



**Linden Lodge School**  
 Provider of specialist education since 1903

# LLS News

18/07/2025



Dear families

Thank you for all of your support this year.

We wish you all a good summer and look forward to seeing everyone when students return to school on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 8.50am.

Have a lovely summer.

## Events and dates to remember

### Summer Term Dates

**Monday 21st July 2025**

Inset Day (no pupils)

**Tuesday 22nd July 2025**

Planning and Preparation Day for staff (no pupils)

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025 at 8.50am**

Start of Autumn Term

## Learning at Linden

The Violin and Piano classes have been thoroughly enjoying getting to know their new pupils and teachers while preparing for a smooth transition into the new year!



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We are excited to announce that we have acquired a new minibus for the school, partially funded by the Variety Children's Charity and Canary Wharf Contractors. This new bus is wheelchair accessible and will allow all our students to participate in more off-site trips and visits. We extend a massive thank you to our donors for their generous support!





## Rights respecting schools:

**We've achieved the Rights Respecting Schools Silver Award!**

We are proud to share that our school has been awarded the **Silver: Rights Aware** accreditation by UNICEF UK as part of the **Rights Respecting Schools Award (RRSA)**.

This achievement recognises our commitment to embedding children's rights into our school's culture, values, and everyday practices. Through this journey, we've worked to ensure that pupils know their rights and understand the importance of respecting the rights of others, creating a safe, inclusive, and supportive learning environment for all.

Thank you to all our pupils, staff, and families for supporting this important work.

We're excited to continue our journey towards the Gold award!

**2025 – 2028**



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Rights Aware**

## Learning at Linden - Woodlarks

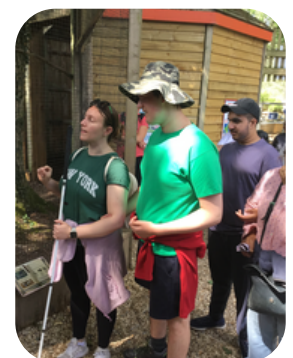
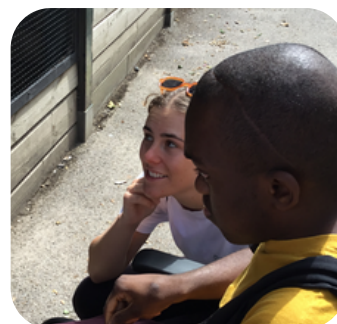
Linden Lodge were able to take 11 young people to Woodlarks for a camping trip due to the generosity of Linden Lodge Charitable Trust (LLCT). There was also additional money provided for trips through the Jack Petchey Foundation. The trip this year ran from Monday 7th July to Friday 11th July. The students and staff both created memories and had experiences that will live with them forever. Thanks to the dedication and willingness of the staff members who volunteered their time and worked tirelessly throughout the week we were able to fill each day with an action packed itinerary.

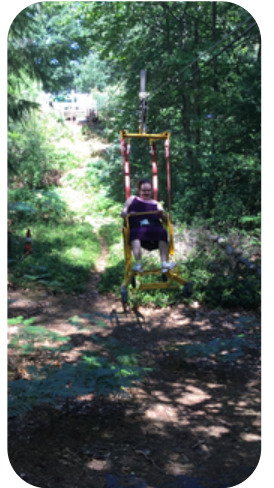
The value of residential trips like this is huge and the positive impact on the young people cannot be underestimated. The young people were able to experience a range of activities, gain new skills and self-esteem.

Both students and staff had a truly wonderful camp and it was an absolute joy to see the students so happy and engaged, it makes the months of planning all worthwhile.

Thank you to everyone who supported the students on this trip. This includes everyone who dedicated their time and energy to making the trip possible at school. All the Linden Lodge staff who camped and supported the students tirelessly, the St George's nurses that camped and supported our students, the parents, the Linden Lodge Charitable Trust for the financial support given, the Jack Petchey Foundation for their grant, and the volunteers at Woodlarks who prepare all our food, and cook all of our super meals. Finally, the biggest thank you to the Woodlarks Trust who have created such a wonderful campsite for our visually impaired students and continue to make it better and better each year.

Thank you and best wishes Ralph Bye  
(long may it continue!)

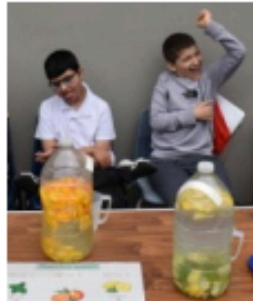






## Food Technology News!

Students set up and run a Hydration station with healthy infused water during Sports Day to keep staff and students suitably hydrated. They chose between Lemon & Lime, Cucumber and Mint and Orange water. Students took turns to practice their tipping skills and everyone loved it!



Students planted tomatoes, runner beans and a variety of herbs. They maintained the plants and their hard work paid off as they won Second prize in the growing competition! Well done!



Students have been busy designing and making healthy and refreshing fruit and vegetable juices, sorbets, smoothies, and milkshakes in Food technology. They used adapted technology to operate different electric equipment, tasted and evaluated their work.

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Third year in a row young chefs ran our very own Dine in the Dark event. They worked in pairs and were in charge of one part of a 3-course menu. They planned and cooked many dishes before deciding on the final menu, which they served to very special guests of their choice. It was a fun and meaningful event for everyone involved and the guests were really impressed with the food, asking for the recipes!



## Co-Head Certificate Summer 2025

EYFS		
Tambourine	Artie	for working hard at looking at his hands when he is interacting with objects. He has developed his tactile skills and is now able to touch lots of different textures.
Maracas	Poppy S	for her hard work, determination and positive attitude towards learning braille and making such amazing progress.
Primary		
Guitar	Matteo	for working very hard this term in his therapy sessions, becoming more independent in how he moves around the school as well as improving his self-feeding!
Harp	Mariyam	for making amazing progress with her use of spoken language. Mariyam is passionate about books and stories and her progress with reading has been phenomenal this year.
Violin	Elsa	for making amazing progress in using her switch, demonstrating greater intentionality and purpose across a range of sessions. She is confidently exploring cause and effect with increasing independence.
Ukulele	Lara	for settling into the Linden Lodge community and Ukulele class with great enthusiasm. Lara has made great steps in her English language and uses it throughout her whole school day.
Secondary		
Oboe	Naana	for a wonderful final year in Oboe Class. You have been a joy to teach and have made excellent progress in all areas. We wish you every success in your new class.
Flute	Arya	for working hard on her reading this year. Arya loves to relax with a book and is starting to progress onto chapter books. Her progress has been amazing!
Clarinet	Kieran	for making significant progress in his independent living skills. Kieran consistently interacts positively with staff and peers. He is engaged in all learning activities and passed 3 ASDAN courses this year.
Bassoon	Royem	for her incredible artistic talent, using it to help advocate for herself and her peers with improved confidence this year.
Alba		
Drum	Euan	for your new super skill spelling words you see around you using your communication device. Let's see where this new interest will take you!
Tabla	Laura	for working hard using her walker and standing frame around the school. Laura is beginning to take more steps independently. Well done, Laura!
Gamelan	Sahra	for following 3-step instructions using her picture symbols with adult facilitation in familiar routines! Well done Sahra!

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Minerva		
Minerva 1	Lillie FC	for working hard on her independence skills. Lillie has embraced piano lessons, showing her wonderful character through this creative outlet. Lillie always has a positive impact on those around her.
Minerva 2	David K	for showing incredible perseverance and resilience. David has worked hard to improve his social skills this year. His personality brightens every room and he is a true friend to all.
Minerva 6 <sup>th</sup> Form	Joseph	for working exceptionally hard on his accreditations this year, including sitting and completing his maths exam. Well done Joseph we are so proud of you!
Harris Centre		
Piano	Alejandro	for consistently being ready to learn, embrace new experiences both outside and in his Innowalk sessions.
Kalimba	Lilly J	for making continuous progress with her communication, being actively engaged in her physio routine and also for her independence in feeding.
Trombone	Vilenka	for participating actively in more lessons and really developing her choosing skills in class.
Sixth Form		
SF1	Ben S	for making consistent progress in his independence and for completing his BTEC Level 2 Award in Home Cooking Skills.
SF2A	Drew	for developing her expressive communication skills. Drew has a good understanding of her timetable symbols, and she can give a symbol to an adult to express her wants.
SF2B	Louqman	for showing all the skills he has developed this year, with his communication and independence. Louqman is always happy and willing to learn. He has been a pleasure to teach.
Residential		
Ground Floor	Daniel Fi	for being confident in his start to boarding. Daniel has shown he is ready for independence and has demonstrated this each week at Richley House.
Middle Floor	Ellie	for having a successful start to boarding. Ellie has been happy to spend time away from home showing just how ready she is for life after Linden Lodge.

## Pupil of the Year 2025

EYFS		
Tambourine	Nour	for using his walker to navigate inside and outside, making lots of confident steps with minimal help and working really hard on his independence.
Maracas	Khamani	for becoming more independent and confident in all that he does. For developing a positive approach towards his learning and being a good friend to others.
Primary		
Guitar	Pietra	for working hard on her communication all year. Pietra now uses the eye gaze more fluently and can communicate her needs and wants to familiar adults.
Harp	Akshada	for excellent progress in all areas of learning, especially her reading skills. Akshada is reading with fluency, paying attention to punctuation and shows good comprehension. Well done!
Violin	Teddy	for making great progress in expressing himself with confidence, demonstrating enthusiasm and active participation across a range of activities. Teddy has also shown growth in self-regulation by exploring different strategies.
Ukulele	Amelia	for being a calm and caring influence to her peers and using her words with greater consistency to communicate with adults and friends.
Secondary		
Oboe	Mingso	for a fantastic first year at Linden Lodge, familiarising himself with his new staff team and routines and settling so quickly
		into his new environment. We are delighted with Mingso's progress.
Flute	Filip	for always being ready and excited to learn. Filip has made amazing progress across the board this year and is an incredible member of Flute Class. Keep it up!
Clarinet	Jayson	for the outstanding progress he has made in all areas. Jayson participates and engages in all learning activities and has significantly further developed his communication skills, particularly in intensive interaction.
Bassoon	Naseebah	for her kindness, compassion and always setting a good example to her peers.
Residential		
Ground Floor	U'nite	for showing great progress in her independence through cooking sessions, taking responsibility for her laundry and all self-care tasks.
Middle Floor	Aisha	for working hard to achieve her independence goals. Aisha continues to build on her long cane skills out in the community and practice road safety awareness.

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Alba		
Drum	Victoria	for your extraordinary effort using your index finger to select what you want on your communication device.
Tabla	Ava	for showing strength and resilience throughout the year and for consistent engagement with all sessions.
Gamelan	David S	for settling so well in Gamelan Class. David has made great progress in his communication – both in his signing and in his understanding of school routines and activities!
Minerva		
Minerva 1	Ruby	for showing kindness towards her peers. Ruby uses her initiative to help everyone around her. We love the stretches you lead with your friends!
Minerva 2	Mohamed	for always coming to school with a positive attitude and showing consistent determination. Mohamed has made great progress across all subjects and we are so proud of his achievements.
Minerva 6 <sup>th</sup> Form	Jean-Claude	for being an exceptional student this year and making progress across all his subjects. Well done for your continued perseverance, dedication and hard work.
Harris Centre		
Piano	Leyla K	for her consistent exploration of new experiences, her fantastic and imaginative use of voice and for persisting across all her lessons.
Kalimba	Jemima	for actively participating in her physiotherapy routine and developing her communication skills.
Trombone	Daniel Fi	for being a happy and enthusiastic member of Trombone. For always trying hard and engaging well in all activities. Well done!
Sixth Form		
SF1	DJ	for being kind and helpful to staff and peers, and for being a great role model when supporting students in the Primary department.
SF2A	Jessica	for her outstanding progress in receptive and expressive communication skills, using her AAC switch with increased independence. Jessica makes use of every opportunity to socialise with peers and staff.
SF2B	Ricardo	for working on his independence around school and on trips. Ricardo's confidence has grown and he will now move around the classroom on his own to find the adult he wants.

## Noticeboard

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### FREE SEND SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

**DATES**  
FRIDAY 25 JULY  
FRIDAY 01 AUGUST

**TIME**  
10:00AM - 1:00PM  
(5 - 7 YEARS OLD)  
1:30PM - 4:30PM  
(8 - 12 YEARS OLD)

**LOCATION**  
CRANMER PRIMARY  
CRANMER ROAD, CR4 4XU

**AGE**  
5 - 12 YEARS

**ENQUIRIES**  
YOUTHINCLUSION@AFCWF.ORG.UK

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### FREE SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

**DATES**  
21 - 24 JULY  
MONDAY - THURSDAY

28 - 31 JULY  
MONDAY - THURSDAY

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## FREE Kids Meal at Polka Theatre on Tasty Tuesdays

Polka Theatre Café, 240 The Broadway, Wimbledon, SW19 1SB

Tasty Tuesday starts from 10.30am

- Tuesday 22 July
- Tuesday 29 July
- Tuesday 5 August
- Tuesday 12 August
- Tuesday 19 August

We know how challenging it is feeding the family through the summer holidays. That's why Polka Theatre have teamed up with Dons Local Action Group, to offer FREE kids meal boxes in the Polka Café on Tuesdays!

To receive your free kids meal please let café staff know that you are here for Tasty Tuesday.  
Parents will also be offered a FREE tea or coffee.  
Please let café staff know of any allergies when ordering.  
Why not stay and play in Polka's free indoor and outdoor play spaces?



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