



# LLS News

14/02/2025



Dear families

Thank you for your support this half term. School closes today for the half term break. Monday 24th February is an INSET Day and students return on Tuesday 25th February at 8.50am.



If you haven't already had a chance to complete our parent/carer survey please use the link below to let us know your thoughts. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us understand what's working well and where we can improve. The survey will close on Tuesday 25th February. <https://forms.office.com/e/1Zt4Fz4GvH>

Have a lovely half term.

## Stars of the Week

**Fara** for working very hard during therapy group this week. Fara did some independent side sitting and propping - good effort, Fara!



**Elsa** for being so engaged during maths group, doing some amazing switching and showing her enjoyment through smiling and giggling!

## Events and dates to remember Spring Term Dates

**Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February**  
Half Term Holiday

**Monday 24th February**  
Inset Day 4  
(no pupils)

**Thursday 3rd April**  
Last day for pupils

**Friday 4th April**  
Planning and Preparation Day 2 for staff (no pupils)

## Fabulous Fundraisers

Two of our class teachers, Adrienne and Emma, are halfway through the 100km in February challenge to fundraise for Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH).

If you would like to donate, please click on the link below:  
<https://www.justgiving.com/team/linden>





Residential and After School Club joined together to show love and appreciation for all our friends and staff at Linden Lodge.

Our parent governor Winnie also joined in the fun as we sang, danced and laughed together.

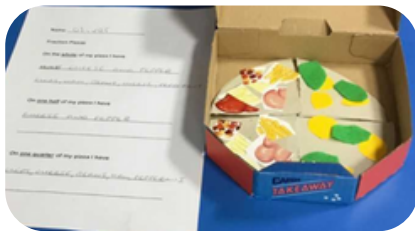
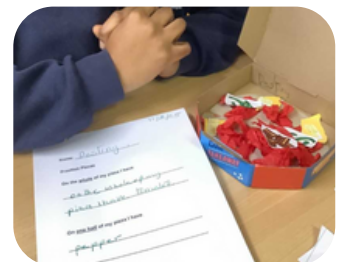
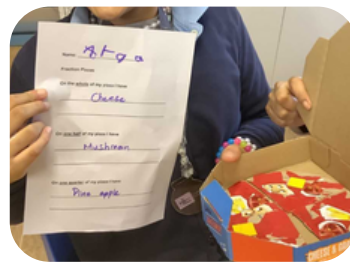


## Learning at Linden



In recognition of the 25th birthday of the NSPCC's Number Day, Bassoon and Flute classes would like to share their Maths learning with you.

This week we have used our knowledge of fractions to make Fractions Pizzas! It was a tasty end to a busy half term applying our understanding of wholes, halves, quarters and thirds to real life examples.



## Braille 200

To celebrate 200 years of braille a braille learner will share their braille journey each week. Everyone has a different and unique lesson tailored to their own personalised learning goal each week.

This weeks Braille journey is shared by Karan.

"I have been learning braille for four years and I do Grade 2. I am confident and I am practicing my reading and spellings. I am brailleing sentences and I use a BrailleNote Touch and this helps me and is easy to use. "

Karan uses Braille everyday in class and is so enthusiastic in the lessons. Well done Karan and thank you for sharing your braille journey.



To read more about Braille and celebrating 200 years click on the link: <https://www.rnib.org.uk/about-us/braille-200/what-is-braille-200/> which has lots of information and activities such as a fun Lots of Dots Activity Booklet to download [https://media.rnib.org.uk/documents/APDF-SV240805\\_Lots\\_of\\_Dots\\_Activity\\_Booklet-v02.pdf](https://media.rnib.org.uk/documents/APDF-SV240805_Lots_of_Dots_Activity_Booklet-v02.pdf)

## Our Planet

Young people at Residential have been working together to create their interpretation of the globe, as part of this term's whole school topic "Our Planet".

Modroc was used to create a textured surface, before the countries were outlined to paint.



## Research Project

Linden Lodge has agreed to participation in a research project. We, the Physio team, are looking for students who would like to participate.

The researcher will come to school during school hours to conduct her study. Students who may be involved will be meet the relevant criteria. This includes:

- Age: 3-14 years
- GMFCS level 3,4,5 (Those that can participate in standing and/or walking but with a supportive aid or use the Innowalk.)
- Neurodisability diagnosis.

A message from the researcher:

"My name is Miray Kirolos, and I am a PhD researcher at Imperial College London, undergoing research with my supervisor Dr Angela Kedgley, a Reader in Orthopaedic Biomechanics in the department of Bioengineering.

I am reaching out to invite you to the study: 'Biomechanics of weight-bearing in non-ambulant children with neurodisability'. We are studying how children who can't walk or have difficulty walking can use standing devices to help them weight-bear through standing and how this affects their bones and muscles."

The physiotherapy team will be sending out further details and consent forms to those who may meet the criteria via parent/carer email. Please email the therapy email address if you have any queries - [therapy@lindenlodge.org.uk](mailto:therapy@lindenlodge.org.uk)

Kind Regards,  
Shannon Bengston

Our SH@LL event took place on Sunday and it was a huge success!



The children had a blast participating in a scavenger hunt through the playground and woodland walk, making pizzas and chocolate-coated fruit with a baking company and enjoyed some karaoke.

Stay tuned for our next event - we'd love to see even more siblings join in the fun!



Thank you to everyone who attended and for your lovely feedback.

Thank you so much for organising this - Saira had a great time making pizza and chocolate covered fruit and it was lovely to see so many siblings come in to school.

Thank you for a wonderful afternoon. Freya really enjoyed making yummy pizza and covering the fruit in chocolate.

It was a wonderful day, Harry & I really enjoyed it. Big shout out to the lady from Cookie Crumbles. Thanks for organising it.

Thank you so much from Julie and Jessica. Really enjoyed the pizzas and chocolate covered fruit. We enjoyed the time spent watching the lovely lady explain about the cooking. How easy to make pizza and also the yummy chocolate. Thank you Emma for getting the group going. Hopefully we will have more dates.

# Term Dates 2025/26

## Autumn Term 2025

Inset Day 1 - first day for staff (no pupils) - Monday 1st September 2025  
First day for pupils - Tuesday 2nd September 2025  
Inset Day 2 (no pupils) - Friday 19th September 2025  
Inset day 3 (no pupils) - Friday 24th October 2025  
Half-Term Holiday - Monday 27th October 2025–Friday 31st October 2025  
Last day for pupils - Thursday 18th December 2025  
Planning & Preparation Day - Friday 19th December 2025

## Spring Term 2026

First day for pupils - Monday 5th January 2026  
Half-Term Holiday - Monday 16th February 2026–Friday 20th February 2026  
Inset Day 4 (no pupils) - Monday 23rd February 2026  
Last day for pupils - Friday 27th March 2026

## Summer Term 2026

First day for pupils - Monday 13th April 2026  
May Day Bank Holiday - Monday 4th May 2026  
Half-Term Holiday - Monday 25th May 2026–Friday 29th May 2026  
Inset Day 5 (no pupils) - Monday 1st June 2026  
Last day for pupils - Thursday 16th July 2026  
Planning and Preparation Day - Friday 17th July 2026  
Planning and Preparation Day - Monday 20th July 2026

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**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

- 4PM WELCOME DRINKS/REFRESHMENTS
- 4:30PM TOURS / Q&A
- 5:00PM LIVE MUSIC - JUSTINATION
- 5:30PM INTRODUCTION FROM CEO'S
- 5:45PM LIVE MUSIC / TALK - HANNAH WHITE & KIERON MARSHALL
- 6:30PM TOURS / Q&A
- 7PM FINISH

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