



LLS News

03/04/2025



Dear families

This week we celebrated a successful Spring Term in our end of term assemblies. Our Co-Headteacher Awards for Spring 2025 were presented along with Duke of Edinburgh certificates and Bronze Awards. We would like to congratulate all of the award winners and celebrate the fantastic achievements of our Duke of Edinburgh scheme students.

Summer scheme letters have been sent out this week. Please make sure that you return your applications by Tuesday 22nd April.

Thank you for all of your support during the Spring term. It's been a busy term with lots of exciting visitors, activities and events. We hope that you have enjoyed reading about them in the weekly newsletters.

The Summer Term starts on Tuesday 22nd April at 8.50am.

Have a lovely Easter holiday.



Events and dates to remember

Spring Term Dates

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

Summer Term Dates

Tuesday 22nd April
School reopens at 8.50am

Tuesday 29th April
After School Club resumes

Monday 5th May
Bank holiday
School closed

Tuesday 6th May
12pm
C@LL AGM

Habilitation Star of the Week



David S for beginning to demonstrate using the back of his hand to trail and for developing his confidence to walk independently in familiar areas of the school.

Wandsworth SEND travel applications deadline for September 2025

The deadline for SEND travel assistance applications will be Friday 27th June 2025.

Children that are moving school or home address will need to complete a new travel assistance form in order for travel assistance to be arranged for September 2025.

For more information please visit Wandsworth Council's Family Information Service page:

<https://fis.wandsworth.gov.uk/kb5/wandsworth/fsd/service.page?id=CuA86ZIWllc&familychannel=2-11-2>

Easter fun

The primary department finished the Spring term with a lovely Easter egg hunt in which we all came together to enjoy exploring and collecting eggs.



Learning at Linden in Sixth Form

Fun outdoor learning!

Trombone class have been having a wonderful time learning outdoors. They also enjoyed having some fun in the playground whilst enjoying the sunshine. Our wheelchair accessible roundabout and swing were very popular!



In SF2a one of our priorities is to help students develop their daily independent living skills through meaningful, fun and practical activities that build confidence and resilience. The students in the class particularly enjoy engaging in cooking activities. During these lessons, they practise skills such as pouring, mixing, and counting, while also learning to clean and tidy up afterwards. Great work SF2a!



Students of SF2b have been practicing their shopping skills in Tolworth's Café, located in Court Farm's Garden Centre. We were welcomed by the staff who helped our students while they waited in queues, made choices and poured their drinks in a very friendly and accessible environment.



Learning at Linden - Food Technology

Primary

We made breakfast pots and healthy fruit salads and developed our tipping, cutting, peeling and grating skills. We even washed up after



Secondary and Minerva

Students in Secondary classes made a variety of sweet and savoury dishes. They followed step by step instructions and worked hard on refining a wide range of cooking skills.



Sixth Form

Students in Sixth form classes worked on enhancing their independence and on completing high complexity dishes to develop advanced cooking skills.



Sixth Form BTEC

Students working toward their final assessments successfully completed their Mock exams and did fantastically well!



Residential News

Our Residential Garden: cultivating learning and growth



Young people at Residential have been working hard this month during gardening, they started by slicing tomatoes and planting them in soil. After just two weeks, small sprouts started to grow before we transferred them into individual pots.

We are growing a variety of peppers and also some potatoes, ginger and garlic. We are committed to looking after the plants by keeping them moist and warm, with plenty of light.

We look forward to harvesting the fruits and vegetables to use in our cooking sessions.



Celebrating Eid



Young people in residential had the opportunity to dress up, dance and taste cultural delights when celebrating Eid this week.

Linden Lodge at the Royal Albert Hall!

Following from the Brighter Sounds project before half term, a group of pupils had the opportunity to continue with the project to perform on stage at the Royal Albert Hall!

There were 2 'massed rehearsals' before the big day meaning pupils didn't have long to learn their parts. Pupils performed together with pupils from Oak Lodge, Garratt Park, Nightingale and Bradstow Schools as well as GCSE pupils from Graveney School, Wandsworth BEYOND! and members of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and Wandsworth Music Hub.

Everyone gave an amazing performance on the day and were full of smiles! The audience was packed and the performance was an incredible celebration of everyone's hard work!

A quick photoshoot outside in the sun



On stage during rehearsals!



Performance-ready backstage



Post-performance celebrations!



Co-Headteacher Awards Spring 2025



EYFS

Tambourine	Elliot	For being consistently calm and engaged at school. Elliot is now able to access more aspects of the curriculum, different areas of the school and work with new people.
Maracas	Enderson	For building positive friendships which has increased his self-esteem throughout all aspects of his learning and in his interactions with others.

Primary

Guitar	Fara	For being consistently engaged throughout the school day and making strides in her communication through signing and use of the eye gaze.
Harp	Simone	For amazing progress with her communication skills. Simone is speaking with more clarity, using longer phrases and sentences. She has developed her vocabulary and is confident communicating with her AAC device.
Violin	Tadas	For demonstrating an increased level of engagement in sessions and effectively communicating 'more' and 'finished' through facial expressions, gestures and signing.
Ukulele	Arjun	For fantastic communication and improved social skills. Arjun has been developing his vocabulary and using it appropriately throughout his whole school day when learning with different adults and peers.

Secondary

Oboe	Roza	For developing her communication skills, increasing her vocabulary both verbally and when using PCS. Roza has become more independent with her self-care, particularly with brushing her hair and tolerating it being tied up.
Flute	Veselin	For working really hard on his communication. Veselin has started to type sentences independently with minimal or no prompting and is learning to type new sentence starters.



Clarinet	Aviyah	For making excellent progress in her communication. Aviyah uses her switches during morning time to say hello to everyone and also consistently throughout the day to make requests for 'more'.
Bassoon	Murtaza	For showing great progress this year with his independence and self-confidence! We are excited to see him begin to share his brilliant sense of humour with the school.
Alba		
Drum	Victoria	For becoming more independent every day. Victoria is now exploring using a power chair with a joystick by herself. Amazing work!
Tabla	Ellie	For remarkable dedication and progress in using eye gaze technology to communicate her needs. Ellie has made inspiring strides in building meaningful relationships with others and expressing her emotions confidently.
Gamelan	Keira	For her fantastic progress in understanding a weekly pattern in time, recognising key activities for each school day, and developing her communication skills by using picture symbols to describe objects.
Minerva		
Minerva 1	Ishaa	For being engaged in lessons and putting in an effort to socialise with her peers. We love your smile and positive attitude.
Minerva 2	Tami	For developing his confidence with his presentation skills and contributing some great ideas to the STEM project which will help individuals in the VI community.
Minerva 6th Form	Rishith	For playing a pivotal role in setting-up the café. Rishith brings passion to his sessions and is very kind and supportive towards the younger students, ensuring they feel involved.

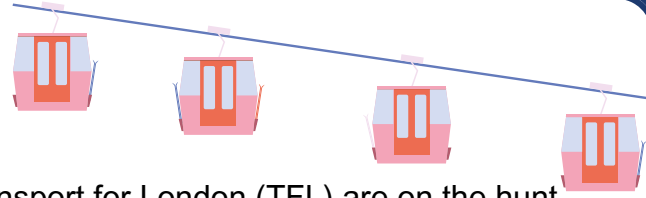


Harris Centre



Piano		For his use of the e-Tran frame this term - consistently using his gaze to look at symbols and vocalise 'more'! Elijah communicates brilliantly with staff, students and therapists alike.
Kalimba		For participating actively in his physio routine activities and developing his communication skills.
Trombone		For engaging well in activities and persevering on the Innowalk and in his stander. Raphy is also communicating 'more' at lunch time and in different contexts. Well done!
Sixth Form		
SF1	Michael	For exploring his new communication device, incorporating it into all lessons and using it to interact with his peers.
SF2A	Ibtisam	For adapting well to Sixth Form, actively engaging in lessons and interacting with peers and adults. Ibtisam navigates independently around school, follows instructions, and consistently demonstrates good manners.
SF2B	Ricardo	For working hard on his speaking. Ricardo clearly expresses what he wants and does not want, using this while cooking, cleaning, in the café and at the supermarket
Residential		
Ground floor	U'nite	For being happy to experience Richley House, and consistently engaging with activities.
Middle floor	Harry	For transitioning to Residential for one night per week with such ease. Harry is building on his independence skills and forming relationships with staff and peers.

Calling All Young Transport Superfans!



If you are looking for something to do over the holidays, Transport for London (TfL) are on the hunt for transport superfans aged between 5 and 16.

Young superfans will need to explain why they are a superfan of a particular mode of London transport in 100 words or less. Entries must be overseen by an adult and must be emailed to TfLSuperFansComp@tfl.gov.uk along with their name, age, and contact information for their parent/guardian or school champion.

Entries must be submitted before Wednesday 23rd April for a chance to win!

Winners get to record a personalised 25th anniversary message for TfL, which will be broadcasted at a station related to the transport mode mentioned in their entry.

Winners also get a behind the scenes tour related to their entry, such as bus, river services, cycle hire, Tram depot, IFS Cloud Cable Car, Tube, Overground, Elizabeth line or DLR station, or coach depot.

Find out more here: <https://travelforlife.tfl.gov.uk/knowledge-base/calling-all-young-transport-superfans/>



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 week's Braille journey features Nicolas

Nicolas has been learning uncontracted braille and is always motivated and enthusiastic to learn and develop his skills. He can now braille his name which is an incredible achievement.

Well done Nicolas

Learning at Linden Braille 200 To read more about Braille and celebrating 200 years click on the link:

<https://www.rnib.org.uk/about-us/braille200/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

Braille Alphabet

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