



A Message from Kirsty

The new school year is off to a brilliant start, and after just one full week, it already feels like we're back in full rhythm. A very warm welcome to all our new families! It has been a joy to see how quickly the children have settled and embraced life at LPH.

From Pre-School to Year 8, the school is alive with energy, purpose and happy voices. The children have returned with confidence and enthusiasm, and it's been lovely to see them engaging so positively with every opportunity. A special mention goes to our Reception children, who have completed their first full week with bright smiles and boundless energy - they've taken everything in their stride!

There's a strong sense of togetherness across the school, with older pupils offering support and friendship to new classmates, and a shared spirit that makes LPH feel more like a family than a school.

Thank you for helping make the start of term so uplifting, we're looking forward to all that lies ahead!



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Pre-School

We've had a fantastic start to the term in Pre-School! The children have settled in beautifully, and we are so proud of how confidently they've embraced their new environment.

Over the past days, they've taken part in a wide variety of activities, including PE, music, forest school - and even pond dipping! It's been a joy to see their enthusiasm and curiosity shining through in everything they do.

They've also been exploring both our indoor and outdoor learning spaces, enjoying painting, role play in the home corner, story time in our cosy reading area, and engaging in many different activities designed to support their development and spark their imaginations.

Best of all, it's been wonderful to see new friendships beginning to blossom as the children play, learn, and grow together.



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Reception

Reception have had a wonderful start to the term, exploring their new environment both indoors and outdoors. They've been busy learning each other's names and settling into their new routines with enthusiasm.

A highlight has been sharing the All About Me boxes they created over the summer holiday. These have given us a lovely insight into each child's interests and experiences at home, and we've really enjoyed getting to know them better. We've also been reading *The Big Book of Families*, which has sparked meaningful discussions about the similarities and differences between families. The children have created portraits of their own families, celebrating the uniqueness of each one.

In our creative learning, we've been exploring colour mixing in a fun and hands-on way—by shaking hands! It's been a joyful and engaging start to Reception, full of curiosity, creativity, and connection.



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Year 1

The children have loved sharing their holiday news, with diaries full of exciting adventures from over six different countries, featuring beaches, mountains, and cities around the world. This tied in beautifully with our Geography topic, where children worked in pairs to explore compass points, carefully guiding their superheroes around Brighton to practise giving and following directions. Their enthusiasm was clear as they learned to use a compass in real-life contexts.

Each morning in Year 1 begins with a focused task, ranging from tricky word writing and phonics games to maths puzzles, helping everyone to get their brains switched on and ready for the day's learning.



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Year 2

Year 2 had a wonderful time at Forest School this week, making the most of the early autumn sunshine! The children explored the school grounds with curiosity and excitement - hunting for shiny conkers, gathering juicy apples, and spotting signs of the changing season.

With plenty of teamwork and big smiles, they foraged, collected, and shared their treasures, learning about nature and the environment as they went. It was a fantastic opportunity to connect with the outdoors, build friendships, and enjoy hands-on learning in a fun and active way.



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Year 3

Year 3 had a fantastic afternoon at Yellowwave, embracing every volleyball challenge with boundless energy and enthusiasm. The sunshine made the experience even more memorable, adding to the fun and excitement. While the volleyball was a definite favourite, we have a sneaking suspicion that the real highlight might have been the well-earned ice cream enjoyed by all!



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Year 4

The children have settled into the new school year with ease and enthusiasm. They've jumped straight into their learning, working hard on place value in maths and exploring our new English text, while also enjoying plenty of playtime to reconnect with friends after the summer break.

The children have shown great independence and teamwork as they navigate the school more confidently. They're quickly learning the importance of being organised- especially when it comes to remembering everything they need for lessons, as it can be quite the journey back up all those stairs!

We're so proud of how they've started the year and are looking forward to all the exciting learning and growth ahead.



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Year 5

Year 5 have enjoyed starting the term reading the first few chapters of one of Roald Dahl's most famous books – Danny Champion of the World.

We have taken time this week to celebrate the huge impact that Roald Dahl continues to have on young children with his wonderful stories and amazing characters. This was to link with Roald Dahl Day which takes place each year on 13th September. Happy Roald Dahl Day!!



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Year 6

Year 6 have settled swiftly into their new routines, embracing the term with a wonderful balance of enthusiasm and focus. Their classrooms are buzzing with learning, while laughter travels with them around the school.

The children have shown great adaptability, diving into lessons and their new timetables with confidence and curiosity, setting a positive tone for the year ahead. What a great start!



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Year 7

Year 7 had a brilliant time on their residential trip to Blackland Farm Outdoor Centre. Despite setting off in heavy rain, the skies soon cleared for a packed programme of team-building activities including rock climbing, crate stacking, zip wiring, and an assault course - all designed to help welcome new pupils into the year group.

The day ended with games, hot chocolate, and toasted marshmallows around a makeshift campfire. Thanks to our fantastic LPH kitchen team, everyone was well-fed with a hearty dinner, breakfast, and packed lunches. Year 7 returned tired but happy, with new friendships formed and a great start to the year.



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Year 8

It has been a thought-provoking start to the term from Year 8. In History, they've been learning how we uncover the past through historical sources - ranging from letters and diaries to paintings, official documents, and artefacts.

They've explored the difference between primary sources, created at the time of an event, and secondary sources, produced later, and have been evaluating the reliability and usefulness of each.

Meanwhile, in REP, students have begun studying ethics, focusing on the causes of war. 8S took part in a lively discussion, ranking different reasons for conflict from most to least ethically justifiable. Both subjects have encouraged critical thinking and debate—why not ask your child what they've discovered, and why ChatGPT isn't always the most reliable historical source!!



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Our new team of prefects have made a fantastic start to the term, setting a brilliant example for their peers.

With positivity, responsibility, and a strong sense of community, they've already begun to embody the values we hold dear at LPH. We're proud of the leadership they're showing and look forward to seeing them flourish in their roles.



Congratulations to all our pupils who received their Drama certificates this week!

We are so proud of your creativity, confidence, and commitment. Your hard work and enthusiasm for the performing arts truly shine through - well done!



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Pre-Prep to Year 4
Family Fun Day on
**SATURDAY 20
SEPTEMBER**
FROM 2PM TO 4PM.



Mowden Cup
tournament
U11 Football
**FRIDAY 19
SEPTEMBER**
2PM



Reception Parents'
Phonics and Maths
Workshop
24 SEPTEMBER



School Photographs
**FRIDAY 19
SEPTEMBER**



Year 8 Trip to
London
23 SEPTEMBER



Year 5 Trip to Royal
Courts of Justice
23 SEPTEMBER



Year 4 Trip to
Fishbourne Roman
Palace
26 SEPTEMBER



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Running for Winston's Wish – Support Sarah Olsen



On Sunday 12 October, Sarah Olsen (Kirsty's PA) will be taking on the Royal Parks Half Marathon in support of Winston's Wish - a charity that provides vital support to children and young people grieving the loss of a loved one.

Since 1992, Winston's Wish has helped tens of thousands of bereaved children through counselling, guidance, and resources.

Their work relies entirely on voluntary donations, which is why Sarah is lacing up her running shoes and taking on this challenge.

The scenic route winds through some of London's most iconic parks and landmarks, and Sarah will be running every mile in honour of the children and families Winston's Wish supports.

If you'd like to sponsor Sarah, every donation, big or small - makes a difference and helps ensure no child has to face grief alone.

Please use the link below, thank you.

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AUTUMN TERM 2025

Half term from Friday 17 October
Re-starting Monday 3 November
Term ends Friday 12 December

SPRING TERM 2026

Inset Day Monday 5 January
Term starts Tuesday 6 January
Half term from Friday 13 February
Re-starting Monday 23 February
Term ends Friday 27 March

SUMMER TERM 2026

Inset Day Monday 20 April
Term starts Tuesday 21 April
Bank Holiday Monday 4 May
Half term from Friday 22 May
Re-starting Monday 1 June
Term ends Friday 3 July



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