



# LINLITHGOW PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

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**June 2026**

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach the end of another highly successful, school year, we are grateful to all staff, pupils and families for their continued support, dedication and enthusiasm for our school. It has been a school year, filled with achievement, growth and memorable experiences and we are immensely proud of all that our school community, has accomplished, together. As we reflect on the many successes of the past year and look forward to new opportunities ahead, this final newsletter celebrates the hard work, resilience and spirit that makes our school such a special place.

Thank you all for being part of our team. Take care and have a wonderful summer holiday, when it comes.



**Learning, Teaching and Assessment/School Curriculum: Health and Wellbeing: Transitions and Changes:** During the month of June, all pupils will be learning about Transitions and Changes as part of their work in wellbeing. Children will explore what change means to them, learning about the different transitions that we make on a daily basis, and throughout the different milestones in our lives. As part of this, children will learn about 'moving on' to a new class and a new teacher, in August 2026. They will be supported to talk about the different feelings that they may experience around this, whilst being reminded that although we might feel a little nervous around change, it often brings good things.

**Staffing for Session 26-27: Update:** We are still finalising staffing for session 2026-2027 and will bring news of this to all families on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June**. We can confirm that we will be welcoming a new staff member, into our team for next session, which is very exciting news!

Mrs Rowlings will be with us from August-September 2026, and she will then leave us to start her maternity leave.

**Reminder: Classes/Teachers for Session 2026-27: Information to be sent home on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June:** A reminder that all parents/carers will be given information of their child's class and the name of their new teacher, on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June**. This is also, the date that pupil progress reports will be sent home in school bags. We will remind you all to check bags, carefully, that evening, nearer to the date. We hope that this information is helpful for everyone. We also hope that you enjoy reading your child's report and finding out about their progress, over the year, when the time comes. A small number of our pupils will be given an enhanced transition to their new class, for August. We will let parents/carers know if we feel that your child, would benefit from this additional support. All other pupils will be supported to make a smooth and happy transition, through our Transitions and Changes programme, which runs each June, in all classes (P1-7).

**Safeguarding/Pupil Wellbeing: Summer Holidays:** The safety and wellbeing of our children, is always paramount to us, in school. As we approach the summer holidays, we'd like to remind all parents/carers of how to report a concern about a child, within the wider community, when school is closed. Any concerns around a child's welfare can be reported to West Lothian Council Children and Families (Social Work), (01506 282252) or via the NSPCC, by phoning (0808 800 500) or by email at [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk).

Thank you for your support with this important matter.



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**Education Benefits: School Clothing Grants and Free School Meals:** Applications are now open for School Clothing Grants and Free School Meals, for session 26-27. If you'd like to apply for this support, for your child and think that your family would be eligible, please click on the link, below, for more information.

<https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/mealsandclothing>

**Pupil Equity Funding: Participatory Budgeting Consultation: Results:** Next session, our school will receive around £31,000 in Pupil Equity Funding, to help us to close the poverty-related attainment gap for children, in school. A small percentage of this, (£900), is allocated to participatory budgeting, which means that children, staff and families can decide as to how the money should be spent. Through a recent consultation, we can confirm that most children, staff and families requested that the money be used to buy new playground toys and equipment. We will therefore enjoy 'topping-up' our supply of playground toys, and will bring more news of our new purchases, in the autumn. Thank you to all families who took part in the consultation.

**Linlithgow Street Fair: Ball Race News:** We are delighted to report that we have received £199 into our School Fund, as a result of the recent, Deacons Court, Ball Race at Linlithgow Street Fair. This money will be used to directly benefit children, in classrooms. We are extremely grateful to the Deacons Court, for running this event, once again, to support local schools. We also had an individual pupil, Archie in P1, who won a Mac's Voucher at the Street Fair. Well done Archie and enjoy your ice cream! 😊

**Linlithgow Ski Team News: April-June:** Our Ski Team have had an outstanding season, both as a team and as individuals. Callum (P7), Logan (P6), Rupert (P6), Ansen (P5) and Oscar (P4), have come in top rankings, for their category, at a number of recent, national events including at Silksworth, Manchester (indoor), Pendle Club National and Rosendale Club National. We wish the boys lots of luck for their next event, which is the final round of the Scottish Schools Snowsports Association Dry Ski Championships, at Hillend, on 16<sup>th</sup> June. We continue to be amazed by the success of these pupils and are proud of how well they are representing our school, in the sport of skiing.

**School Achievement: Reading Schools Gold Award:** We were thrilled to hear the news, this week, that our school has been awarded the Gold Award for being a Reading School. This award, has taken several years to accomplish and is testament to the work of Mrs Bryce and her Novel Navigators, Pupil Voice Committee. The award recognises the fact that we have a well-established 'reading culture' across all areas of our school, and that we promote reading within our local community. As part of the award, we recently had children reading to residents at Linlithgow Care Home, which brought sheer joy, to all involved. Well done to Mrs Bryce and all pupils involved, for all of your hard work. This award is a big accolade for our school, and we couldn't be more pleased to have received it.



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**Pupil Achievements: Young Engineer Award: P2 and P6:** Two of our pupils, Amy in P6 and Jessica in P2, recently gained 'Highly Commended' awards for their Young Engineer designs. The requirement of the competition was to design a device to help or improve life for someone. Amy chose to design a communication-tool to help a person with hearing-loss and Jessica created a robot, to help children to find friends in a playground. Both ladies, attended a special awards ceremony, at Napier University as part of their win. Well done to you both! A number of children across P2, P4 and P6 also had their designs shortlisted and displayed at the event at Napier. We are so proud of all of our pupils for their achievements in STEM.

**Pupil Achievements: Gymnastics: P2:** Sophie and Nora in P2, both achieved medals for 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place, respectively, in a recent gymnastics competition.

**Sharing the Learning: End of Term Achievement SWAY:** Before the end of term we will send out our Sharing the Learning, Achievements SWAY, to all parents/carers. The SWAY will detail an achievement for the term, from each class, as well as celebrating individual pupil achievements from, within school and out with. Thank you to all families, who have shared children's achievements with us. We look forward to celebrating a wide variety of pupil achievements in this SWAY. Look out the link to the SWAY, in your inbox, before the end of term.

**Health and Wellbeing: Health Week Feedback:** This year's Health Week, ran like clockwork, thanks to the efforts of Mrs Cameron and her superb organisation and timetabling skills, and as a result, all classes in school, including our nursery, took part in a range of fun, sporting activities. Tennis, bowling, dance, Junior Parkrun, Judo, Grizzfit, football and golf, were just some of the different sports, that children were able to try. The week culminated with a fun run for P1-7 classes, on the pitch, on the Friday morning. We are extremely grateful to our wider partners, who came in to support us with Health Week and to all staff, who assisted with activities, over the course of the week. Thank you all!

One of our P4 children, Iona, has written about her experience of Health Week:

*Last week was health week and everyone in my school joined in. And we did all our activities in our playground or on our pitch. We all did it to get fit and have fun.*

*First on Monday we did Judo. It was very fun and we got to wrestle our class mates. It was very fun because we got to learn new skills. And after we got to try them out. And our Judo instructor was very kind and funny. And over all I enjoyed it. And also it was my first time trying Judo.*

*After that, I did Grizz fit. At grizz fit we got to lift weights and work out. And for our warm up we did different exercises. And we also did some really fun games. And after all that we did a big run. Although we were tired out and hot it was all very fun and exciting. And now I did that I think I will try it out more at home or at school. And I hope that we can do grizz fit another Tuesday. And over all I really enjoyed Grizz fir.*

*Finally, on Thursday we did dance for 30 minutes. We did dance with our deputy head teachers daughter. When we were there we played buzzy bee's. And we also made a dance. The dance was to a good song. And now I think I really like dancing.*



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**Health and Wellbeing: Sports Day Success:** Thank you to all families who came along to support pupils on Sports Day. We were blessed with a sunny day, and all children had a ball, trying the different potted sports and taking part in the races. Thank you to Miss Farooq, for organising Sports Day and to all of the pupils at Linlithgow Academy, who came along to help. Congratulations to all pupils in Douglas House, for gaining the highest number of points at Sports Day. A great day was had by all. 😊

**STEM Room/Maker Spacers Plea: Construction Toys:** At this time of year, and as we begin to re-stock classrooms for August, we'd love any donations of 'pre-loved' construction toy sets, that families may have lying around at home and no longer want or need. Lego is particularly loved by children in our school, so any Lego sets would be particularly appreciated, however, we are happy to accept any construction toys, that are still in good condition. Thank you for any support, that families can give with this.

**Outdoor Learning News: Celebrating our Work in School: Growing and Harvesting:** Our P7 gardening group, have been able to harvest some of the salad vegetables that they have been growing in our planters, around school. The fine weather, has caused our lettuces to flourish and it's been lovely for children to be able to pick these, and put them on to our Sharing Shelf, for families to take home and enjoy. Children have learned about the journey from planting a seed, through to harvesting a crop to eat, and they have diligently watered the plants, on dry days, making sure that they survive. Thank you to Mrs Connor, Miss Noble and to our volunteer, Mr Gordon for supporting this group.

**Partnership Working: Linlithgow Bowling Club:** We are pleased to continue our partnership with Linlithgow Bowling Club, and were thrilled to welcome volunteers from the club, into school, during Health Week, to develop children's skills in the sport of carpet bowls. All children really enjoyed learning how to roll the bowls and taking part, in short competitive matches.

**Forthcoming Holiday Dates: Marches Day Holiday: Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June: Reminder:** As a reminder, our school will be closed to staff and pupils for Linlithgow Marches Day on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June. We will re-open on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 8.50am. Nursery will remain open on Marches Day, at the usual times. We hope that everyone has a lovely Marches Day, whether you choose to stay in the town to enjoy the celebrations or are going further afield. Happy Marches! 😊

**Reminder: Parking in Our School Car Park:** Sadly, we've experienced some damage to staff vehicles, this session, in the staff car park. Please can we remind all families, that our car park is for the use of staff only. We know that parking around our school can be difficult and we'd ask families to walk to nursery/school as much as possible. Where this isn't an option, please park safely and sensibly. Please also, avoid parking in our disabled space, unless you are a 'blue badge' holder. Thank you so much for your support with this.

**House System: House Treat: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June:** On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June, our winning House, of the term, will have their House Treat. Once all of the House Points have been counted and the winning House has been determined, pupils will 'spin the wheel' of treats, to select the chosen treat. We wonder what the chosen treat will be! 😊



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**P7 Leaver's Assembly: Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 5.30pm:** Our P7 parents/carers are warmly invited to come along to school, on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 5.30pm, to say a fond farewell to our lovely, P7 pupils and to celebrate the children's successes over the course of the session.

**Reminder: Changing for P.E:** For hygiene reasons and to practise the life skill of changing, organising clothes and sorting personal belongings, we encourage all children to change for P.E during each lesson. We would really appreciate the support of all parents/carers to ensure that all children have a gym kit in school for changing into, or that they come to school with their P.E kit on, under their school clothes, ready to change for P.E, on P.E days. Thank you for your support with this, we're so grateful.

**UNCRC/Children's Right of the Month: Article 23 – The Right to Special Care and Education for Children with Disabilities:** This month, we are raising awareness of Article 23, which talks about a child's right to special care and education if they have any form of disability including, physical or mental health needs. At Linlithgow Primary School, we are passionate about removing barriers to learning for all of our pupils, and to ensure that we are a welcoming, inclusive school where all children feel that they belong. Through a range of different supports and interventions, both within school and sometimes, with the assistance of partner agencies, children are given the help that they need to make progress, and to flourish. In recognition of this, we have received Disability Confident Employer status, for our school. We treat our children as individuals, knowing what helps one child, may not be the right support for another. We will always listen to children and their parents/carers, to ensure that we 'get it right' for children, with the resources that we have available to us.

**End of Year: Pupil Treat: Linlithgow's Big Karaoke: Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June:** On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June, we are planning to hold a karaoke for all classes (P1-7) in our school, gym hall. Each class, will choose a song to sing along to, on the 'big screen' at our karaoke. We hope that all pupils (and staff) have lots of fun!

**Assembly Calendar: Term 4:** Well done to P5A for a superb, child-led assembly around the pupils' learning on natural disasters. Primary 1A and Primary 1B, also recently, held a beautiful assembly to celebrate their learning over the course of their first year in school-there was not a dry eye in the audience!

Here is a reminder of the remaining assemblies, for this term:

- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June- Class assembly- led by P2B- parents/carers invited at 9.45am
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June- Wellbeing Assembly- 'Transitions and Changes'
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June- Wellbeing Assembly- 'Summer Safety'



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**Pupil Writing: This month, we'd like to feature some of the work of our P5A pupils. Well done to all children involved.**

Well done to Amelia, for getting us all in the mood for a holiday, with the following piece..

*"On a sunny beach in Miami, I can feel the soft sand on my toes. It is as soft, as you feel at your home. I can hear the waves crashing on the soft sand. I can see the green leaves hardly moving- they are as still as the sun. I can see the deep, blue sea. I can smell the coconuts on the palm trees. The sun is shining bright. The beach is noisy but peaceful. I run to the boiling sea to cool down, but that doesn't help. I have to order water to chuck on my face. "*

Congratulations to Tesni, for her creative piece about a squirrel's journey..

*"One cold, dewy morning a squirrel was looking for food as usual. He collected three nuts and was feeling excited as he had just spotted a very big, particularly ripe looking nut! This day couldn't get any better in a squirrel's eyes but it could get worse...*

*An owl was circling overhead, and it seemed to have spotted a snack too. It dived so fast that no-one could have seen it coming. All the squirrel knew was that he was somehow soaring through the sky! His first thought was 'sky hooks', (whatever they were?), but then he glimpsed the knife, sharp beak and strong claws that held his tail so tight and just when he was starting to panic, he saw something that made his heart plummet.*

*Soaring alongside was a midnight, black falcon, wings out and beak screeching. The owl was flying as fast as she could but was no match to the falcon, finally they turned around but she would not go down without a fight- the sound was deafening! He shut his eyes tight, expecting pain but instead he felt rushing air. He opened his eyes and what he saw, made his heart leap again, only this time, in a good way.*

*He was falling! He was free! And being a squirrel, he managed to catch a branch and pull himself up and scurry up into the leaves, where he would be camouflaged better. Up above both birds froze, then looked down at where their prey had fallen, both thinking exactly the same thing. Who would get that squirrel and could the unnamed squirrel escape again?"*

Well done to Grace M, for story entitled 'The Forest and Avery'...

*"One day, in a forest there were birds, foxes and insects. It was as silent as the wind blowing. It was dark and misty with damp leaves and rain.*

*As Avery walked into the deep, dark, damp forest, leaves clung to her soles and rain dripped down her hood. Avery came to a lake. It was a small, thin lake. She dipped her finger into the water, and it nipped. It was a chilly day, and Avery was walking down further, then she slipped! She got mud on her back, but she got up and continued. Then she saw a massive tree. As Avery ran up to it, there was a little opening in the trunk that sucked her in. Then she woke up and saw a strange figure on all fours. "Hello," said the little thing. It's a squirrel's home! Wow! She could smell nuts, and feel fluffy, squirrels. She could see squirrels working, around her. Avery saw a beautiful sight as all of the squirrels were doing what she does daily. As she walked along, she bumped into a squirrel "I'm so sorry," said Avery. "Ugh, it's fine" said the squirrel. "What's your name?" said Avery. "I'm Jen", said the squirrel. "Wanna be friends?" said Avery. "Of course!" said Jen. "*



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## 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 or the turning circle for parking or stopping at any time. The car park is for staff use only, unless you are a Blue Badge holder, and the turning circle is for buses and coaches only.

**Child Protection:** Please speak to Miss Baillie/Mrs Gordon 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 reunite 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.

**Nut Free School:** A reminder that we are a 'nut free' school. Children should not be sent to school with nut products for snack, or with lunchboxes containing nuts or nut butters, at any time, due to the risk that this poses to children with nut allergies. This important measure will help us to keep all children safe in school. We appreciate your support with this.



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## **DATES FOR DIARIES: Remainder of Term 4 (June 2026):**

- Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June- Linlithgow Round Table Annual Football Festival at Xcite Linlithgow.
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June- School Book Festival at Linlithgow Rugby Club:
  - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June: P4 and P4/3, P5
  - Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June: P2, P3, P6 and P7
  - Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June: P1
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June- Mrs Gordon and members of Pupil Equity group at Social Enterprise Awards, Edinburgh.
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June- P5A and P5B to Dynamic Earth.
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June- Neurodivergent Learner, Parent Support Group at 2.30pm.
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June- P7A and P7B to Blair Drummond Safari Park.
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June- P2B class assembly, parents/carers welcome at 9.45am.
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June- Mrs Bryce and members of Pupil Equity group at Hear Our Voices event, Winchburgh Academy.
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June- P6 classes to the Crying of the Marches.
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June- New P1, transition afternoon in school (for children starting P1 in August)- 1.30-2.30pm.
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June- Pupil Progress Reports, plus class and teacher information for session 26-27, sent home in school bags. Please check bags carefully that evening.
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June- P7 classes at P7 Transition Rugby Festival, Linlithgow Rugby Club.
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June- Linlithgow Marches Day- school closed/nursery open.
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June-Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June- P7 transition days to Linlithgow Academy.
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June- P1A and P1B to Almond Valley Heritage Centre.
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June- Ms Daniels and group of P5 pupils to The National Robotarium, Heriot Watt University
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June- 'Move it up Friday'- P1-6 transition morning. in school- more information to follow.
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June- New P1, transition lunch in school (for children starting P1 in August)- 11.00-11.30am.
- Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June- Linlithgow and Linlithgow Bridge Gala Day. 😊
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June- P7 Leavers' Assembly at 5.30pm.
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June- School staff and pupils break for summer holidays at 12.25pm.

Return to school for session 2026-27: Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2026.

Nursery will be open all summer. 😊



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