



Linden Lodge School
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LLS News

03/07/2026



Dear families

Thank you to everyone who attended Parent/MDT Consultations this week. On Friday 10th July you will receive your child/young person's end of year report.

On Thursday 2nd July we celebrated this year's leavers at the Class of 2026 Graduation Ceremony. Thank you to all the families and friends who joined us for such a fantastic afternoon. . .

With temperatures set to rise again next week please help us support your child by ensuring that:

- Your child brings a clearly named water bottle to school every day
- Sunscreen is applied before school where appropriate and sunscreen is sent to school.
- Your child brings a sun hat or cap to wear during outdoor activities.
- Your child wears suitable lightweight clothing.

Have a lovely weekend

Events and dates to remember



Woodlarks

Residential Trip

Monday 6th - Friday 10th July

Last day for students

Thursday 16th July 2026

Planning and Preparation Days

Friday 17th July 2026
& Monday 20th July 2026

Star of the Week

Amelia for fantastic habilitation skills, concentrating well whilst using her long cane to transfer from the car park to class every morning.



Enea for working hard on his therapy programme and showing a strong desire to stand. He has been doing some lovely sit-to-stands from the bench!

Halima for completing her exercise on the Motomed.

Lillie for working hard towards her targets in moving around safely and independently.

DJ for riding the trike safely, and following instructions.

Fara for having an amazing return to school. Fara has bounced right back into routine and we are proud of her!

Please remember that Linden Lodge is a nut free school



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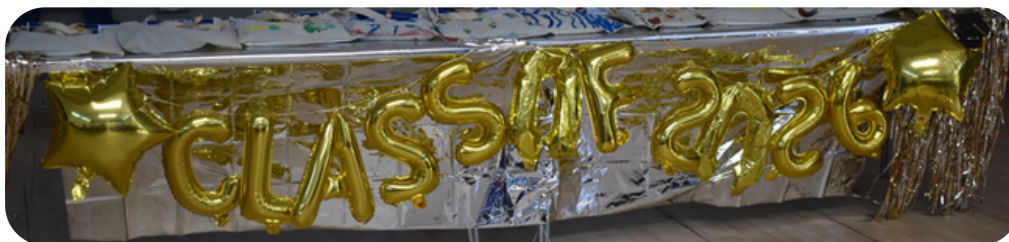


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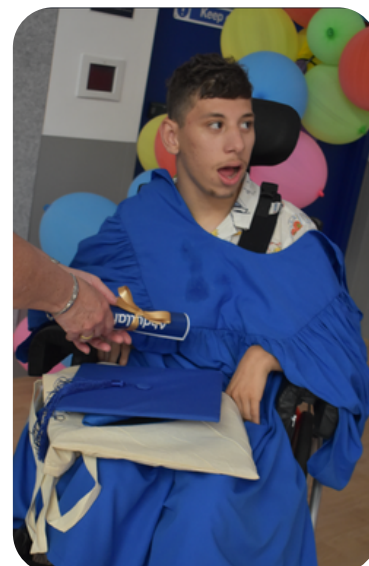
Nurturing

Succeeding

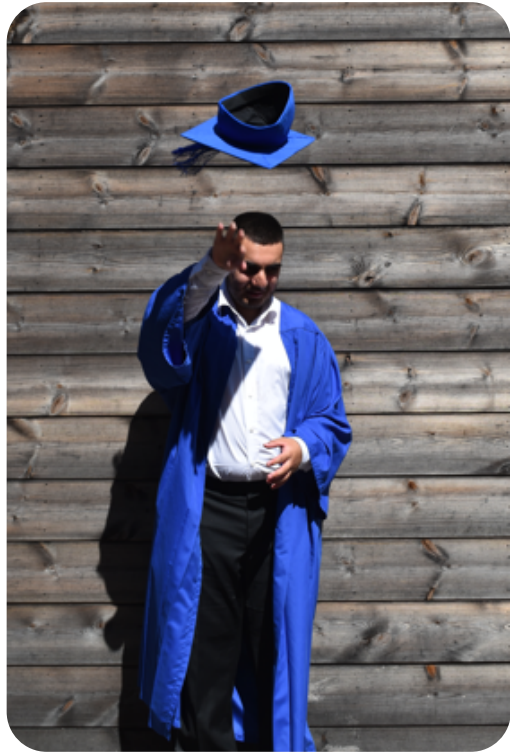
Graduation 2026



Our Sixth Form Graduation was a fantastic celebration of our students and all they have achieved during their time with us. It was a special and emotional milestone, marking the end of one chapter and the beginning of the next as our graduates prepare for their future pathways. It was wonderful to welcome so many families and friends to celebrate alongside our students. The ceremony was filled with memorable moments, making it a fitting occasion to recognise the hard work, resilience, and achievements of this year's graduating cohort. Congratulations to all of our graduates. We are incredibly proud of everything they have accomplished and wish them every success in the future!







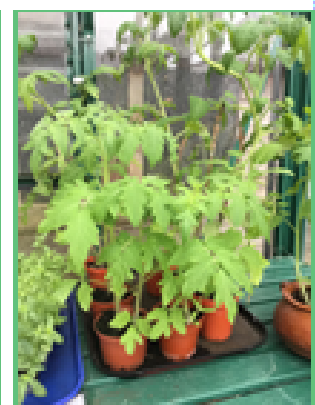
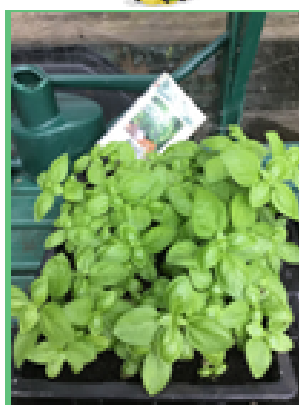
Lunchtime Gardening Club



Students got busy harvesting herbs and lettuce leaves they grew during lunchtime gardening club. It was a truly sensory experience with the fresh and herby aromas, soft textures and lush green colours.

The thyme, parsley, coriander and lettuce leaves were used up in Food Tech lessons

The students have been awarded a gold certificate from the London Children's Flower Society in recognition of their fantastic work.



Transitioning to adulthood

Healthcare

This week we focus on supporting young people to manage their healthcare and medication more independently as they grow older.

Encouraging independence:

· The Ready Steady Go programme supports children with long term health conditions to transition into adult services. The link below contains easy read checklists to help young people work towards managing their healthcare independently.

<https://www.readysteadygo.net/rsg-easy-read.html>

- Next time you make a medical appointment for your child, consider asking them to help you book it; you could try out an online booking system with voiceover or phone the surgery together.
- Remembering what questions to ask in an appointment can be challenging. Help your child consider what questions they have ahead of appointments and prompt them to ask these. They may wish to bring their questions to the appointment in a format they can access.
- Encourage your child to familiarise with the NHS app using a screen reader.
- For younger children, we encourage practicing body awareness through song so that your child can learn different body parts, and practicing certain procedures that happen at medical appointments during pretend play to make them feel less scary.

Managing medication independently with a vision impairment:

- Ask your pharmacy what they can offer to help your child manage their medication more independently. There are many options available, including easy grip bottle openers, aids for administering eye drops, large print dispensing labels, and sending dispensing labels via email so they can be used with a screen reader.
- Explore which labelling options help your child identify their medication. Some people use Bumpons, elastic bands, or Penfriends. RNIB have a braille labeller which requires no braille experience to use, which you may wish to use to label medication storage containers:
 - <https://shop.rnib.org.uk/products/braille-labeller-reizen-rl-350>
 - <https://shop.rnib.org.uk/collections/labelling>
 - <https://shop.rnib.org.uk/collections/pill-organisers>
- Encourage your child to set alarms or reminders to take their medication. Some people benefit from automated pill storage devices with built-in alarms, which automatically dispense medication from the correct compartment at the appropriate time.

- Encourage your child to open packets of tablets over a tray with a rim in case any fall. People with reduced finger strength may benefit from a poppet pill remover.

Right to free prescriptions:

Once your child reaches 19, they will no longer be automatically eligible for free prescriptions. People who receive certain benefits or have certain medical conditions may still be eligible, as are those on the NHS Low Income Scheme. The below link can help you to check if your child will be eligible for free prescriptions once they turn 19:

<https://check-for-help-paying-nhs-costs.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/start>

Reasonable adjustments in medical settings:

People with disabilities are entitled to reasonable adjustments in all medical settings to remove barriers they may face when accessing healthcare. These adjustments look different for everyone but may include:

- Longer appointments or appointments at specific times of day.
- Receiving treatment in familiar places.
- Using the most appropriate communication method.
- Allowing a carer to attend appointments and stay overnight in a hospital.
- Receiving appointment letters in an accessible format.
- Waiting in a quiet space for an appointment.

If appropriate, encourage your child to consider what adjustments may benefit them in a medical setting, and contact your GP practice to find out what they can offer.

If your child is going into hospital, they may benefit from a Learning Disability nurse, which are present in many hospitals. These nurses can be requested through the Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) or by phoning the main reception of a hospital. They can advocate for your child's health needs whilst they are in hospital, and offer information and support.

Consider asking your GP to add your child to the Learning Disability Register; this ensures the practice know your child may require adjustments. People on the register are entitled to the NHS Flu vaccine, a Health Action Plan, and an Annual Health Check from the age of 14 and older, and registered carers may be eligible for a free NHS carer's health check.

The NHS is rolling out widespread usage of the Reasonable Adjustment Digital Flag (RADF). All publicly funded health and social care services should be fully compliant by 30th September 2026.

The RADF supports the NHS to deliver services effectively and consistently by placing a digital marker on a person's care record detailing the adjustments they will need. Speak to your GP surgery about adding a RADF to your child's care record.



Our Scout Leader is sadly retiring

Our long standing Scout Leader of 51 years is retiring at the end of this academic year. He has volunteered as our Scout Leader to provide our students with fun activities for an hour every Tuesday evening for the last 51 years. That is 1989 hours of his own time!

We are beyond grateful and appreciative of all his generosity, hard work and dedication towards our scout troop, volunteering his time to support our residential students each and every week. Students and Staff will miss Alan very much and we wish good health and happiness during his well-earned Retirement.



We salute you Alan!

HAPPY Retirement!

Speech & Language Therapy Survey

The SaLT team are collecting parent feedback to support planning for next academic year. Please click on the link to complete a short survey. [Parent & Carers Feedback - Speech & Language Therapy Survey_\(Summer 26\)](#)

Couch to Half-Marathon



Hello! For those who may not know me, my name is Becky and I am the Learning Resource Centre Manager at Linden Lodge. On the 13th September 2026, I will be participating in the Great North Run and fundraising for Guide Dogs. I began training in February, starting from zero having done no running previously!

Many of our pupils have benefited from the services Guide Dogs offer, from grants for specialist technology to the customisable large print books available in our library.



Jack, one of our receptionists, is a Guide Dog user and said: "Having my guide dog, Carpenter, has completely changed my life. He has given me the confidence to travel independently and safely, allowing me to go to places I once found challenging. Carpenter has helped me become more self-reliant, reduced my anxiety when getting around, and given me the freedom to live a more active and independent life. Beyond his practical support, he is a loyal companion who has made a positive difference to my wellbeing and confidence every day."

I would be so grateful if you would consider donating to my page by following this link [Great North Run - Becky](#) or by scanning the QR code below:



The Family Portrait Day will now take place on the 12 of July during our Family Walk and Summer Fun event. This will allow us to engage more participants and for families to have a broader range of activities than just the picture session, as there will be an all accessible walk on Wimbledon Common followed by a fun afternoon at school with a BBQ and entertainment.

So, if you would like to participate in the walk, please book your photo session for the afternoon. Or, if you would prefer to come in for the portrait session in the morning, you may want to skip the walk and stay afterwards to enjoy the BBQ and entertainment.

Two options are available for your booking:

Option 1: Costs £50 and includes 5 professionally edited and printed photographs in any size up to A4.

Option 2: Costs £60 and includes 5 professionally edited and printed photographs in any size up to A4 plus all photographs taken during the session in digital format.

SPACES ARE LIMITED

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK YOUR SESSION AND SELECT YOUR PREFERRED TIME](#)



**Community
at Linden Lodge**

NEEDS YOUR HELP

We need new volunteers to keep our events running.

C@LL has been running as a PTA for 7 years organising events such as **Summer Walk and BBQs**, **Christmas Events**, **Online Music**, **Sibling Events**, **First Aid Training**, **Educational Webinars** and much more....

No experience is needed, and you can contribute as much or as little time as you like.

What will you be doing?

Helping to decide which activities best serve our community	Supporting event planning by organising refreshments and entertainment
Submitting fundraising grant requests using existing information	Treasurer role: managing C@LL's modest income and expenditure
	Connecting with other parent/carers and having some fun!

Could you be our new treasurer?

If you're interested in a no-obligation chat about becoming a committee member, or require further information, please contact Rebecca at rlotreanor@gmail.com or Jess at jesscilly@yahoo.co.uk Our current treasurer is stepping down, so we urgently need to fill this role. Full training and support is available.

Without a committee, our events can't continue.



The Acorn Group Practice
Patient Participation Group

**Every 2nd Tuesday of
the month**

**Families together
for our VI children**

WHEN

6-7pm - Tue 14th Jul, Tue 11th Aug, Tue 8th Sep 2026

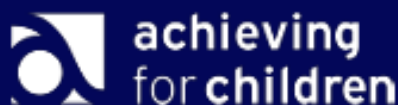
WHERE

**Acorn Group Practice, 29-35 Holly Road,
Twickenham, TW1 4EA**

AGENDA

6:00-6:10pm: Welcome & Social Time
6:10-6:15pm: Upcoming Inclusive VI Events
6:15-6:20pm: Group Announcements & Resource Sharing
6:20-6:55pm: Main Topic or Guest Speaker
6:55-7:00pm: Wrap-up & Closing

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Children & Guide Dogs welcome