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A message from Mrs Tomlinson…

Today, we were delighted to welcome a visitor from Solar for Schools to Lynch Hill. As many of you may know, our solar panels were installed several years ago and play an important role in helping us become a more environmentally sustainable school. Each year, Solar for Schools carries out an inspection of the panels and, as part of their visit, delivers workshops or assemblies to help children learn more about renewable energy and the importance of protecting our environment. Year 5 were the lucky recipients this year, with every class taking part in an engaging and informative workshop. The children seemed to enjoy the sessions and gained a greater understanding of how small changes can make a positive difference to the world around them.

Sustainability remains an important priority for us as a school. Through our Climate Action Plan, we are committed to reducing our carbon footprint and encouraging environmentally responsible habits across our community. Our Eco Council, working alongside Mrs Agarwal, continue to play a leading role in this work. Through Energy Sparks, both staff and pupils can monitor our energy usage and better understand the impact of our daily actions. One statistic shared this week certainly gave us all pause for thought: the amount of gas used by the school last week was equivalent to the energy needed to heat approximately 5,240 hot showers! It is a powerful reminder that we all have a part to play in reducing waste and using energy more wisely.

Next week, we look forward to welcoming many parents and carers into school for our Autumn Term Progress Review Meetings. These meetings provide a valuable opportunity to look through your child's work, discuss their achievements so far this year, ask any questions you may have, and gain a clear understanding of their next steps in learning. Partnership between home and school is so important, and we very much hope that all families will be able to attend.

You will also have received the paper forms regarding our Christmas lunches. Please ensure that these are completed by Thursday 3rd December and returned back to your child's teacher so that we can accurately order and prepare meals for each year group. As a large school, Christmas lunches are served on different days throughout the final week of term, so please take note of the date allocated to your child's year group. We would also like to remind families that hot meal options will not be available on the other days.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for their incredible support of Children in Need last week. Through the purchase of official merchandise and donations during our non-uniform day, we raised a fantastic £1,977.89. This is a wonderful achievement and a reflection of the generosity and community spirit that makes Lynch Hill such a special place. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Have a lovely weekend, and we look forward to seeing you all next week.

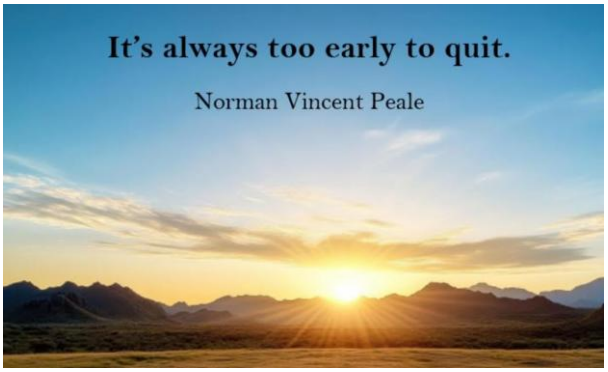
Lindsey Tomlinson



Well-being and smartphones – smartphone free childhood

The world is increasingly digital, and this short well-being series will focus on children and smartphones. The *Smartphone free childhood* is a movement which encourages families to wait before giving their child a smartphone. They encourage play and face to face connection over use of devices and are growing in popularity as a movement. Parents can sign up to pledge that they will delay giving their child a smartphone, and they can see other local families who are doing the same. This means that they can reinforce the message to their children that they are not the only ones without a phone. Mindful that young people may still need to be in touch with their parents if they are out, they list alternative devices / more basic phones on their website – contact with reduced risk. Have a look at: https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/alternatives

PRESENT Value of the Week: RESILIENCE

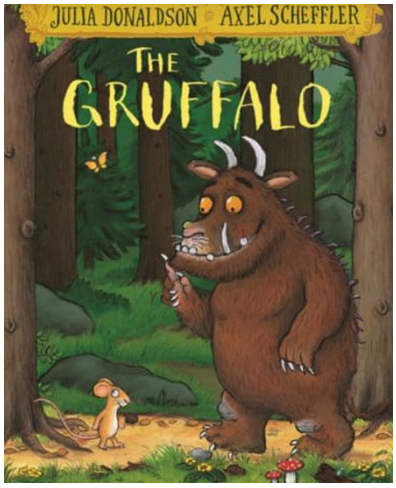


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The Cozy Reading Corner

At our school, we want to encourage reading across the whole of the school community – and that includes our parents and carers! This term we will continue with our book reviews from/for our children. This week we have a review from ***Archie in Nursery.***



We are learning about habitats in Nursery and are reading the story of The Gruffalo.

Archie: The mouse meets the snake, a fox and an owl and a Gruffalo. The animals ask the mouse to eat with them and the mouse says no. The Gruffalo wants to eat the mouse, and the mouse tells him that he is scary and he can't eat him. The mouse's favourite food is Gruffalo crumble.

Year 5 Mini Police

Last week a group of our Year 5's took part in their first Mini Police session with Thames Valley Police. The children got to investigate an imaginary crime scene and used their skills to deduce what may have happened. They had a fabulous time and did themselves proud. Well done team!

Boccia Competition

On Thursday a group of our Year 5 and 6 children went to Beechwood to take part in a boccia competition. The teams did brilliantly with one team winning gold and the other team narrowly missing out on the semi finals. Mrs Kurton was thoroughly impressed with how they conducted themselves – well done!

Christmas Lunches

Please be aware that the money owed for Christmas Lunches will be added to School Money once we have had all information back from the each member of the class. Please make sure you return your child's form back ASAP if you have not done so already. Thank you.

Free School Meals

The new eligibility criteria for free school meals came in to affect from the 1st September 2026.

You will be able to claim free school meals for your child if you receive one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (Regardless of income)
- Income Support
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

To apply for your child to receive free school meals, you must complete the form via the link below.
Free School Meals Application Form

Childcare Vouchers

Please be aware that our school can only accept childcare vouchers for Funzone, Breakfast club, after school clubs and the Nursery midday provision. We cannot take vouchers for trips, instrumental lessons, or meals/lunch cards. Thank you for help in this matter.

We are a Nut, Seed and Pineapple Free School

Please make sure that you do not give your children nutty bars, seeded bread, Nutella, Kinder Bueno or any other item containing nuts in their lunch box. We have a number of children and staff with life threatening allergies to nuts, seeds and pineapple, and even touching the hand of a child who has come in to contact with nuts, seeds or pineapple could be fatal.
No nuts, no pineapple + no seeds = no problem.

Please note that all Friday meal debts will not be on SchoolMoney until Monday afternoon.

Upcoming Events

Autumn Term

Term ends on: Friday 18th December 2026
Christmas holiday: Monday 21st December 2026 to Friday 1st January 2027

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Christmas Performance Dates:

Nursery – Tuesday 8th December at 9:15am (AM children, Blue and Red) and PM 1:15pm (PM children, Blue and Red)
Reception – Wednesday 9th December at 9:15am
Year 1 – Friday 11th December at 9:15am
Year 2 – Monday 14th December at 9:15am
Year 3 – Tuesday 15th December at 9:15am
Year 4 – Tuesday 15th December at 2pm
Year 5 - Wednesday 16th December at 2pm
Year 6 – Thursday 17th December at 9:15am



Reception Open Days (for children starting school September 2027)
Tuesday 5th January 2027 - 3:40pm - 4:20pm
Tuesday 12th January 2027 - 3:40pm - 4:20pm

The deadline for reception place applications is 15 January 2027.

Tuesday 9th March 2027 - 3:40pm - 4:20pm
Tuesday 20st April 2027 - 3:40pm - 4:20pm
Tuesday 4th May 2027 - 3:40pm - 4:20pm

Term dates for this and next year can be found on our website: Term dates - Lynch Hill School Primary Academy (lhsprimaryacademy.org.uk

Congratulations to 1K and 2K for winning Mr DK's KS1 PE trophies!

LYNCH HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL- LUNCH MENU February - July 2026

23rd - 27th Nov will be Week 2!

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1 W/C 31/08 21/09 12/10 16/11 07/12 11/01 01/02	1. Cajun Quorn & Sweetcorn Pizza (v)	1. Macaroni Cheese with Garlic Bread (v)	1. Winter Vegetable & Bean Hotpot (v)	1. Southern Style Quorn Burger with Herby Diced Potatoes (v)	1. Jacket Potato – Cheese (v), Beans (Ve) or Tuna
	2. Chicken Tikka Curry with Rice & Naan Bread	2. Chicken Jollof Rice	2. Lamb Lasagne with Garlic Bread	2. Beef Burger in a Bun with Herby Diced Potatoes	2. Breaded Fish Fingers and Chips
	3. Jacket Potato – Cheese (v), Beans (Ve) or Tuna	3. Jacket Potato – Cheese (v), Beans (Ve) or Tuna	3. Jacket Potato – Cheese (v), Beans (Ve) or Tuna	3. Jacket Potato – Cheese (v), Beans (Ve) or Tuna	
	4. Egg Mayonnaise Sandwich (v)	4. Tikka Chicken Wrap	4. Cheese Sandwich (v)	4. Tuna Sandwich	3. Cheese Sandwich (v)
	Frozen Raspberry Yoghurt (v)	Mixed Berry Sponge Cake with Custard (v)	Strawberry Jelly (Ve)	Fresh Fruit Platter (Ve)	Shortbread Biscuit (Ve)
WEEK 2 W/C 07/09 28/09 02/11 23/11 14/12 18/01 08/02	1. Cheese and Tomato Pizza (v)	1. Mixed Bean & Cauliflower Tikka Curry With Rice & Naan Bread (Ve)	1. Quorn Spanish Style Rice (v)	1. Quorn Nuggets with Potato Wedges (Ve)	1. Jacket Potato – Cheese (v), Beans (Ve) or Tuna
	2. Sweet Chilli Salmon Stir-Fry Noodles	2. Pasta & Meatballs in Tomato Sauce	2. Chicken Shawarma with Flatbread & Rice	2. Breaded Chicken Strips with Potato Wedges	2. Breaded Fish Fillet and Chips
	3. Jacket Potato – Cheese (v), Beans (Ve) or Tuna	3. Jacket Potato – Cheese (v), Beans (Ve) or Tuna	3. Jacket Potato – Cheese (v), Beans (Ve) or Tuna	3. Jacket Potato – Cheese (v), Beans (Ve) or Tuna	
	4. Egg Mayonnaise Sandwich (v)	4. Roast Chicken Wrap	4. Cheese Sandwich (v)	4. Tuna Sandwich	3. Cheese Sandwich (v)
	Fruit Crumble & Custard (v)	Cocoa & Orange Sponge Cake (v)	Strawberry Cheesecake (v)	Fresh Fruit Platter (Ve)	Cheese and Crackers (v)
WEEK 3 W/C 14/09 05/10 09/11 30/11 04/01 25/01	1. Vegetable Pizza (v)	1. Pasta in Tomato Sauce with Garlic Bread (v)	1. Vegetarian Hotdog and onions in a roll (v)	1. Vegan Sausages, Mashed Potato & Gravy (v)	1. Jacket Potato – Cheese (v), Beans (Ve) or Tuna
	2. Mild Chilli Beef Taco with Yellow Rice & Baked Tortilla Nachos	2. Chicken Katsu Curry with Rice	2. Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	2. Chicken Sausages, Mashed Potato & Gravy	2. Breaded Fish Fingers and Chips
	3. Jacket Potato – Cheese (v), Beans (Ve) or Tuna	3. Jacket Potato – Cheese (v), Beans (Ve) or Tuna	3. Jacket Potato – Cheese (v), Beans (Ve) or Tuna	3. Jacket Potato – Cheese (v), Beans (Ve) or Tuna	
	4. Egg Mayonnaise Sandwich (v)	4. Sweet Chilli Chicken Wrap	4. Cheese Sandwich (v)	4. Tuna Sandwich	3. Cheese Sandwich (v)
	Fruit Smoothie (Ve)	Apple Upside Down Cake with Custard (v)	Orange Jelly (Ve)	Fresh Fruit Platter (Ve)	Cocoa & Banana Cookie (Ve)

All main meals are accompanied with a side of vegetables!

(v) Vegetarian, (Ve) Vegan

Please find a list of allergens on our school website:
Lunchtime Menu - Lynch Hill School Primary Academy.

EYFS Aiming High, Working Hard and Caring Deeply Awards			
Green	AM Saleha Zain	FOR	Showing huge improvement with her pencil control.
	PM Omar Elrachidi		Having a positive attitude towards coming to school
Yellow	Shubhdeep Singh		Growing in confidence and becoming more settled at nursery. Well done!
Blue	Archie Duncan		Being creative and making some wonderful creations.
Red	Dollie Dunne		Making fantastic progress with her name writing.
Dolphins	Amirah Azim		Making an amazing house and garden using the Duplo bricks.
Seahorses	Hassan Chaudhry		Sharing his enthusiasm about planets and creating a lovely picture.
Turtles	Zayn Suleiman		Being a thoughtful and helpful member of our class.
EYFS Headteacher's Award given to one child for achievement			
Dolphins	Anayiah Appleton	FOR	Trying really hard to form her letters and being so proud of herself.
Seahorses	Sofia Najmi		Beginning to grow more confident when speaking.
Turtles	Muaaz Yousaf		Showing a keen interest in our topic this week on Nocturnal Animals.
KS1 Aiming High, Working Hard and Caring Deeply Awards			
1S	Rahim King	FOR	Aiming high in history lessons and having thoughtful discussions about his learning. Well done Rahim.
	Ragnar Keshvala		Working hard in all lessons this week. Well done Ragnar!
	Elijah Robson		Always being kind and caring to everyone in the classroom. Well done Elijah!
1K	Duaa Aziz		Her fabulous work in phonics lessons, especially with her writing. Keep it up, Duaa!
	Satvik Vignesh		His excellent number sentences in maths. Well done Satvik.
	Ahil Hussain		His great effort with reading in phonics class – great work Ahil.
1A	Dua Faizan		Expressing her ideas with more confidence.
	Dior Hughes		His excellent reading in phonics.
	Kennady Davies-Watt		Being such a helpful talk partner.
2M	Ayaan Kondal		His wonderful writing this week, good listening and great effort!
	Gourik Talwar		Always listening carefully on the carpet and contributing lots of ideas towards our class discussions.
	Ansifa Anser		Working more independently and completing her work with enthusiasm!
2K	Ali Samiullah		Aiming high with his reading and making fantastic progress. Keep up the great work, Ali!
	Anna Shaw		Working hard to achieve her learning objectives in all lessons. Anna's dedication and effort are paying off! Well done!
	Ayesha Riaz		Showing such kindness and care towards her friends and always making sure everyone feels included when playing together during lunchtime. What a lovely friend to have!
2N	Teddy Kelly		Aiming high by producing superb writing and maths work independently this week. Well done Teddy and keep it up!
	Olivier Piotr Cecula		His growing confidence and working hard even when a task is challenging. Well done and keep it up!
	Elaine Hassan		Her great focus on the carpet and while completing her work, which demonstrates that she really cares about her learning. Keep it up Elaine!
KS1 Headteacher's Award given to one child for achievement			
1S	Musa Haider	FOR	His amazing work in maths this week. Well done Musa!
1K	Dexi Marks		His marvellous sentence writing in phonics. Well done, Dexi!
1A	Safa Firdous		Being a confident communicator. Keep it up, Safa!

2M	Maya Zaman		Always aiming high, working hard and caring deeply in everything she does. Well done Maya, amazing effort!
2K	Raiden Walker		Being an outstanding role model to others and always trying his very best. Keep shining, Raiden!
2N	Zaid Zulfiqar		His wonderful and interesting pieces of writing this week! Well done Zaid and keep it up!

KS2 Aiming High, Working Hard and Caring Deeply Awards			
3C	Kenie Jones		Aiming high in all areas of learning, especially maths where he is showing great determination. Well done, Kenlie!
	Dhanya Kawinesh		Working hard in all areas of learning and asking super questions to further her learning. Keep up the good work, Dhanya!
	Rosabel Ruiz		Caring deeply for her friends and making a new student feel welcome in our class this week. Well done, Rosabel!
3E	Alyaan Bashir		Aiming high in all lessons this week and contributing some wonderful ideas with his peers. Well done. Keep it up!
	Dua Anwar		Working hard to write a fantastic setting description in English. Keep up the hard work Dua!
	Ronnie Lovett		Caring deeply for his peers and showing incredible confidence when sharing his amazing thoughts and ideas with the class. Keep it up!
3B	Nora Divin		Aiming high in history, completing her tasks and asking super questions.
	Inayat Kuar	F	Working hard on writing her setting description in English.
	Harshit Jangid	O	Caring deeply for his peers at his table by helping them with spelling words correctly.
3P	Avanya Gabilan	R	Aiming high by showing a good understanding of magnetic forces in science this week.
	Witold Mieczkowski		Working hard by taking ownership of improving his handwriting and practising whenever he finds time.
	Oceane Mckenzie		Caring deeply about her peers and helping them when they are stuck.
4O	Dhruvin Sanghavi		Aiming high in his maths lessons and demonstrating confidence when adding and subtracting numbers.
	Abeera Abbasi		Working hard and answering questions in lessons. Keep it up!
	Jellene Joseph		Caring deeply about her friends and always being willing to help.
4K	Skylar Murphy		Aiming high with her enthusiastic singing during our song practice.
	Preston Maeron		Working hard in all lessons and showing excellent resilience.
	Killian Bodman		Caring deeply about his writing in English writing lessons and using super handwriting!
4A	Chloe Perry		Aiming high to use ISPACE sentence starters independently in her English writing this week. Well done.
	Sehar Khan		Her excellent effort with subtraction in maths this week. Keep up the hard work.
	Reyansh Vachhar		Showing a kind and caring attitude towards others and always looking out for his peers. Well done.
4S	Emilia Baker		Showing care and consideration during collaborative tasks and always supporting her talk partner.
	Hassaan Ahmed		Growing in confidence and participating more actively in class discussions.
	Shaheer Shahzad		Showing determination when subtracting 4-digit numbers with exchanges.
5P	Jasleen Chahal		Aiming high in her writing by improving and editing her last paragraph about Harry Potter.
	Destiny Cronin		Working hard on her character description in English writing lessons.

	Rustam Habibi		Caring deeply about his education and having a great attitude when trying to catch up with all the tests he missed last week.
5A	Leora Nzouko		Actively trying to improve her behaviour this week and focusing more on lessons. Keep it up!
	Gurtegh Singh		Working hard during all lessons and always giving every lesson his all. Well done Gurtegh!
	Shabaan Ali		Always being kind to his peers and being a good friend to a child who may have been struggling. Well done.
5H	Bria-Louise Scott		Aiming high when reading two-way tables in maths this week.
	Sydney Sears		Working hard to apply herself in every lesson. Keep it up Sydney.
	Pari Atiq		Caring deeply about her writing by striving to improve her handwriting.
5K	Ibrahim Olad		Aiming high and producing some excellent answers in maths this week.
	Jodha Cheema		Working hard to improve his focus and concentration towards the latter part of this week. Keep it up Jodha!
	Syeda-Fatima Bari		Her kind and caring nature and always asking me if I need any help around the classroom.
6S	King Britton-Paul		Aiming high by reading over 11 books this term.
	Sahibjot Singh		Working hard in all lessons and catching up on work he has missed.
	Eulana Stevenson		Caring deeply about our class resources and ensuring they are ready for lessons.
6B	Aiyla Zaman		Aiming high in maths and contributing in lessons.
	Jannat Kondal		Working extremely hard in all subjects, especially maths.
	Sathvik Vimal		Caring deeply about our school and winning a gold medal by working hard in the Boccia competition.
6O	Nathanel Vinod		Aiming high in maths and achieving great scores in his recent tests. Well done, Nathanel.
	Thaurat Ali		Performing exceptionally well in her recent maths and English tests. Keep up the fantastic effort, Thaurat!
	Oliver Wojtun		Being a kind, caring, and supportive member of our class. Well done Oliver, for always showing consideration towards others
6A	Saatvik Naroju		Aiming high in English writing this week by writing great descriptions. Well done.
	Sofia Elmi		Working hard this week in maths when multiplying fractions independently. Well done.
	Adam Uddin		Caring deeply about the presentation of his work. Great job.
Headteacher's Awards given to one child for achievement			
3C	Zunairah Mrisho	F O R	Showing passion, motivation and enthusiasm for all learning. She has been a super role model to others and has been supporting her peers. Well done, Zunairah!
3E	Hollie Phelan		Showing an outstanding attitude towards her learning this week. Additionally, being a wonderful friend and role model to her peers. Hollie, it is a delight to have you in 3E. Keep up the hard work!
3B	Manseerat Kaur		Having a super attitude to her work and always actively listening. Manseerat also asked some insightful questions during science lessons this week.
3P	Ammar Raza		Always being a polite and kind member of 3P.
4O	Alexandra Lumaj		Showing great effort when writing a character description and selecting interesting vocabulary to engage the reader.
4K	Ruhee Sharma		Having an excellent attitude towards school and learning and being a role model to others with her fantastic behaviour.
4A	Hashir Javed Muhammad		Working extremely hard in each subject this week, especially in English writing. Well done Hashir.
4S	Esmae Wheeler-Harrison		Always trying her best in every subject, showing determination and resilience when faced with challenges.

5P	Solomiya Sadlovska		Having an excellent attitude to learning and being a great role model for everyone in 5P.
5A	Mehdi Zaidi		Writing such a beautiful character description of Harry Potter and working really hard during our maths lessons! Proud of you.
5H	Yusuf Cheema		Listening well, trying his best and always working hard. You rock!
5K	Sartaj Singh		There are no words to express quite how amazing you are Sartaj. You make my days so much easier. Thank you.
6S	Ayla-Mae Fletcher		Being an inspiration to all in 6S – Ayla-Mae produces a very high standard of work in all subjects, is kind and caring and always willing to help.
6B	Emily-Rose Wilks		Being an absolute super star by learning her lines and working hard in everything she does.
6O	Tinashe Chademunhu		Showing dedication, high aspirations, and getting excellent test scores. Tinashe consistently aims high and works hard to achieve her best. Well done!
6A	Arpitdeep Singh		Being an amazing member of 6A. Arpitdeep always has a smile on his face and creates a positive atmosphere in the class, which is lovely to see. Keep it up!