. They make us very proud. Thank you again to our role models and our PTA for supporting the event.



STARS of the Newsletter



Making a difference in our community with our Eco Representatives

On Wednesday, 15 of our Year 3 pupils gave up their lunch break to go litter picking on the common and around the play park. This was the first of our community litter picking events which have been inspired by our eco reps and enthusiastic playground litter pickers. The Eco Representatives have spent time promoting litter picking around the school and it has grown in popularity, so much so that we needed to go offsite to find more to collect!

All Key Stage 2 classes will be offered the opportunity to litter pick and make a difference in the community. Well done Year 3 for beginning our drive to making our community a cleaner and safer place for all.



Reading Corner

We are incredibly grateful to the kind person who purchased the first set of books from our LoveReading4Kids wish list! Walnut Class were the lucky recipients and are delighted to add four brand-new books to their book corner. We're only able to see which wish list the books were purchased from, not who made the donation, but whoever you are — **thank you so much!**

If you'd like to support our love of reading, you can visit <https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/> to view the wish lists for all classes, as well as our academy library. Just search for Lindfield Primary Academy.

As part of our ongoing commitment to promoting reading for pleasure, we would also love to hear from parents and carers about how reading is going at home. Please take a moment to complete our short survey. Your feedback is very valuable to us.

EYFS and KS1 - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YJCW2R7>

KS2 - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JJR3T5Z>



Popular Pop In for Phonics!

Our first 'phonics pop in' for the current Year 1 cohort was our most popular yet! 39 parents visited on Wednesday morning to see phonics in action across the three classes. Thank you to those who were able to come and join in with some sounds and word building. We hope you found it useful to support your child with reading at home.



Calling all creative parents and carers!

We are looking for any talented artists in our school community who would be interested in volunteering to run an artist workshop during the summer term. This would involve sharing some of your artwork and leading a simple workshop, allowing the children to see you in action and create something inspired by your work. If you think you may be interested, please contact **Mrs Bird (Art Lead)** via the school office. We'd love to hear from you!

LPA Over and Above

Effie W (Willow)	Sofia T (Sycamore)
Sam W (Hazel)	Edith F (Elder)
Oliver W (Walnut)	Jacob W (Juniper)
Finn M (Pear)	Josh H (Pine)
Zac H (Apple)	Emily T (Lime)
Dexter W (Cherry)	Rose F (Laurel)
Darius B (Maple)	Mark J (Cedar)
Austen R (Rowan)	Marcie L-B (Palm)
Callum C (Holly)	Jemima J (Ash)
Ivy W (C Beech)	Tilly W (Elm)
Daya G (S Birch)	Luke D (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.

Rainbow Award Success - 'Raising wonderful future generations'

Following on from the update in the previous newsletter, we are incredibly proud to announce that we have achieved our Rainbow Flag Award! We have received feedback that recognises the positive, inclusive attitudes of our children and staff, including: 'It was great to chat with various staff members and see the sheer passion you all have for this work, and the level of effort that you have all gone to, to make Lindfield a LGBTQ+ inclusive school,' and, 'It is always lovely to see the true impact of this work on the pupils. You are raising wonderful future generations.'

Thank you again to our wonderfully supportive community. We remain committed to diversifying our curriculum and ensuring it is inclusive for all.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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 23rd Feb - Interim Reports emailed home
Wk Beg 2nd Mar - Book Week
Wk Beg 2nd Mar - Parent Consultation Evenings
Tue 3rd Mar - Year 1 & 5 Planetarium Visit
Thu 5th Mar - World Book Day