



# LLS News

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Dear families

Occupational Therapy Survey - Please could you complete this quick feedback survey of the OT services at Linden Lodge:



<https://forms.office.com/e/4crrH6rABk> Thank you for your support.

Kans Bahara, our school photographer will be sending emails to you during the 7th and 8th of November 2025. The email will contain a link that will enable you view and order the photographs of your children, if you wish to. If you have not received the email by the end of the day on the 8th November, it may well have gone into your junk/spam folder. If you have any questions or have not received the email, please don't hesitate to contact David Shaw at [dshaw@lindenlodge.org.uk](mailto:dshaw@lindenlodge.org.uk)

Have a lovely weekend

## Events and dates to remember

### Autumn Term

#### Dates



**Weeks beginning  
17th and 24th  
November 2025**  
Family Learning  
Weeks

**Thursday 18th  
December 2025**  
Last day for pupils

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December**  
Planning & Preparation  
Day  
(no pupils)

## Star of the Week

**Terri-Mai** for learning ALL the Braille numerals in just one Maths lesson! Amazing!

**DJ** for his attendance and engagement in residential activities each week.

**David** for great attention and engagement during homework club this week.

**Amelia** for good doing good listening and following instructions to transfer to and from transport to go to class and home.

**Aariah** for having such a fantastic start to full time school! Aariah has been engaged in her learning and working hard. Well done!



## Calling ALL siblings!



Are you a brother or sister who loves getting involved and making things happen? Siblings Host at Linden Lodge (SH@LL) are looking for new members to join our committee. Since starting in 2020, we have had some amazing events made by siblings for siblings including: cooking classes, scavenger hunts, sports days and a trip to Gravity!

We are looking for more of you to join our team/committee. We meet online around three times a year to plan upcoming events and share ideas.

If you'd like to join or learn more, please contact me on: [espencer@lindenlodge.org.uk](mailto:espencer@lindenlodge.org.uk)



## Learning@Linden

### Family Learning Weeks – Coming Soon!

We're excited to share that this year we'll be holding Family Learning Weeks during the weeks of 17th and 24th November 2025.

These events have been designed to offer families more opportunities to get to know our school community and to take part in meaningful learning experiences that can extend beyond the classroom.

During Family Learning Weeks, families will be invited to take part in a range of activities, including:

- Visiting the school and classrooms
  - Joining in with learning activities (where possible)
  - Meeting other families and staff
- Taking part in sessions focused on how to support learning at home (tailored by each department)

Family Learning Weeks are a celebration of the collaborative partnership between home and school. By working together, we can create even stronger connections that enrich our students' learning and wellbeing.

We believe these weeks will be a wonderful opportunity to strengthen these partnerships and to celebrate the great learning that happens every day.

Details for specific classes and departments will be confirmed early next week, so please keep an eye out for more information.

We look forward to welcoming you into school for these special weeks of connection, collaboration, and shared learning!

## Minerva Centre

In Flute class we are learning about electricity. We found electrical objects around the school. The we tried to make a complete circuit using wires, a cell (battery) and another electrical component. We found that for a circuit to be complete, all elements had to be attached and the electricity needed to be able to travel around in a circle.



## Learning@Linden

### Residential

Congratulations to our Scout of the Month!



Young people created poppy wreaths during Scouts this week.

We thought about the people who were lost during the war.



We would like to thank Wimbledon FC who kindly donated some Football match tickets for one of their Women's games during half term.

Three families from Linden Lodge attended the match and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Aisha attended with her family and said "I was blown away by the talent of the players on the pitch."

## All about canes

This week, the Habilitation team would like to shine a spotlight on mobility aids:



### What is a long cane and how does it work?

Long canes are a tool used by many people with a vision impairment. Canes are used to detect obstacles and tactile information which support the user's orientation and mobility.

### Why are long canes white?

Long canes are white and reflective so they can be spotted more easily by drivers. White canes are now an international symbol of vision impairment, allowing others to recognise that the user has reduced vision.

### Why are some canes red and white?

A cane that is red and white signifies that the user has a vision impairment and a hearing impairment.



### Do our students use any other types of cane?

Yes! Some of our students use a symbol cane. Symbol canes are smaller and are not used to find obstacles. They are held in public spaces to show that the user has a vision impairment and may need extra time, space, or assistance.

## Rights Respecting Schools

### Rights Respecting Schools: Article 8 – The Right to an Identity

This week we explored Article 8 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC):



**“Every child has the right to an identity – including a name, a nationality and family ties.”**

At school, we’ve been learning that our identity – our name, family, culture, and background – makes us who we are. Every child has the right to be recognised and respected for their unique identity.

We talked about what makes us special and how we can celebrate the different cultures, families, and traditions in our school community.

You can support this at home by chatting about your family’s story, your child’s name, or special traditions that help shape who you are. Together, we’re helping every child feel proud of who they are and where they come from!

**Next week:**

### Rights Respecting Schools: Getting Ready for Anti-Bullying Week!

Next week is **Anti-Bullying Week**, and our school will be focusing on **Article 19** of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC):



**“Children have the right to be protected from being hurt or badly treated, in body or mind.”**

Article 19 reminds us that every child has the right to feel safe, valued, and respected – in school, online, and in the wider community.

This year’s UK theme for **Anti-Bullying Week** is **“Power for Good”**

We’ll be encouraging pupils to recognise how their actions, words, and choices can use their power for good – to stand up for others, spread kindness, and make our school a safe and welcoming place for everyone.

To start the week, we’ll be celebrating **Odd Socks Day on Monday!**

Everyone is invited to wear their brightest, silliest, or most mismatched socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. It’s a fun way to remind everyone that our differences make us special – and that being kind and inclusive never goes out of style!

Throughout the week, children will be taking part in activities that help them:

- ✨ Understand what bullying is and how to challenge it safely
- ✨ Recognise trusted adults they can talk to
- ✨ Celebrate kindness and friendship
- ✨ Learn how to use their ‘power for good’ to help others feel safe and included

You can support this at home by chatting with your child about how they can use their voice and actions to make a positive difference. Together, let’s use our ‘Power for Good’ to make our school a place where everyone feels safe, respected, and valued.

## Educational Psychologist sessions for parents and carers

As advertised in previous newsletters, our Educational Psychologist, Dr Jeremy Chian, is offering sessions for parents and carers. The sessions will take place either by telephone, online or in person. The support offered is for thinking about things related to psychology, e.g., child's anxiety/worries, parental anxiety/worries, supporting difficult behaviours at home, eating, sleeping, thinking about school/EHCPs and any support an EP can provide.


The following sessions are still available:

14 November – 9.45-10.30am, 10.30-11.15am, 11.15-12pm. 12-12.45pm. 1.15-2.00pm and 2.00-2:45pm

28 November - 9:00-9.45am. 9.45-10.30am, 10.30-11.15am, 11.15-12pm. 12-12.45pm. 1.15-2.00pm and 2.00-2:45pm

Sessions are available on a first come, first served basis. Please email [jnolan@lindenlodge.org.uk](mailto:jnolan@lindenlodge.org.uk) to book a session. You will receive an email to confirm the booking date & time. If your preferred session is not available we will contact you with an alternative time.

## Noticeboard



**A Conversation  
On Empowerment, Inclusive  
Beauty & Fashion, and the  
Impact of Self-Care.**

Webinar hosted by founder  
Anna Cofone alongside special guests.

Tuesday 18th November, 2025  
8.30am PST / 12.30pm EST / 5.30pm GMT

Join Hair & Care for a conversation on empowerment, inclusive beauty & fashion, and the impact of self care.

Led by Hair & Care founder **Anna Cofone** alongside **special guests**, we'll dive into the critical need for accessibility, as well as exploring behind-the-scenes moments from our Making Fashion Accessible initiative, and how our haircare workshops are redefining beauty for blind and low-vision women.

Please feel free to submit any questions to the panel and we will aim to answer as many of these during the webinar as we can. We look forward to welcoming you all!

Date: Tuesday 18th November, 2025

Time: 8.30am PST / 12.30pm EST / 5.30pm GMT

Location: Zoom webinar link

Google Form: [Sign Up Link](#)

## Missed your flu vaccine?

**Live or attend school in the borough of  
Wandsworth? Aged 4 – 16?**

Come down to a flu catch-up clinic and  
protect yourself!

Saturday 15 November, 10:00 – 14:00  
Faylands Children's Centre, SW16 1SY

Friday 28 November, 15:30 – 17:15  
St John's Therapy Centre, SW11 1SW

Saturday 20 December, 10:00 – 15:00  
Balham Library Hall, SW12 8QY

**Call 020 3903 3374 or  
scan the QR code for  
more information or to  
book an appointment**



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## McDonald's VI Fun Football Sessions

**Dates:** Five weekly football sessions for children with a visual impairment  
Every Saturday from 8<sup>th</sup> Nov to 6<sup>th</sup> Dec inclusive

**Time:** 10:45am to 11:45am

**Cost:** Free



## Fulham FC Foundation

Fulham FC Training Ground, Motspur Park, London, KT3 6PT



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