



LLS News

28/11/2025



Dear families

Thank you to all of the families who attended our Family Learning Week sessions. We will feature some photos of the sessions in next week's newsletter. If you attended any of the sessions please could you to complete our short feedback form <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/AhHMey8sia> . We value your comments.

Parent MDT Consultations take place next week. If you haven't booked a time to meet with the team yet please contact your child/young person's class teacher.

Have a lovely weekend

Kindness Award

Aviyah for good turn taking and interactions during a music session.

DJ for being extra helpful to his peers and staff



Star of the Week

Ibby for focusing hard during group time and using his voice to join in using sounds, words, sentences, numbers and answering questions.

James for maintaining focus and engagement navigating around the grounds in his walker.

Asad for doing great work during Maths

Lillie for great listening and following instructions during cooking.

Joseph for his participation in cooking this week.



Events and dates to remember

Autumn Term

Dates



**Wed 3rd Dec - Thurs
4th Dec 2025**
Parent MDT
Consultations

**Sunday 7th December
2025**
C@LL Christmas
Event

**Week beginning
Monday 8th
December**
Festive Concerts

**Thursday 11th
December 2025**
Christmas Lunch &
Christmas Jumper Day

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

**Friday 19th
December 2025**
Planning & Preparation
Day
(no pupils)



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School Travel

TfL's Travel for Life Programme is designed to inspire young Londoners to travel actively, responsibly and safely. Linden Lodge joined the programme in 2024/25 and we delighted to share the news that we have been awarded bronze level accreditation in recognition of all that we do to encourage safe, independent travel for our students.

**WE HAVE
ACHIEVED**



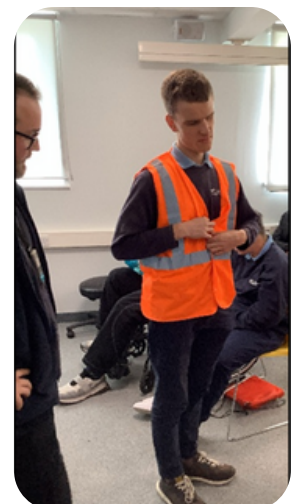
Habilitation - TFL Workshop



On Friday 21st November, we had our annual safety and citizen workshop delivered by staff from Transport for London. The aim of this session was to teach our students how to stay safe when using different modes of transport.

Students from multiple classes participated in this activity and demonstrated their excellent knowledge of public transport. They were informed about how to tap onto a bus, where the safest place to stand when waiting for a bus was, and how to use the help points if they are needed for an emergency.

Some students also participated in a role play activity where they were working for TFL. Well done to all of our students! You asked a lot of good questions and gave some fantastic answers.



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Reducing, Reusing and Recycling at Residential



Earlier this year our residential young people collected plastic bottle tops, saving them from landfill.

They worked together to create a tactile lizard which will be displayed in Richley House.



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Music around the World

This term students have been learning about music from Latin America, Africa and India.

Latin America (Samba)



Students have created their own class Samba sounds using lots of different percussion!

Here are some of the things Minerva 2 had to share about Samba music

Samba music is from Brazil

I like the way the drums look, I like how the logo looks

My favourite instrument is the tambourim because I can do different sounds with my fingers and hands

The most important rhythm in Samba music is called the 3 2 son clave!

I like all of the drums, the different sounds they make and the different rhythms!

I like all of the drums! Caixa, Surdo, Tambourim, Pandeiro and Repinique!

My favourite drum is the Surdo because I love how it sounds and I also love the fluffy beater that is used and it makes a really satisfying noise.

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Africa



Students are exploring the Dun Dun and Djembe from West Africa. They have also discovered the talking drum (West Africa) and the Ngoma (East/Central Africa).



We are proud to announce that Linden Lodge School has been awarded the national Music Mark of Recognition for ambition and quality in music education, nominated by Wandsworth Music Hub!



Therapy@Linden

The OTs, along with other members of staff, visited the Sight Village last week in London.

They attended some interesting seminars such as the use of AI in education and other low vision aids. There were a number of exhibitions sharing a variety of products and services to support people living with visual loss. You can find more information here:

<https://www.qac.ac.uk/exhibitions/sight-village-events-2026--dates--venues/1080.htm>



AAC AT LINDEN LODGE

WHAT IS AAC?

AAC (Augmentative and Alternative Communication) refers to the different ways people communicate as an alternative to, or alongside, speech. This can include gestures, pictures, symbols, signs, or communication devices. AAC helps people express their needs, feelings, and ideas, and provides a voice for those who can't speak or aren't easily understood because everyone has the right to be heard.

TYPES OF AAC

There are many different types of AAC. Some are paper-based, like communication boards or picture cards, and others are electronic, like speech-generating devices or tablets. Here are just a few of the AAC tools we use at Linden Lodge:



Switches



E-Tran Frame



VOCAs



British Sign Language (BSL)



Picture Symbols



Facial expressions

HOW DO WE USE SUPPORT STUDENTS WHO USE AAC?



Festive Concert Schedule

Department	Classes	Date	Time	Location	Winter Concert Title
Sixth Form and Alba	SF1 SF2 SF3 Trombone Tabla Gamelan	Tuesday 9th December 2025	10.30am	Isobel Centre	Winter Extravaganza
Primary and Alba	Guitar Violin Ukulele Drum Harp	Wednesday 10 th December 2025	10am	SPACE	Christmas Around the World
Early Years	Maracas Tambourine	Wednesday 10 th December 2025	10 am	Jasmine Centre	Festive Fun
Secondary	Oboe Clarinet Kalimba Piano	Wednesday 10th December 2025	2pm	SPACE	Winter Festival
Minerva	Minerva 1 Minerva 2 Minerva 6thF Bassoon Flute	Friday 12 th December 2025	11am	SPACE	A Winter Adventure

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day will take place on Thursday 11th December.

Christmas Lunch
Thursday 11th December

Turkey
Roast potatoes
Yorkshire puddings
Stuffing
Pigs in blankets
Brussel sprouts, parsnips,
mixed vegetables
Gravy

Vegan option
Butternut squash tart,
Vegetable pie (Gluten free)

Vegan mince pies or
vegan Christmas pudding
served with optional double/whipped
cream

**Christmas
Jumper
Day** 



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: spencer@lindenlodge.org.uk