Linton Mead Primary School

Newsletter 12/9/25

Dear Families,

Welcome back to the start of the new academic year.

It has been wonderful to see the children back in school, all looking very smart in their new uniform. The children have settled down quickly with their new teachers and are enjoying their new learning. If you would like to support your child with their learning you will find current topics and ideas for home learning on the website. Click on the tab titled Children, select your child's year group and then scroll to the bottom of the page. Here you will find Autumn Term 2025, click on this and you will be able to access the home learning.

As always we will have a focus on attendance as this is vital to your child's academic success. Being in school is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing, and wider development. Evidence shows that the pupils with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best GCSE and A Level results.

Children who perform better both at the end of primary and secondary school miss fewer days than those who didn't perform as well. Please support your child by ensuring they have regular attendance, above 95%, from Nursery age.

During the academic year we are aiming to take each class on educational visits, these visits help to bring the curriculum to life and are always the days the children remember. Are you someone who has a little bit of spare time, do you enjoy supporting children and would you like to help the school? If so, we need you. If you would like to attend educational visits with classes across the school (not necessarily your own child's class) we would love to hear from you. Please inform the office if this is something you are interested in and more details will follow soon.

Working with children means there is never a dull moment and I very much look forward to seeing what this year brings.

Best wishes,

Miss Sarah Critchell (Headteacher)

Dates for your Diary

Lost property Stall
Friday 19th & 26th September
KS1 playground
Weather dependent

Flu Vaccinations
15th October and 19th November

Reception to Year 6
More information to follow

Macmillan Cake sale
25th September
Donations
Shop brought 22nd Sept
Home Made 25th Sept
24th October 2025
Own Clothes Day

Swimming – Fridays
Start 12th September

Autumn Term - Year 6
6T – 11.45
6S - 2pm
Spring Term - Year 5
Summer Term - Year 4

After School Clubs
Commence week of 22nd Sept for 10 weeks

PE
Year 3 - Football (Mon)
Year 4 - Football (Tues)
Year 5 - Football (Wed)
Year 1 - Fundamental skills (Thurs)
Year 2 - Fundamental skills (Fridays)
Year 6 Swimming (Fri)

Last day of term
19th Dec – Early finish of 1.30pm

Half term
27th Oct – 31st Oct

Latest Updates

Dear Parents and Carers,

A BIG congratulations to the school for achieving Gold accreditation for our school travel plan-a TFL travel for life programme.

Thank you to ALL the school community- the children, parents, carers and staff who support and engage in the activities that we undertake to promote active travel and sustainable journeys(improve road safety, reduce car use and air pollution).

Our Gold award is based on the number of activities that we complete in school. We wish to keep our Gold accreditation, so please continue to support us and take part in any future planned active travel activities.

About the programme- TfL Travel for Life (formerly STARS) is an accreditation programme for primary and secondary schools across London. It is designed to inspire young Londoners to travel actively, responsibly and safely. It also aims to reduce congestion, improve road safety, improve health and wellbeing and engage school with the local community. A gold, silver or bronze accreditation is awarded based on the number of activities that have been completed.

Miss Nabisere

Year 5/6– Permission to go home alone

Please complete consent via ParentPay under item 'Walk home alone' if you wish to give your child permission to be released from class to go home alone at the end of the school day by **Tuesday 16th September.**

A reminder that only pupils in years 5 and 6 can be given permission to go home alone and this must be via ParentPay only (NOT VIA EMAIL). Unfortunately we cannot accept requests for older children to walk to siblings' classes - in this instance you would need to give permission for your child to go home alone via ParentPay, on the basis that you feel they will be safe going to the siblings' class unsupervised. In addition can we also remind parents that if you have an emergency and a different adult needs to collect your child then you must give us written permission via email to our Admin email address, and if you are going to be late you telephone the School Office - we would appreciate if you could contact the school as early as possible in either case so that we have as much notice as possible, and we would only expect parents/carers to ever be late in an absolute emergency. If your child is down for an After School Club or After School Childcare Provision we will assume that the child is to attend and, **NOT** to walk home alone.

Uniform Orders

We would just like to thank parents and carers for your patience with waiting on school uniform that is currently out of stock. We are still waiting for new stock to arrive, as soon as this comes back into stock you will receive a phone call from the office.

Woolwich Poly School for Boys & Girls have begun gathering valuable insights, which are helping to shape communications around key themes such as perceptions of staff friendliness, transport links, and other common concerns. Expanding the pool of responses would be incredibly helpful in ensuring the research reflects a broad range of views.

If you would like to complete a short, anonymous survey. The survey is part of wider research aimed at better understanding what families prioritise when choosing a secondary school.

https://forms.office.com/e/nM8fkYYNQ2

General Reminders

PE

As part of the curriculum your child must participate in the PE lessons, please ensure your child has a PE kit in school on the correct days.

Year Group PE Time Table	
Year 1	Thursday
Year 2	Friday
Year 3	Monday
Year 4	Tuesday
Year 5	Wednesday
Year 6	Friday

Swimming 2025/26 – will take place on Fridays starting from the 12th September

Please note that goggles are NOW not required

Autumn term – Year 6
Spring Term – Year 5
Summer term – Year 4 & Year 6 Booster lessons

Nursery places

We have a few spaces left for our Nursery class from September 2025. If your child has a younger sibling that is already 3 years old, or will be 3 years old soon and you are interested in a Nursery space, then please contact the School Office to collect an application pack.

First Aid

You will need to complete a form for a member of staff to administer medication (for prescribed medication). Our Lead First Aider will complete this with you between **8.30-9am** or between **3pm-3.30pm** via the School Office – it will not be possible to complete this at other times of the day to minimise impact on learning. If your child uses an asthma pump then please ensure that you complete the medication process for pumps, so that your child has access to it in school at all times.

Flu Vaccination taking place on the 15th October

A letter was sent via parent pay. Please discuss the vaccine with your child, and use the link provided to access and complete the electronic consent form if you haven't already done so: https://cypcis.kingstonandrichmond.nhs.uk/flu/2025/greenwich

🔥⚠ Parent & Carer Alert: The "Salt & Ice Challenge"

A dangerous online trend is resurfacing where children put salt on their skin and press ice on top.

☞ This causes serious cold burns (like frostbite).
☞ Injuries can need hospital treatment and even skin grafts.
☞ Young people may not realise the damage until it's too late.

✓ First Aid: Cool with lukewarm running water for 10+ minutes, cover with clean cling film, and seek medical help.
✗ Do NOT use ice, creams, or fluffy dressings.

Pupils cycling

Please remind children to be careful when riding bikes to and from school. The children must ride slowly, not to zig zag in and out of the road or pavement and to be extra careful when near pedestrians. Together we can support our children to make better decisions.

Lost Property

On 19th & 26th September a lost property table will be in the KS1 playground – please take a look. Any items that are not named/claimed by the end will be donated.

ParentPay

All children need an active ParentPay account - if you have only activated one of your children you will not receive any updates relating to your other child. Should you require any help with getting this set up or if you are experiencing any issues please contact the School Office. Please note, we recommend you do not use the bank transfer option on ParentPay, but instead use 'pay by other method' to pay via card – this ensures that your payment will reach us promptly.

Late arrival/collecting your child from school

If you are late and need to bring your child via the office, please could we ask that you make sure you sign your child in yourself via our Inventry system stating the reason they are late, and if they are having school dinner or a packed lunch.

If for any reason you are unable to collect your child from school yourself, please email admin@lintonmead.greenwich.sch.uk with the details of the person collecting. Should you wish to add this person to the school records please also advise us by email.

Please be mindful and considerate when collecting and dropping your child/ren to school. The carpark gates and the Year 6 top gate must be left clear for emergency vehicles, this is so that we can safeguard your children, as well as our Staff Car Park and MUGA gates. Please support us to keep your child/ren safe.

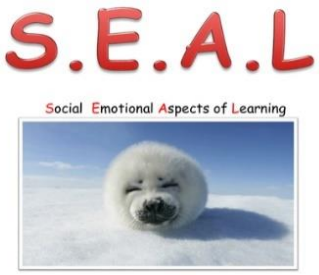
Let's Celebrate!

Star of the Week

	11th July
RN	Whole Class
1L	Jasleen
2R	Uyioghosa
2O	Nathan
3F	Whole class
4C	Tiarah-Marie
4N	Whole Class
5I	Skyla-Mae
5B	Poppie-Rose
6S	Rayan
6T	Daniel

SEAL

	11th June
RN	
1L	Khalil
2R	Rayan
2O	Lavinia
3F	Freddie-Jay
4C	Luna
4N	Jack
5I	Leona
5B	Lilah
6S	Osman
6T	Liara



Wraparound Care/ Clubs

Breakfast Club

From September 2025 - Breakfast Club runs daily before the start of school, from 8.00am. The weekly cost is £12.50 per child (this includes breakfast for the children) and is available to pupils in years Reception to Year 6. Spaces in our Breakfast Club must be pre-booked and all payments are processed via ParentPay.

After school childcare provision

We have after school childcare facilities on site; this runs daily during term time until 5.30pm. The daily cost is £10.00 per child and the cost includes childcare and any activities we do with the children, as well as a light snack. The provision is available to pupils in years Reception to Year 6. Spaces in our childcare provision must be pre-booked and all payments are processed via ParentPay.

Spaces in any of our wraparound care for Reception pupils will be discretionary, with the child's wellbeing in mind, meaning they must be settled in school and attending school on a full time basis.

Spaces are available - if you are interested in booking either Breakfast Club and/or after school childcare for your child, or require any further information, please contact the School Office as soon as possible – our team will be happy to assist you.

Clubs, Breakfast Club and After School Childcare

You will have been receiving our recent communications regarding low numbers for our clubs and provisions. We have sent reminders to parents/carers to register their children if they were interested, and we have had little increase to numbers.

Currently all of our after school clubs (Football, Cooking, Gymnastics) still have spaces. We have capacity for more children to attend Breakfast Club and the after school Childcare provision; currently we are running at less than half the children we need for both.

As mentioned, when numbers are low the financial impact is no longer viable for the school and as a result of this we have had to make the difficult decision to **close the childcare provision on Fridays with immediate effect.**

We offer extra-curricular clubs, Breakfast Club and After School Childcare to support our families and ultimately benefit our pupils. We do urge parents/carers to look at what we have on offer; if we do not receive enough interest going forward then we may be forced to continue to reduce what is on offer in the future. We also welcome, and have communicated on several occasions that we welcome, feedback in regards to our provisions. We have had feedback from a small number of parents/carers and we are considering their requests so it is important to remember that if you communicate with us we may be able to assist. If you feel you may require a Friday for childcare in the future, then please still notify the office. If we have an increase in interest we can consider reopening this day in the future.

Club	Day	Dates	Year groups	Your child will need	Club Lead
		All clubs will run for 10 weeks starting the week of 22nd September (excluding the week of Oct Half Term)			
Football	Tuesdays (outdoors)		Years 4-6	PE Kit & water bottle	Progressive Sports
Cooking	Wednesdays		Years 3-6	A plastic container	Miss Mills & Miss Sewell
Gymnastics	Thursdays		Years 2-6	PE Kit & water bottle	Progressive Sports
Football	Fridays (outdoors)		Years 1-3	PE Kit & water bottle	Progressive Sports

School Uniform Expectations

If your child uses a **mobile phone/smart watch** to get to school they will be asked to leave it in the office during the day. This is for safeguarding purposes as they are able to take photographs and audio record. School uniforms must be placed via ParentPay.

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Foundation Stage Uniform Expectations

Navy Sweatshirt
(1 x school logo sweatshirt)

White Polo Shirt

Navy Jogging Bottoms

Plain Black **VELCRO** Trainers

Black Plimsolls

(No laces please, unless your child can do them up themselves)

Summer Option:

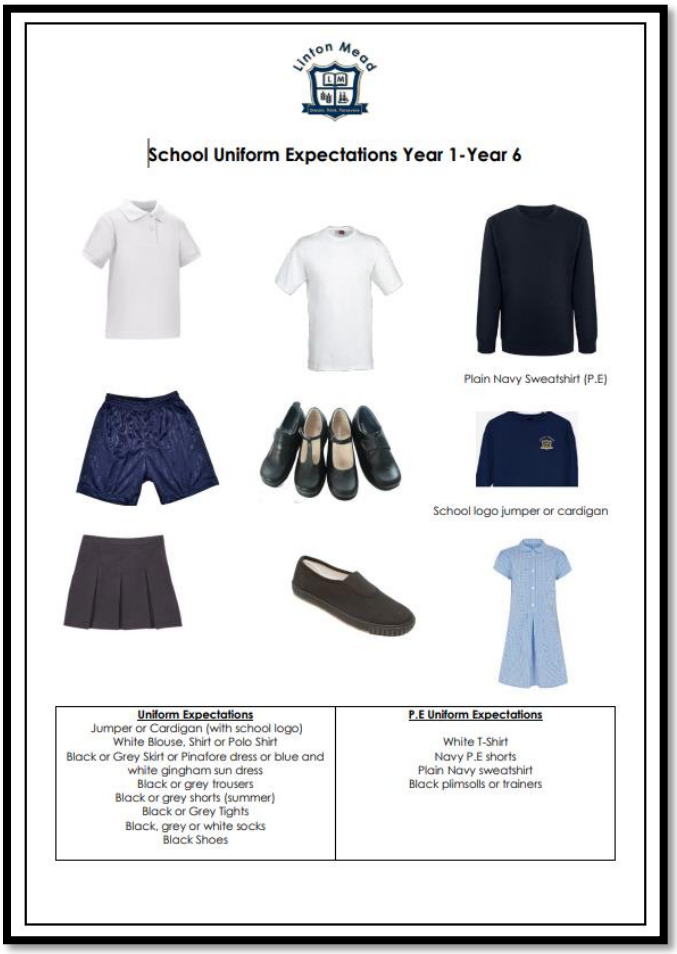
Welly boots

Navy Shorts

Blue Summer Dress

Navy PE bag **containing a full spare set of clothes and shoes**

Please note, the uniform expectations are different from Year One onwards



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School Uniform Expectations Year 1-Year 6

Plain Navy Sweatshirt (P.E)

School logo jumper or cardigan

Uniform Expectations	P.E Uniform Expectations
Jumper or Cardigan (with school logo) White Blouse, Shirt or Polo Shirt Black or Grey Skirt or Pinafore dress or blue and white gingham sun dress Black or grey trousers Black or grey shorts (summer) Black or Grey Tights Black, grey or white socks Black Shoes	White T-Shirt Navy P.E shorts Plain Navy sweatshirt Black plimsolls or trainers

School Fund & Donations

Thank you Parents/Carers for supporting our School Fund by participating in events such as Own Clothes Day, Ice Pole Fridays and Christmas Movie Nights. This helps us to raise money that we spend on our pupils – please consider making a donation for your child to participate in Own Clothes Day on the last day of term.

Easy Fundraising

Please continue to support the school by making purchases online via EasyFundraising. It does not cost you anything and the fundraising goes directly to our School Fund. All you need to do is shop online as normal using the link below (initial set up is required and remember to select Linton Mead as your cause) **www.easyfundraising.org.uk**

Tables and chairs on offer

For a small donation, we have some old table and chairs available. If you are interested or know of anyone who would be, please contact the School Office for more information

Donations wanted

Please remember if you have any uniform that your child has outgrown then we will happily take donations of these items for our pre-loved sale. Please note that currently we can only accept items with our school logo.

We are always looking for items to brighten up our outdoor spaces therefore donations of planting flowers, bulbs etc are always welcomed and would be greatly appreciated.

Attendance

Your child will be considered as persistently absent using the following criteria:

96%+	**Excellent attendance**
94-95%	**Good/well done - strive to build on this**
Below 95%	**Causing concern**

Children's attendance is below. Parents need to work closely with the school to improve the situation. The children's attendance will be carefully monitored and families written to whenever there is a broken week. Contact will be made by the school Attendance Officer if attendance does not improve.

Below 90%

Possible penalty notice/legal proceedings. Any child whose attendance falls below 90% is regarded nationally as a child who has persistent absence. Schools have targets to reduce the levels of persistent absence and the school and local authority work closely with families to support them in getting their child to school each day. However if a child's attendance does not improve next steps may include a penalty notice and possible legal proceedings.

If you would like support with your child's attendance please contact the School Office to arrange a meeting with Mrs Dobner, our Attendance Officer.

How to Contact the School

If you need to contact the school, you can do so by emailing admin@lintonmead.greenwich.sch.uk or using the link on our website: www.lintonmead.org.uk . Alternatively, please telephone on 0208 310 1902 option 1 and leave a message stating your child's name, class and reason for absence before 08.45am.

Useful Links

www.lintonmead.org.uk
Our school website is a valuable source of information for parents, including school letters, lunchtime menu, diary dates, school policies and procedures and much more.

www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals A downloadable form is available on the school website for completion. Simply complete and send into the school office and we will submit your claim to Greenwich on your behalf.

Easy Fund Raising Help raise funds for the school from your online shopping with Easyfundraising – www.easyfundraising.org.uk and select Linton Mead School as your cause.

Food Bank Vouchers If your currently experiencing financial difficulties, we can offer support with food bank vouchers. This will be confidential. Please email admin@lintonmead.greenwich.sch.uk if you require some help.