Linton Mead Primary School

Newsletter 26/9/25

Key Updates

Thank you to everyone who donated cakes and brought them in aid of the Macmillan Coffee Morning. An update as to how much we raised will be in the next newsletter

Could you be entitled additional Benefits? With school meals being free at present, lots of parents have stopped applying for any additional benefits. There are still entitlements that parents could be missing out on. If you are in receipt of any benefits, you may qualify for not just Pupil Premium funding for school, but also free school meals and other benefits i.e. school uniform grants, school journey grants and half term FSM payments from Greenwich Council. For more information on this please contact the school office who will be happy to help.

As a school we can claim additional funding for promoting the educational outcomes for children that have been adopted from care, subject to a Special Guardianship Order (SGO) or a Child Arrangement Order (CAO). Collectively the group may be referred to as Children previously looked after.

If this is relevant to your family, please read on.

Pupil Premium Plus If your child was previously looked after by the local authority in England or Wales and is now adopted, subject to a special guardianship order or a child arrangement order, the school is able to claim £2630 each year to support the social and emotional needs of this group of children.

The school can only claim this funding if you inform us before Thursday 2nd October 2025. We will need to see a copy of the order or a letter from the local authority that placed the child with you. We will then complete our census which is sent to Royal Greenwich Local Authority. Please provide this information to the **School Office by 1st October 2025**

22nd Sept for 10 weeks
School Clubs Commenced

30th Sept
Road Safety workshop
Reception class

15th October and 19th November
Flu Vaccinations
Reception to Year 6

22nd & 23rd October
Parents evening
4pm onwards
Booking information to follow

24th October 2025
Own Clothes Day -£1 donation paid via parentpay

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

Bikeability
Years 1& 2 and 5 & 6
Week 3rd – 7th November
More information to follow

4th November
School Photos

12th November
Height & Weight
Reception & Year 6

27th Oct – 31st Oct
Half term

18th Dec – Early finish of 1.30pm
Last day of term

🔥⚠ 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.

Flu Vaccination taking place on the 15th October

A letter was sent via Parentpay. 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

Please see below external flyers that may be useful along with Holiday and after school activities

School Council

The following pupils have been elected **School Councilors**

Pupils Name	Class
Ibrahim	3F
Luna	4C
Aria	4N
Taiwo	5I
Kenny	5B
Rayan	6S
Liara	6T

The following pupils have been elected as **Deputies**

Pupils Name	Class
Elyana	3F
Tiarah	4C
William	4N
Dotun	5I
Abdullah	5B
Ethan	6S
Melanie	6T

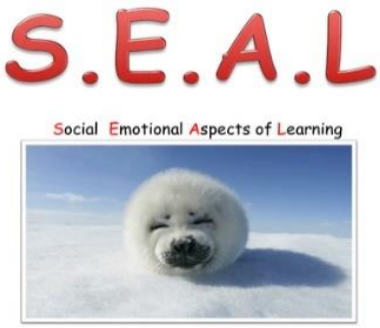
Let's Celebrate!

Star of the Week

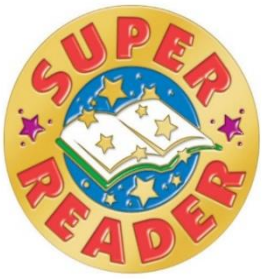
	8th Sept
RN	Oscar
1L	Pranim
2R	David
2O	Elle-Mai
3F	Max
4C	Treyvon
4N	William
5I	Raman
5B	Zayan
6S	Vlad
6T	Afsa
The Shore	Billy

S.E.A.L

	8th Sept
RN	Nicole-Rae
1L	Amirah
2R	Samuel
2O	Leon
3F	Naomi
4C	Tiarah-Rose
4N	Suhail
5I	Teddy
5B	Avon
6S	Anna
6T	Cian



Reader of the Week



	8th Sept
RN	Eliana-Monet
1L	Fahema
2R	Miracle
2O	Eddie
3F	Eywa
4C	Stephanie
4N	Leire
5I	Elizabeth
5B	Jude
6S	Tiffany
6T	Aylla

Reception

We are so proud of how well the children have settled into their Reception class. It is so lovely to see them arriving with a smile of their faces and an enthusiasm to learn. The children have already started their daily phonics lessons for reading and are now enjoying regular Maths and English lessons too. Next week, we will be having a road safety workshop!

We would like to congratulate all of our Reception children and parents for an excellent start to school. Here is a little glimpse of the learning that has been happening over the past few weeks:

General reminders

Year 5/6– Walk home alone

This has now been closed on ParentPay. If you changed your mind and wish to give/withdraw consent, please contact the school office, so that it can be re-opened for you.

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 sibling's class unsupervised.

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.

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

Lost property is located in the Reception area.

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 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.

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 admin@lintonmead.greenwich.sch.uk , 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.
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.

PE

As part of the curriculum your child must participate in the PE lesson. 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

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.

Reception Places

If you have a child that is due to start Reception Class in September 2026, then please be aware that applications for our school are now open! We welcome applications from our current Nursery pupils, and from younger siblings that are new to us, and you are also free to pass this information to friends and family that also have children approaching Reception age. **Please also note that you must still apply for a Reception place even if your child already attends our Nursery as they are not automatically allocated a space in our Reception class.**

Further information can be found on the Royal Borough of Greenwich's webpage:- https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/schools-and-education/apply-school-place/apply-primary-school-place/when-apply-primary-school-place

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.

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 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 childcare in future, then please still notify the office. If we have an increase in interest we can consider reopening this day in 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:

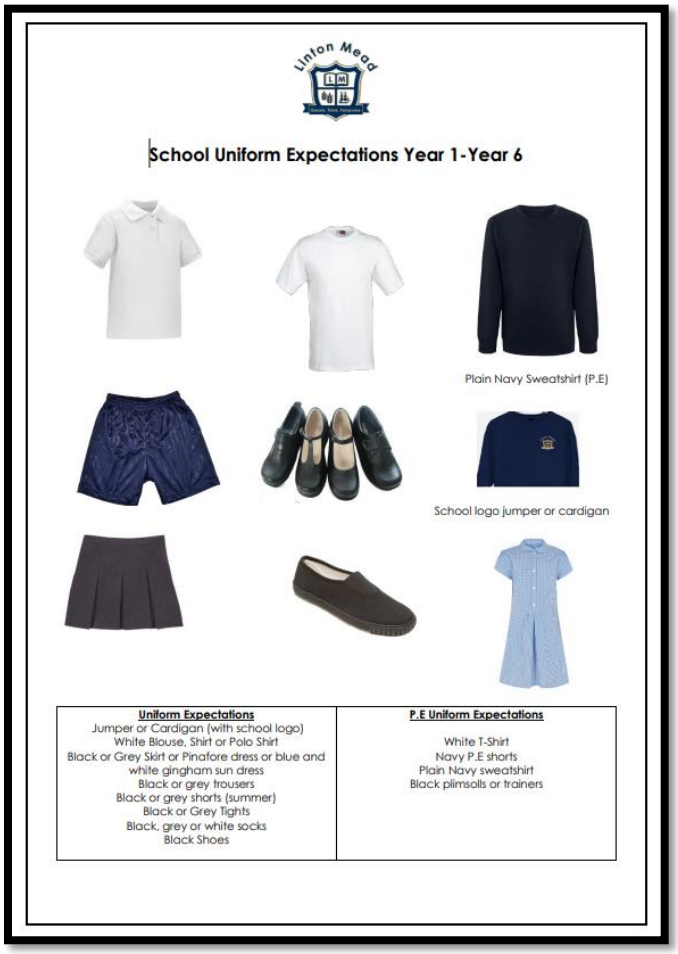
Welly boots

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.