



## A Message from Simon



At LPH, English is a vibrant and creative part of school life. From the earliest years, pupils are immersed in stories, discussion and drama that help them grow into confident speakers, thoughtful readers and imaginative writers.

Reading sits at the heart of our approach, with children exploring a wide range of engaging texts that spark curiosity and a love of books. Writing is taught as a creative journey, encouraging pupils to experiment with ideas, develop their own style and write with purpose.

Through literature and class discussion, children also reflect on themes such as friendship, fairness and resilience, helping them understand both themselves and the wider world.

Beyond the classroom, theatre visits, debating opportunities, drama performances and author workshops enrich the curriculum and help bring English to life for every pupil.

Simon Chilton  
Head of English



### **Celebrating Reading at LPH**

#### **World Book Day Magic at LPH**

World Book Day at Lancing Prep Hove was once again a joyful celebration of stories, imagination and creativity. The day began with one of our favourite traditions, Goldilocks' Perfect Porridge - a warm and comforting start that set the tone for a day filled with literary fun.

From there, the real story began to unfold. As pupils arrived, the school quickly transformed into a vibrant world of characters leaping off the page. From classic storybook heroes to modern favourites, the corridors were alive with an incredible array of costumes, each more imaginative than the last. All the teachers joined in the fun as well, with every member of staff dressing as Where's Wally, adding to the excitement and delight of the day.

It's safe to say that the LPH bookshelf truly came to life, creating a joyful buzz around the school as pupils shared their stories, admired each other's costumes and celebrated the magic of reading together.

World Book Day continues to be a highlight of the school calendar, reminding us all of the power of books to inspire, entertain and bring communities together.



## Celebrating Reading at LPH



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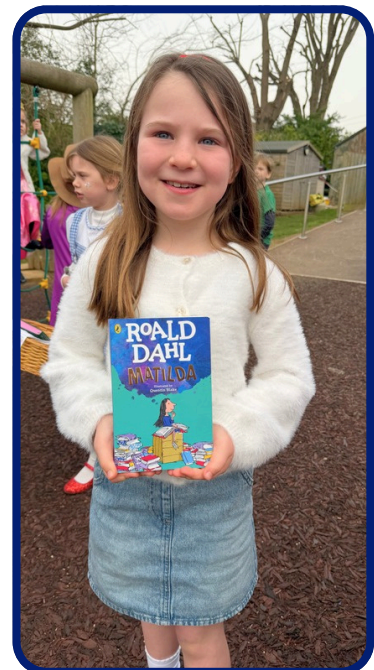
#### **Book's Got Talent**

We enjoyed an exciting new event this year with Book's Got Talent, where each year group had the chance to present the book they believed had the most talent. The children rose brilliantly to the challenge, showcasing persuasive arguments, acting, rhyme and enthusiastic whole year group participation - making the judges' job almost impossible!

After much deliberation, Year 6 (represented by Peggie and Ellie) were crowned the winners for their powerful presentation connecting The Hunger Games to International Women's Day, highlighting the strength and influence of its female characters.

An Outstanding Achievement Award was also given to Aurelia who was representing Year 2, confidently presented Matilda as her chosen book - and nearly everyone in the room raised their hand when asked who had read it!

A huge thank you goes to our judges for navigating some very tough decisions, and to all the children who stood up, spoke out and shared their love of stories so magnificently.



## **Celebrating Reading at LPH**

### **LPH Readathon Success! A Week of Remarkable Reading**

Last week, the whole school took part in our much loved annual Readathon - and what an extraordinary week it was! This year, pupils faced an ambitious new challenge: to reach 50,000 minutes of reading in just five days, an impressive leap from last year's target of 30,000.

Not only did our pupils rise to the challenge, they surpassed it with enthusiasm and determination, ultimately reading a whopping 52,136 pages across the week. Classrooms, corridors and quiet corners were filled with pupils completely absorbed in their books, embracing stories, facts and adventures of every kind.

The Readathon wasn't just about numbers; it was a celebration of the joy of reading and the shared experience of discovering new books together. Every minute spent reading also helped raise funds for our two charities - Martlets Hospice and Leukaemia UK.

Thank you to all the children's sponsors for their donations. We are just under £300 short of our £1000 target and donations are still very welcome.



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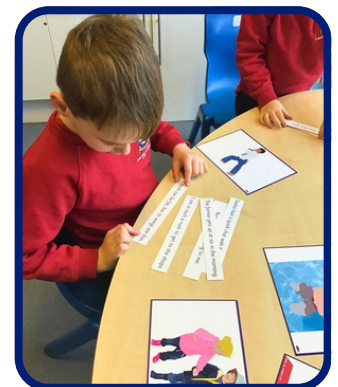
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### Learning Spotlight: English Across the School

#### Early Readers and Brilliant Storytellers

It has been wonderful to see Reception children embracing their growing literacy skills with such confidence and joy. This week, the classroom has been full of excitement as pupils played tricky word splat, hunted for digraphs, and used their new phonics knowledge to read and write independently. They've also loved sharing books together, building early reading habits that will serve them well for years to come.

The children learnt the story of Billy and the Beast using a story map to help them remember key events and vocabulary. Once they were familiar with the structure, they showed fantastic creativity by changing the characters and retelling the story in their own imaginative ways. To complete the project, they recorded their retellings to proudly share with their families - a lovely moment of storytelling confidence and performance.



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### Growing Readers, Writers and Communicators

Year 1 have been enjoying their weekly visits to our cosy school library, spending time browsing books, sharing stories with friends and choosing favourites to take home - wonderful moments that help nurture a genuine love of reading.

In English, the children have been using Talk for Writing to explore Handa's Surprise through actions, story maps and shared retelling. After tasting the fruit from the story, they used adjectives to describe each one and explored verbs and adverbs to show how the animals might move - all helping to build confident young writers with a strong sense of story.

Across the curriculum, the children have also been developing their communication skills. In Geography, they worked together to organise pictures by country, explaining their thinking and giving reasons for their choices. This encouraged careful observation, clear speaking and thoughtful discussion - all important foundations for literacy.



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#### **Journeying into Leon and the Place Between**

Year 3 have been utterly captivated by their class book, *Leon and the Place Between*. This beautifully illustrated and richly descriptive text has sparked wonder, imagination and thoughtful discussion throughout the classroom. The children have been spellbound by both the pictures and words, which have inspired some exceptional English work.

The story has provided opportunities to explore key reading skills such as inference, prediction and creative writing. Pupils have engaged deeply with the magical setting, drawing meaning from the illustrations and using clues from the narrative to predict what might happen next.

To bring their learning together, Year 3 wrote their own book reviews - and the feedback was glowing. Every child awarded the book nothing less than 3½ stars, a testament to just how much they enjoyed stepping into Leon's world of wonder and illusion.



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#### **Mastering Keywords and Exploring The Iron Man**

Year 4 have been busy investigating keywords - identifying the essential words that capture the main ideas of a topic. Pupils practised grouping words by category and challenged one another to guess the themes, helping them strengthen their understanding and improve their ability to pick out what truly matters in a text. Highlighting unfamiliar words also opened the door to valuable vocabulary discussions.



The class has been completely absorbed in reading *The Iron Man*. After weeks of anticipation, the excitement was real when they finally reached the last chapter in week 7- and it certainly did not disappoint! Their thoughtful thank you letters to *The Iron Man* showed just how much the story resonated with them and how deeply they appreciated his heroic actions.

The children proudly chose *The Iron Man* as their book for the school's "Book's Got Talent" event on World Book Day. Working together, they even created and performed a rap explaining why it deserved to win — a brilliant blend of teamwork, creativity and enthusiasm.

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#### **Readathon Data Detectives**

During this year's Readathon, 7P put their mathematical and analytical skills to work by exploring the data from the form's reading. They calculated the percentage of the school's total minutes that belonged to their class and investigated how many pages would have been read if everyone increased their totals by 10%. With impressive reading figures (including Aaron and Zara each reading over 500 pages in just four days!) there was plenty of rich data to analyse. A fantastic blend of literacy and numeracy in action!



## **Hands-On Learners: Discovering through doing**

### An Inspiring Visit from Author Sarah Crossan

A select group of Year 8 pupils joined students from Lancing Worthing and Year 9 from the College for a special talk by local poet and novelist Sarah Crossan. She offered an engaging insight into her writing process while sharing ideas from her newest book, *Gone for Good*.

The talk was interactive, lively and full of inspiration, and the students were thrilled to meet Sarah afterwards and have their books signed. They left energised, eager to read and excited to develop their own writing further.



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## Online Calendar



Looking for information on our upcoming fixtures and events?  
Head over to our online school calendar for the latest  
information:

[www.lancingprephovecalendar.org.uk](http://www.lancingprephovecalendar.org.uk)



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**CODE: 'EARLYBIRD' FOR 10% OFF BEFORE 9 MARCH**

**AGES 5-12**

## EASTER ACTIVITY CAMP

At Lancing College

**YOUNG ARTIST WORKSHOPS**   **TEAM SPORTS**   **FARM VISITS**

**GROUP GAMES**   **PERFORMING ARTS**   **FOOTBALL CAMPS**

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## AFTER SCHOOL CLUB SPRING TERM 2026



"MY SON HAD SO MUCH FUN. HE WANTS TO GO BACK FOR MORE TOMORROW!"

"MY DAUGHTER WAS FULL OF BEANS AND BURSTING WITH LOVELY STORIES WHEN I COLLECTED HER"

**FUN, EXERCISE, FRESH AIR & DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES EVERY WEEK**

**NEW ACTIVITIES FOR THIS TERM INCLUDE:**

- YETI DINNER PLATES
- CAMPFIRE COOKOUT: MARSHMALLOWS
- CUDDLY TOY CATAPULT ASSAULT
- MINIBEAST MAYHEM: BUG HUNTING
- VIKING RUNESTONES & CODE BREAKING
- BUSHCRAFT: FIRELIGHTING TECHNIQUES
- BUSHCRAFT: HEAD SHELTER MAKING
- FAIRY DOORS & TREE SPIRITS
- & AS USUAL: FUN TIMES & ADVENTURE!

**LANCING COLLEGE  
PREP HOVE**

WEDS Y3-6 | THURS Y1-2  
4:30-5:45 | 4:00-5:15  
7TH JANUARY - 26TH MARCH 2026  
PRICE: £110 (11 WEEK TERM)

WATCHING CHILDREN'S CONFIDENCE GROW & NEW FRIENDSHIPS FORM AT OUR CLUBS IS ONE OF THE MOST REMARKING THINGS WE DO.

**The Outdoors Project**

**MORE INFO & BOOK: [WWW.THEOUTDOORSPROJECT.CO.UK](http://WWW.THEOUTDOORSPROJECT.CO.UK)**  
HOLIDAY CLUBS - BIRTHDAY PARTIES - SCHOOL WORKSHOPS - AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS - SAILINGS PARENT & TODDLER GRI  
OFSTED REGISTERED & CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

## EASTER GYMNASTICS CAMP AGES 5+

WEEK 1:  
MONDAY 30TH MARCH - THURSDAY 2ND APRIL

WEEK 2:  
TUESDAY 7TH APRIL - FRIDAY 10TH APRIL

**9AM - 3PM**

Limited spaces

£40 PER DAY

10% DISCOUNT WHEN BOOKING A FULL WEEK

GYMNASICS \* GAMES \* EASTER FUN!  
BRIGHTON SPORT AND HEALTH COMPLEX, FALMER

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## THE HOLIDAY SKATE CLUB

AGES 6-13YRS

**EQUIPMENT PROVIDED**

**ALL ABILITIES WELCOME**

**MOBILE SKATEPARK**

**ARTS AND CRAFTS**

**GAMES AND ACTIVITIES**

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**BRIGHTON ALDRIDGE COMMUNITY ACADEMY (BACA)**

**MON 30TH MAR - FRI 10TH APR**  
**9AM-3PM | £45 PER DAY**

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## Easter Holiday Mindfulness Pony Day for Kids!

Dates: Thursday 2nd April and Friday 10th April Time: 9.30am- 2pm Location: Hill Crest Farm, Horsham

Join us for a magical day of ponies, riding, art, friendship, and mindfulness!

What to Expect:

- ♥ Mindfulness Time with Ponies
- 🐾 Pony Care
- 🐎 Riding and Mounted Games
- 🌿 Connect with Arts and Nature
- 👋 Make New Friends

Click the links or scan the QR code to book the day of your choice:



**Thursday 2nd April- Mindfulness Pony Day- Book Now!**  
**Friday 10th April- Mindfulness Pony Day- Book Now!**

Cost: £140 per child  
BY PURCHASING A TICKET VIA EVENTBRITE, YOU ARE PAYING £40 DEPOSIT. YOU WILL BE INVOICED VIA EMAIL FOR THE OUTSTANDING AMOUNT ON 27th MARCH.

**Spaces limited to 10 children per day**

We are an inclusive team and warmly welcome children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). We celebrate diversity and are committed to providing a supportive environment where every child can thrive.

**SWERVE SOCCER**

**EASTER DAY CAMPS**

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**SUMMARY**  
**EASTER DAY CAMPS**

**PAY IN 3 WITH KLARNA**  
**EARLY-BIRD DISCOUNTS**  
**10% SIBLING DISCOUNT**  
**SINGULAR DAY BOOKINGS**  
**MULTI-DAY BOOKING SAVINGS**  
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Our Day Camp offers the perfect environment for players aged 5-13 to develop their football skills in a fun and pressure-free setting. Open to all ability levels, the camp includes daily matches, skill-based challenges, exciting World Cup-style tournaments, and finishes with a celebratory end-of-week ceremony.

**WEEK 1** 19-20 MAR | 09:00-14:00  
BRIGHTON COLLEGE, JUBILEE

**WEEK 2** 23-26 MAR | 10:00-15:00  
BRIGHTON COLLEGE, JUBILEE

**WEEK 3** 30-2 APR | 10:00-15:00  
BHASVIC, HOVE

**WEEK 4** 7-10 APR | 10:00-15:00  
BHASVIC, HOVE

**WEEK 4** 7-9 APR | RES CAMP / NON-STAY  
BIDE'S SENIOR, LIPPER DICKER

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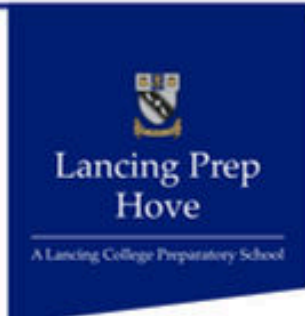
 

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## Term Dates 2025 – 2026

### **Autumn Term 2025**

Inset Day Monday 1 September  
Inset Day Tuesday 2 September  
Term starts Wednesday 3 September  
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

