



Linden Lodge School
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LLS News

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Dear families

The DfE's statutory guidance on the use of mobile phones in schools and its advice on behaviour in schools explains that schools should develop, implement and publish a policy. Please click [here](#) to read our mobile phone policy.

The application window for the 16-19 Bursary Fund is now open and we will be sharing more information, about how families can claim the funding, with our Post 16 students' families next week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Events and dates to remember

Autumn Term

Dates



Inset Day 3

Friday 23 October
2026

Half term

Monday 26 October
2026 to Friday 30
October 2026

**Last day for students
(students finish at
1.30pm)**

Thursday 17
December 2026

**Planning &
Preparation Day 1**
Friday 18 December
2026

Star of the Week

Kiara for fantastic focus in maths, sorting and matching quantities with numerals.



Lara for engaging in activities with a partner, using her words to engage in conversations and fantastic turn taking phonics 'sounding out'.

Teddy for tolerating his equipment for longer periods of time! Teddy was able to stand in his standing frame for the duration of music and bench sit throughout our sensory story!

Lily for becoming increasingly confident and independent in her walking, both in and out of the pool!

Zephyr for tolerating his hand splints and AFOs for extended periods of time!

Please remember that
Linden Lodge is a
nut free school



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Enabling

Nurturing

Succeeding

Learning @ Linden Lodge in the Secondary Department

Piano class have settled nicely back to school. They have enjoyed being reunited with familiar adults and peers. We have been engaging in a range of activities and becoming familiar with our new routines and timetable!



In secondary we have been learning about autumn. We have been exploring evergreen and deciduous trees and plant collecting different leaves, sticks and pinecones while on the woodland walk.



Learning @ Linden Lodge in the Alba Centre

In the Alba Centre we have been engaging in sensory story time and enjoying the sensory resources in the story e.g. smelling the different smells in the adventures of Zog.

We have been supported by therapists and school staff during physical development activities such as supported bench sitting.

Tabla has also been using the Harris Centre Suite. A favourite is the ball pool.



Noticeboard



Universal Credit webinar – Wednesday 14th October at 10:00am via Zoom

Universal Credit is a means tested benefit that was first launched in 2013, and it replaces six of the older style benefits; child tax credits, working tax credits, income support, income-based Jobseekers Allowance and income-based Employment and Support Allowance.

In this free webinar, welfare benefits specialist Nicola Spruce will explain more about what Universal Credit is and how the government's 'Move to UC' strategy might affect you or somebody you are supporting

Join us for this free 1 hour presentation to find out more about the key aspects of Universal Credit and how you can prepare for being asked to move onto Universal Credit. There will be a live Q&A at the end of the presentation.

Nicola will explain:

- What Universal Credit is
- The Universal Credit claim process
- How Universal Credit awards are calculated
- What help is available for disabled people via Universal Credit
- How Universal Credit compares to older style Welfare Benefits
- More details about the government's strategy for moving people onto Universal Credit

Please note, this webinar is for specifically for parents and carers of a disabled or vulnerable person.

[For further information and to book a place please click on this link.](#)



Applications for our Facilitated Christmas Ticket Offer are now open!

We are offering to reimburse up to £25 per VI child (up to 17 years) to visit a Christmas experience, event, pantomime or light show. For further information on this offer and how to apply, visit: [Child Ticket Offer: Visit a Christmas Experience Near You! - VICTA](#)



Missed your flu vaccine?

**Do you live or attend school in the
borough of Wandsworth? Aged 4 – 16?**

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

Walk-in clinic
Saturday 10 October
10:00 – 15:00

Fayland Children's Centre, SW16 1SY

Appointment-only clinic
Tuesday 27 October
10:00 – 14:30

Wandsworth Town Hall, SW18 2PU

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





Mental health support in South West London

Where to find help for yourself
or someone else

If you are currently a patient with one of our services:

Between 9am and 5pm Monday-Friday, contact the team providing your care using the details they have provided and follow any arrangements they have made with you for accessing support.

Outside these times, call **NHS 111** and select the **mental health** option. You can call for yourself or someone else. The phoneline is open 24/7 to people of all ages.

If you are not currently a patient with us:



Non-urgent: I need mental health support

Your GP - Contact your GP for mental health advice and guidance, including making a referral.



NHS Talking Therapies - Self-refer to NHS Talking Therapies for anxiety and depression.



NHS Every Mind Matters - Find tips, guides, tools and activities to support and improve your mental health.



NHS website - Find information and support for your mental health.



Urgent: I am in mental health crisis and need support now

Crisis Line - Call **NHS 111** and select the **mental health** option. You can call for yourself or someone else. The phoneline is open 24/7 to people of all ages.

Crisis Text Service - You can get mental health crisis support through WhatsApp. To start a conversation, message **0303 330 1511** on WhatsApp.

CAMHS Crisis Line - If you're a child, young person, or a parent/carer worried about a young person's mental health, call **0203 228 5980**. The line is open every day from 9am to 11pm.



Recovery Cafés - If you're 18 or over, visit a Recovery Café where you can get help with mental health issues.



Crisis tools - Find practical tools to help yourself cope in a crisis on the Mind website.



Life-threatening emergency

Call 999 or attend A&E if someone's life is at risk during a mental health crisis – for example, risk of a medical emergency, serious injury or overdose, or if you have concerns about your physical health that require immediate medical attention.



For more information about these services and other support options, scan the QR code or visit www.swlstg.nhs.uk/urgent-help