



## A Message from Lizzie

It is my pleasure to introduce this issue of the newsletter. Sustainability is not a new concept at LPH, but something that has grown organically over the years into an approach that extends beyond the classroom and into all aspects of our community. We strongly believe in the power of pupil voice and many of our initiatives stem from children speaking up about what they feel is important.

It is incredibly encouraging to see how much the current generation of pupils truly 'get it', understanding the importance of caring for the planet and striving to be as sustainable as possible. Throughout this newsletter, you will see excellent examples of how sustainability is not just a buzzword, but something woven through many areas of school life, from whole-school initiatives such as the Green Tree School Award and LEAF Demonstration School Programme, to supporting charities, creative projects, and caring for animals on site.

By working together and making small, thoughtful choices each day, my hope is that our school community will continue to build a healthier, more sustainable future—and from all that we are already doing, we are in a very strong position.

**Lizzie Coutts**

Head of Geography & Sustainability lead



### Charities Day

Friday's whole-school Charities Day was a tremendous success and a wonderful celebration of community spirit, creativity and fun at Lancing Prep Hove. Throughout the day, pupils across the school were off timetable and immersed in a huge range of exciting activities, all while raising money for two incredibly important charities: Chestnut Tree House and RSPCA.

The day began with a thought-provoking assembly delivered by a representative from the RSPCA, who spoke to the children about animal welfare and the vital work their charity carries out. This set the tone perfectly for a day centred around compassion, teamwork and giving back.

Pupils then enjoyed a packed programme of activities across the school. We were delighted to welcome coaches from Sussex County Cricket Club, who led energetic and engaging cricket sessions with the children.



## Charities Day



Elsewhere, Science lessons challenged pupils to experiment with light and perception, while Topical Talk sessions encouraged thoughtful discussion surrounding animal welfare and charitable responsibility. In Drama, pupils participated in a variety of energetic workshops and activities, and ICT lessons saw children designing quizzes linked to our chosen charities.

One of the key sustainability elements of the day was our Y6–8 litter pick. Pupils worked together to care for our local environment, collecting litter from the streets around school and the grounds outside COGS. The activity encouraged children to think carefully about environmental responsibility, protecting wildlife and reducing waste, while reinforcing the idea that sustainability is not simply about big changes but the everyday choices we all make. Baking proved to be a real hit with the children, and we must mention the fabulous dance sessions that saw many children having a blast on the astro!

The highlight of the afternoon was undoubtedly the fabulous Colour Run. Pupils raced around the school site amid clouds of bright colour, laughter and enormous enthusiasm, creating a joyful atmosphere that perfectly captured the spirit of the day.

It was an unforgettable occasion and a brilliant example of the generosity, energy and community spirit that make Lancing Prep Hove such a special place. We are enormously grateful to all staff, pupils and families for their support in helping to raise money for two such worthwhile causes.

## Wings of Change: Our Charities Day Sculpture

As part of Charities Day, the whole school came together for an exciting collaborative art project inspired by Brighton's famous seagulls and the importance of caring for our environment. Using recycled and reused materials collected from around the school and at home, the children worked together to create a striking giant seagull sculpture made entirely from litter. The project encouraged pupils to think carefully about sustainability, recycling, and the impact waste can have on our local environment and coastline. We are incredibly proud of the creativity, teamwork, and environmental awareness shown by all the children, and the finished sculpture is a fantastic reminder of how small actions can make a big difference to our community and planet.



### **David Attenbrough's Big Birthday Celebrations**

We had a thoroughly enjoyable day celebrating David Attenborough's 100th birthday on Friday 8 May. We kicked off with a fantastically informative assembly given by a mix of pupils from across the Prep School. The bunting was out, the hall was decked in wonderful artwork created by the year 1 to year 4 pupils of a menagerie of animals and birds, alongside beautiful collages created by year 5.

Our rainforest feast at lunch, including spiced mealworms and brownie with 'cricket cream' for those that were brave enough, went down a storm! An afternoon of activities including an Attenborough themed orienteering treasure hunt, tomato planting and some fantastic 'natural' artwork were enjoyed by all and were all washed down with a birthday tea of ice lolly and an animal print biscuit.

A day that hopefully the children will remember as a fun way to celebrate such an extraordinary man and his important messages for the future survival of planet earth.



## **Earthshot Club: Inspiring Change in Our Community**

Inspired by The Prince of Wales's Earthshot Prize, our Earthshot Club has taken its five key challenges and applied them within our own school community.

The club first focused on building a waste-free world, with pupils exploring how we use paper in school and encouraging everyone to reduce waste. They have also promoted simple but effective actions, including increased recycling, improving energy efficiency, turning off lights and travelling to school more sustainably.

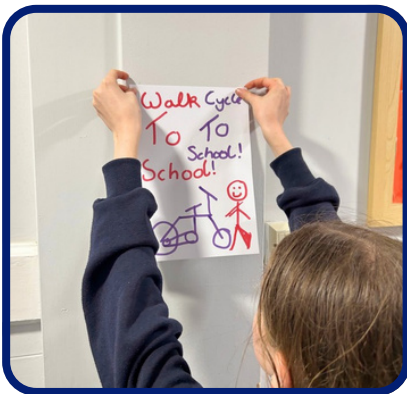
In the spring term, attention turned to protecting and restoring nature. With wonderful support from the Pre-Prep, pupils planted 60 native tree saplings around the school grounds. Over time, these will grow into important habitats for wildlife and help absorb carbon.

Through these initiatives, Earthshot Club is empowering pupils to take meaningful action and make a lasting difference.



## **Green Efforts At LPH**

Over the past year, our school community has worked incredibly hard to make a positive impact—efforts that have been recognised through several exciting achievements, reflecting the passion and commitment shared by all, as we continue to make a difference and inspire our pupils to become thoughtful, responsible stewards of the world around them.



## **Woodland Trust - Green Tree School Bronze Award**

We are very proud to be working in partnership with The Woodland Trust as part of their Green Tree School Award programme. This year, we successfully achieved the Bronze Award—a fantastic milestone that reflects the enthusiasm and dedication of our pupils and staff in caring for the natural environment. We are already setting our sights on the next step and hope to achieve the Silver Award in the autumn term.



### **'Planet Hero' Status - Just One Tree**



Our long-standing support for the charity Just One Tree has led to us being awarded 'Planet Hero' status. This recognition celebrates the collective efforts of our school community, particularly through our participation in Just One Tree Day each October. Thanks to this continued commitment, we are thrilled to have contributed to the planting of over 2,000 trees to date. This is an inspiring achievement that highlights the power of small actions making a meaningful difference.

### **LEAF Demonstration School Programme**

Looking ahead, we are excited to announce our pledge to the LEAF (Linking Environment and Farming) Demonstration School Programme. Over the coming year, we will be working towards achieving the Bronze Award as part of this initiative. Through this programme, pupils will develop a deeper understanding of sustainable farming and food production, helping them to make informed choices about the environment and the future of our planet. We look forward to sharing more updates as this journey progresses.



### **Forest School: Learning Through Nature**

Forest School is a much-loved part of life for our Pre-Prep pupils, offering a valuable opportunity to learn and explore beyond the classroom. Set within our natural surroundings, these sessions are filled with hands-on activities that spark curiosity and build confidence.

Pupils take part in a range of engaging experiences, from den building and bug hunting to learning how to safely light fires and use simple tools. Through these activities, they develop an understanding of the natural world and learn the importance of respecting and caring for their environment.

Forest School also introduces pupils to the principles of sustainability, encouraging them to appreciate natural resources, minimise waste and develop a sense of responsibility for the world around them. Working collaboratively outdoors, they build resilience, independence and a deeper connection to nature. For Pre-Prep, Forest School is often a highlight of the week and an enriching introduction to learning through nature.



## **Our Duckling Adventures**

Over the past two weeks, our ducklings have brought great excitement to the classroom, offering children a wonderful hands-on connection to the natural world. Through caring for them each day and observing how quickly they grow, pupils have developed a deeper understanding of responsibility and respect for living things.

This experience has sparked curiosity, nurtured empathy and encouraged children to become thoughtful, environmentally aware individuals, with a growing appreciation of the world around them and the role they can play in protecting it.

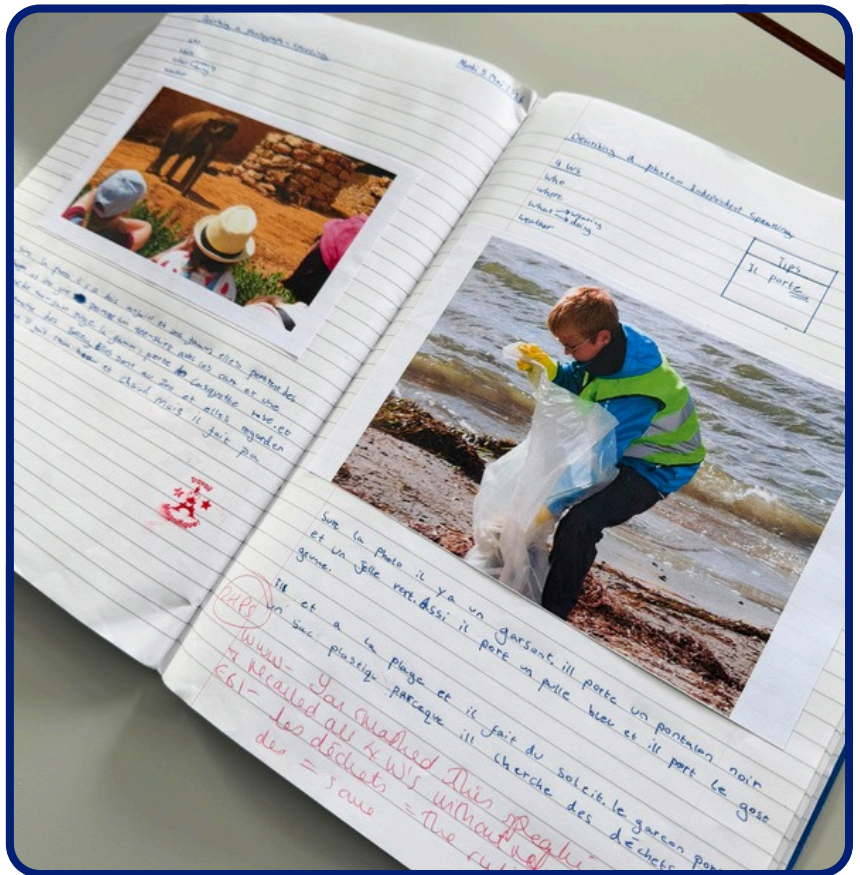


## Thinking Globally, Speaking in French

Year 8 pupils have been exploring environmental topics in French, developing both their vocabulary and their ability to express more complex ideas. This engaging unit has sparked thoughtful discussion, particularly around recycling and sustainable living.

Using the “4Ws” (who, where, what and weather) pupils have practised describing photographs in greater detail, building confidence and fluency. They have also begun to share their opinions on important issues, such as the environmental impact of eating meat compared to a vegetarian lifestyle.

Through considering the effects of environmental change on wildlife, pupils are gaining a deeper understanding of global challenges, while reflecting on the small actions they can take to help protect our planet.



### **A Wild Lesson in Conservation**

Year 4 enjoyed an engaging visit to the British Wildlife Centre, where conservation and sustainability are at the heart of their work. Pupils learned a wealth of fascinating facts about British wildlife, including the concerning reality that hedgehogs could face extinction in the UK within the next ten years. This prompted thoughtful discussion about simple actions, such as creating 'Hedgehog Highways' in garden fences, to help protect them.

The children also discovered how the centre rescues and rehabilitates injured animals, with the aim of returning them to the wild. However, they learned that animals can sometimes become too familiar with humans, which can affect their ability to survive independently.

It was an inspiring visit, encouraging Year 4 to reflect on how we can all play a part in protecting our environment and local wildlife.



### **Unusual Visitors at Lancing Prep Hove**

On Monday, we welcomed some very unusual visitors to Lancing Prep Hove. Jemima from Rep Tylers brought along a fascinating selection of animals, including a snake, a skunk and even a tarantula, giving children the opportunity to experience these creatures up close. There was a real sense of excitement as the children met each animal, learning about their habitats and behaviour.

The children showed great curiosity and bravery - with many eager to get involved - although it is fair to say that a few adults were slightly more hesitant!

This memorable visit offered a wonderful glimpse into the new after-school club launching this September.



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## Online Calendar



Looking for information on our upcoming fixtures and events?  
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information:

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



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Senior School & Sixth Form

## Open Morning

Saturday 6 June 2026

9:30am

Families are warmly invited to join us for our Open Morning at Lancing College. This event is open to all families, but particularly those with children in Year 5, who are beginning to explore senior school options.

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet our Headmaster, Dr Scott Crawford, and gain a real insight into life at Lancing. Guests will enjoy a guided tour of the College led by current pupils, meet a Housemaster or Housemistress, and visit both Day and Boarding Houses. You can also find out more about the Admissions process and speak with our academic Heads of Department over lunch.

The morning will include a range of year group-specific interactive sessions, with plenty of opportunities throughout to ask questions directly to staff and senior pupils.

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Ages  
6-11

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#### EVENT & CONTACT INFORMATION:

**£48 per child per day**

- Place: BRUNSWICK PRIMARY SCH - (INFANTS)
- Dates: 26<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> May
- Timings: 9.30am - 3.30pm

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## MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUBS

LANCING PREP HOVE

TUESDAY 26 MAY

### CAMPING HACKS: ULTIMATE OUTDOOR SKILLS

A hands-on day of real camping skills & outdoor fun! Kids will learn how to pitch a tent, carve creations from soap, toast popcorn over the campfire & play different team games. It's a confidence-building day to learn new skills, work together & enjoy the simple joy of being outdoors!

WEDNESDAY 27 MAY

### BUSHCRAFT VS MINECRAFT

Minecraft comes to life outdoors! Team up to build your village using real bushcraft skills, earn reward pixels for completing survival challenges, & search for hidden resources to craft your tools. Take on Creeper & Lava Chicken games, protect your base, & experience Minecraft like never before! [knowledge of Minecraft is not required!]

THURSDAY 28 MAY

### NERF: RISE OF THE MACHINES

NEW for 2026! We'll team up to engineer giant robots, design our own mini clay machines & bring them to life before stepping into our high energy Nerf missions. From robot invasion & rescue, to alien attack games, it's a sci-fi day packed with teamwork, creativity & action! [Ages 6+ recommended]

FRIDAY 29 MAY

### NATURE NINJAS: PROTECTORS OF THE PLANET

Join us as we learn how to take care of our planet through a day of hands-on nature fun! We'll try eco guerrilla gardening, head out on a bug hunt to explore tiny habitats & make plant print art inspired by the patterns in nature. A day about noticing the wonders in nature & learning simple ways to help our planet thrive!

For more info on dates, locations, how the clubs run & to book: [www.theoutdoorsproject.co.uk](http://www.theoutdoorsproject.co.uk)



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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

