



LINLITHGOW PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

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June 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our June newsletter and to the last newsletter of this session. This year has flown past in school, in a blaze of positivity, exciting learning experiences and a wider variety of opportunities for children. Once again, our children continue to enjoy many different successes, across the entire curriculum and we are so proud of them all. Every single child in our school is treated as an individual and we are grateful for the unique gifts that they bring to our school. We will detail all of our class and individual achievements, in our end of term Achievement Sway, which will be sent out to all families on the last week of term.

Thank you so much for all of your support this session. By continuing to work together, we really can do the best for the children in our care. Have a wonderful summer everyone and take care. 😊

P7 Transition to S1: Our P7 transition programme is now in full swing, and shortly, our P7 pupils will undertake their transition days either at Linlithgow Academy or at their new, school. Our P7 leaver's show will take place on **Thursday 26th June at 5.30pm**, for all P7 parents/carers, friends and family. We hope to make the next few weeks in school, a very special time for P7 and a fitting ending to their time with us here at LPS. We wish every single, P7 pupil well. Good luck to you all and thank you for all that you've contributed to our school.

Staffing: 2025-2026:

As you are all aware, we will be saying a fond farewell to Mrs Matos, our lovely Acting Depute Headteacher at the end of term. Mrs Matos is moving on to start a new venture out with education. She will still be a 'friend of the school' and you may still see her, from time to time, as she helps us with school projects, in the future. Thank you so much Mrs Matos for all that you have done to help our staff, children and their families, during your time with us. We will miss you!

I am delighted once again, to let you know that Mrs Zoe Gordon, currently Acting Principal Teacher at Parkhead Primary, will join us from August as Acting Depute Headteacher. Mrs Matos will be handing over her remit to Mrs Gordon, in coming weeks to ensure a smooth transition for all.

We are also going to be saying a sad 'good-bye' to Miss Crosson at the end of term. Miss Crosson is moving on to a new job in education. We are grateful for all of the support that Miss Crosson has given to our children, during her time with us at Linlithgow Primary and we wish her well.

In August, we will have two, new teachers joining us. We are looking forward to welcoming them to our school and we will provide more details of this, in due course.



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Class Structure for Session 2025-2026: As detailed in the May newsletter, we are pleased to announce that there will be no change to our class structure, this session, which will ensure continuity for our children. Our class structure will remain as follows:

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| P1A | P4 |
| P1B | P5A |
| P2A | P5B |
| P2B | P6A |
| P3 | P6B |
| P4/3 | P7A |
| | P7B |

Next session, our P3, P4/3 and P4 classes will return to being in the Middle Area of the school, with P3 and P4/3 children lining up and using the Kingfisher door to enter and leave school, and P4 children, using the side-door at the P4 area. This method of lining up will ease congestion for all pupils, at the Kingfisher door. In coming weeks, our infant staff will be practising the 'lining-up' process and which area the children should do this in, so that everyone feels calm and confident on their first day in August. 😊

As a reminder for all families, our first day of session 2025-26 is on Wednesday 13th August 2025.

Learning, Teaching and Assessment: Health and Wellbeing: Transitions and Changes: This month, all pupils, from P1-7, will be taking part in a block of learning in Health and Wellbeing, around the theme of Transitions and Changes. Children will be supported to talk about milestones and changes with in their own lives and how these can affect our feelings and emotions. We will be giving children strategies to manage change including; adopting a growth mindset, understanding that all feelings are normal, knowing that it's okay to feel down sometimes and also understanding that change can often bring good things.

We have a number of pupils in school who will be supported to make a calm, happy move into their new class, in August, through an enhanced transition. We will reach out to you, to let you know, if your child will be part of this process. As always, if you feel like your child needs more support, at any time, please let us know.

P7 Rotary Quiz Winners: District Finals in Kirkintilloch: Third Place Achievement!

Our amazing P7 Rotary Quiz Team; compromised of Siddu, Jacob, Georgia E and Leah, took a fantastic third place in the district finals of the Rotary Quiz, which took place in Kirkintilloch in the middle of May. There were schools from all over South, West, East and Central Scotland, so coming third was a massive achievement for our team. The children represented our school so well, on the day, displaying lovely manners and positive attitudes. We are so proud of them all. What a great achievement for our school! 😊



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P6-7 Show: Oliver Performance: Our P6-7 cast members sang, danced and performed their hearts out, during our recent sell-out performances of Oliver. We were amazed by the talents of all of the children who took part, in both performances, but we feel that our two, 'Olivers' deserve a special 'shout out'. A massive well done to both Zac and Ianna for depicting the role of Oliver, so beautifully and in their own unique style. We feel that a career in performing arts, is definitely on the cards for some of our children. Well done to you all and a huge thank you to Mrs Chisholm and Ms Quigley for their hard work in putting the show together. Thank you also to our parent volunteers: Mrs Brown for playing the piano and to Mrs McGowan for making all of our marvellous props. Well done for a fantastic show everyone!

School Football Teams: Round Table Tournament, Sunday 8th June: On Sunday 8th June, our school football teams, supported by Miss Hunter, will take part in the Round Table Football Tournament at Xcite, Linlithgow. The football tournament runs all morning, and all family and friends are welcome to come along to Xcite to cheer our teams on. Thank you so much to Miss Hunter who has volunteered her time, to support our football teams this session. Go Team LPS!

Pupil Equity Group: Blether Café: Thursday 29th May: Feedback: Our Social Enterprise, Blether Café, was bustling with activity, last Thursday, when members of the Linlithgow community, and friends and family, from further afield joined us. There was a beautiful selection of cakes and home-baking on offer, as well as a special, summer treat of ice-cream! It was lovely to see everyone in our community come together for such a good cause. Once again, a proportion of the profits from the café is donated to West Lothian School Clothing Bank. We are grateful to Mrs Matos, Mrs Ferguson and the Pupil Equity Group for running the cafe. We are also delighted to let you know that the Pupil Equity Group has once again recognised for their work, through the Social Enterprise Awards. A huge congratulations to you all! We get such lovely feedback, from members of the public who attend our café, and this is testament to the efforts of the staff and pupils who organise it, each month. What a fantastic effort! 😊

UNCRC/Children's Right of the Month: Articles 3 and 24: National Walking Month (May): This month's article fits in very well with our recent Health Week. National Walking Month, encourages people in our community to get outdoors and walking. Walking is an easy, sustainable form of exercise and it can benefit all members of the family, including the family dog. 😊 Short walks of twenty minutes are a perfect way to start to build stamina for longer walks, hikes and treks. There are lots of easy ways to fit walking into a busy lifestyle, including walking to school, walking around the garden and walking when out, as a family, at the weekend. Keep walking everyone!



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Partnership Working: Linlithgow Deacons Court/Gala Day Committee: We are always delighted to work with Linlithgow Deacons and the Gala Day Committee, to promote the involvement of children and families in this year's Linlithgow Marches and Linlithgow and Linlithgow-Bridge Children's Gala Day.

Children are invited to enter the Decorated Bike Competition on the day of the Marches **(Tuesday 17th June)** and/or to watch the procession, wave a flag and join in the fun.

On the Gala Day **(Saturday 21st June)**, children are invited to walk in the procession with our school and/or to watch the crowning ceremony, at the Peel, with their family.

Good luck to all of the pupils, in our school, who will represent Linlithgow Primary in the Gala Day retinue. We wish you a fabulous day.

Have a wonderful Marches and Gala Day everyone! May the sun shine for us all!

Pupil Leadership Groups: Sewing Bees and Woodwork Warriors: Our Nursery and P1, Sewing Bees, Pupil Leadership Group recently made weavings using the book, 'Money Puzzle' as a stimulus. The children enjoyed choosing a character from the book, to make as a weaving. The Woodwork Warriors group, have been making models out of wood, based on their own interests. A great deal of skills-based learning as well as a lot of fun, has been made by all. Thank you to all Nursery and P1 staff who support this venture. We will continue our highly successful Nursery and P1, Pupil Leadership Groups, next session, to enable children to develop a range of skills for the world of work.

Educational Benefits: School Clothing Grants/Free School Meals: As we begin to make plans for next session and a new year in school, we'd like to point all eligible families in the direction of educational benefits and how to apply for these. If you think that your child might be eligible for these please complete an application online, at www.westlothian.gov.uk/mealsandclothing. For further information please e-mail EducationBenefits@westlothian.gov.uk. If you'd like more help with the application process, please speak to our office staff who would be more than happy to assist you with this. 😊

Family Learning Event: Phone Smart Workshop: Thursday 12th June @ 6pm:

Reminder: A little reminder about our next Family Learning event which will take place on **Thursday 12th June at 6pm**, in our school hall. The event will hopefully help parents/carers, who are interested, to feel empowered to support children's use of mobile phones. We know that today's 'online world' and use of social media can be a daunting landscape for parents and carers to navigate and we hope that the workshop will give everyone the confidence and information that they need, to be able to support their children to stay safe online and to help positive choices. Please come along to the school hall, on Thursday 12th June at 6pm if you are interested to learn more.

In addition to this parental workshop, similar workshops will run for our P6 and P7 pupils, on the same day.



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Mobile Phone Use in School: Reminder: From August, our school will be a 'mobile phone free zone' for all pupils, meaning that personal mobile phones/devices will no longer be used in learning experiences at the P5-7 stages. Children can still have a mobile phone in school, if this is needed for safety and for walking to and from school. As per the norm, this should be handed in to class teachers, each morning, for safe keeping, and all devices can be collected by children, for walking home, at the end of the school day.

Uniform Swap Shop: Friday 6th June: Our next Uniform Swap Shop will take place on **Friday 6th June** from 8.50am until 11.30am, in our school foyer. Please note that this will be the last Swap Shop of the session. Please feel free to come along and either donate or pick-up any 'pre-loved' school clothing, to set your child up for returning to school in August. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parent helpers who have given up their free time on a Friday morning, to run the Swap Shops for us, this year. Thank you all. 😊

Health Week Success: Our 2024-2025 Health Week, was a wonderful success in all ways and lots of fun was had by all pupils from Nursery to P7. The sun shone for us on Sports Day and children enjoyed the potted sports on offer as well as the short and longer races. Thank you to all family and friends who came along and cheered on children, during Sports Day. It was lovely to see you all!

Over the course of the week, pupils got the chance to try a number of different sports including archery, American football, hockey, football and cricket to name but a few. Children also had the chance to make healthy smoothies, using a Smoothie Bike, and to take part in some activities for mental wellbeing, including Drawing and Talking. Thank you to Mrs Cameron, Mrs Matos and all of our partner agencies who supported Health Week.

Nursery News: Staying Fit and Healthy and The Kodaly Music Method: Our nursery children had a busy Health Week, playing on the trikes and bikes outdoors, enjoying smoothies and taking part in yoga and mindfulness sessions.

We are very lucky that one of our parents, Mrs Brown, has started a block of Kodaly music teaching, with children on Friday mornings. The Kodaly method uses a child-developmental approach to develop understanding and skills in music. Musical skills are introduced according to the capabilities of the child. New concepts are taught, beginning with concepts that are easiest for the child, and progressing to the more difficult. Children are first introduced to musical concepts through experiences such as listening, singing, or movement. Concepts are constantly reviewed and reinforced through games, movement, songs, and exercises.

Assembly Calendar: Well done to P3/2 and P2 who led beautiful assemblies about inclusion/diversity and being kind. Thank you also to P3 who presented a marvellous assembly on staying fit and healthy.



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Our Forthcoming Assemblies for the remainder of Term 4:

- Friday 6th June- Class assembly led by P1A and P1B (parent/carers invited at 9.45am)
- Friday 13th June- Class assembly led by P4A (parents/carers invited at 9.45am)
- Thursday 19th June- Wellbeing Assembly (Transitions and Changes) led by Miss Baillie
- Friday 27th June- Wellbeing Assembly (Summer Safety) led by Miss Baillie

Sun Safety: Term 4: Even though the fine weather has turned a little of late, as a reminder, please continue to ensure that children wear sun cream when coming to school, each day, and bring a cap and water-bottle to school with them on hot days. Please also, make sure that children bring a waterproof jacket to school, each day. We plan to be outdoors a lot of the time, this month, and want all children to feel comfortable, in all weathers. Thank you for your support with this. 😊

Pupil Writing: This month our P5 pupils have been completing 'buddy application forms' as a skill for work and also, as part of our P1 'buddying process'. Please see the work of Ben, in P5A whose application particularly, captured us. We hope that you like it too. 😊

My name is Ben and my class is Primary 5A. I would love to be a buddy and I'm very excited! I remember when I was starting school. I was very nervous but when I got my buddy, it helped with that. I will be like that too, and always help.

I am fun and playful and my friends think I'm funny! I'll play any game they want me to play. I can also show them some other fun games. I'll be very responsible and if they don't know anyone in their class, I'll help them make friends!

I will respect them and listen to their ideas. If they do something mean or unkind, then I will gently ask them not to do that and to do something else. If they get hurt, I will help them and tell staff. Thank you for reading my application. I hope that I can be a P1 buddy and make a difference.

Well done Ben! We know that you'll make an absolutely fabulous buddy.

Summer Holiday Dates: 27th June-12th August: As the summer holidays draw nearer, we'd like to remind all families that we break up on Friday 27th June at 12.25pm and that session, 2025-26, will commence on **Wednesday 13th August**, for P1-7 pupils. We wish all of our pupils a happy summer period and we look forward to seeing everyone again, in August.

Child Protection: Keeping All Children Safe: Summer Holiday Period: Over the summer holiday, period if anyone in our school community is concerned about the welfare of any of our children, concerns can be reported to Broxburn Social Work Department on (01506 284440), leaving the child's name and stating the concern. Many thanks for our support with this important matter.



REMINDERS:

Parking and Stopping around School: Please drive and park safely on Preston Road for the safety of all children. Please also, avoid using our school car park for parking or stopping at any time. The car park is for staff use only, unless you are a Blue Badge holder.

Child Protection: Please speak to Miss Baillie/Mrs Matos if you have any concerns about the safety or welfare of any child in our school community. You can also phone Broxburn Social Work Department (Children and Families), to report a concern for any child on 01506 284440 at any time. It's the job of everyone to keep children safe.

P.E Kit: Please can we ask that children have a P.E kit available at all times in school? Sometimes, staff will take children for an extra P.E lesson and or activity that is better suited to sportswear. In younger years, a P.E kit is helpful if children have an accident and need to be changed in school. Thank you for your help with this.

Drinks in school: Please help us to help our children to learn best, by only providing water for them to drink in school. We don't allow energy drinks in school as many of these aren't recommended for children's consumption.

Dogs in the playground: Please remember that it is West Lothian Council policy that dogs are not allowed in our school playground or grounds at any time. Thank you for your help with this important matter.

Labelling clothing: We still have a large volume of lost property in school each day. Please help us to re-unite lost items with their owner by labelling all items that children wear and/or bring to school.

Outdoor Clothing: Please help us to allow children to play and learn outdoors, in all weathers, by ensuring that they come to school wearing waterproof jackets and have appropriate footwear. Many thanks for your help with this.



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DATES FOR DIARIES:

- Thursday 5th June- P7 transition Rugby Festival at Linlithgow Rugby Club.
- Thursday 5th June- identified P6 pupils at Young Leaders of Learning event, Linlithgow Academy.
- Friday 6th June- 8.50-11.30am, Uniform Swap Shop in school foyer.
- Friday 6th June- P1A & P1B class assembly, parents/carers welcome at 9.45am.
- Sunday 8th June- school football teams at Round Table Football Tournament, Xcite Linlithgow.
- Monday 9th June- P6 trip to Edinburgh Zoo.
- Tuesday 10th June- P5 trip to Dynamic Earth.
- Thursday 12th June- 6pm, Family Learning Event: Phone Smart Workshop (school hall).
- Friday 13th June- P4A class assembly, parents/carers welcome at 9.45am.
- Monday 16th - Friday 20th June- 'Make Music Week' in school for all classes.
- Monday 16th June- P7 trip to Blair Drummond.
- Monday 16th June- Pupil Progress Reports and Class/Teacher information for session 25-26 to all parents/carers- please check bags that evening!
- Tuesday 17th June- Linlithgow Marches holiday, school closed, Nursery open.
- Wednesday 18th – Friday 20th June- P7 transition visit to Linlithgow Academy.
- Thursday 19th June- P1 trip to Almond Valley.
- Thursday 19th June- P2, P3/2 and P3 trip to Linlithgow Palace.
- Friday 20th June- Mrs Matos and Pupil Equity Group members at Social Enterprise Awards, Edinburgh.
- Friday 20th June- 'Move it Up' transition morning for P1-6 pupils- A chance to meet new teachers and visit new classrooms. 😊
- Thursday 26th June- P7 Leavers' Show at 5.30pm in school hall.
- Friday 27th June- break for Summer Holidays at 12.25pm.
- **Wednesday 13th August- All pupils return to school. Nursery will remain open throughout the Summer Holiday.**

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