



Dear Families,

We have had a happy and action-packed week at school, filled with lots of learning, creativity and enthusiasm from the children. We are very much looking forward to welcoming prospective families to our Open Morning tomorrow where we hope they will enjoy sharing in some of our children's experiences and seeing their learning in action.

Please find below some important information, things we wish to celebrate and upcoming events.

## **Academic Year 2026/2027**

As we look ahead to the next academic year, we are delighted to share that we are currently in the process of recruiting new members to join our team. Owing to the strong reputation of our school, we have been truly overwhelmed by both the number and exceptional quality of applications received.

It is incredibly encouraging to see such a high level of interest from talented and dedicated professionals who are keen to contribute to our school community. We are excited about the strength of candidates coming forward and the opportunity this brings to further enhance the excellent provision we offer our pupils.

As soon as appointments are confirmed, we will be very pleased to share details of those who will be joining us.

## **London Academy of Music & Dramatic Art (LAMDA) Pupils**

Congratulations to all our outstanding LAMDA pupils, who have celebrated their learning and hard work by performing to their families over the past couple of weeks. We are incredibly impressed by their achievements and immensely proud of them.

## **Pupil Committees**

This week, our pupil committees have been busy meeting with their peers and attending their scheduled sessions, demonstrating fantastic teamwork and leadership. Members of the Green Team have been gathering ideas on how we can continue to care for our environment, our Anti-Bullying group has been actively promoting kindness and respect across the school, and the School Council has been working hard to represent pupil voice



# LPW

# News

and share suggestions with staff. The Food Committee will be meeting in due course. It has been wonderful to see such enthusiasm and commitment from our pupils as they make a positive difference within our school community.

I look forward to meeting with them all in the upcoming weeks to hear from them about their work and to thank them with a treat for their hard work and dedication.

## **Year 2 trip to Drusillas**

Year 2 had a fantastic day out at Drusillas Zoo, filled with excitement, learning and lots of smiles. The children loved exploring the zoo, spotting all the African animals, and enjoying the Maasai workshop. Everyone represented the school brilliantly and returned full of wonderful memories from a very special trip.

## **PC Chris Marsden Visit 1st May 2026**

Last week, we were delighted to welcome PC Chris Marsden, our local police officer, who delivered an engaging and age-appropriate personal safety workshop for our Year 5 and 6 pupils.

The session focused on staying safe within the community and covered important topics such as anti-social behaviour, different types of crime and the understanding that failing to prevent a crime can also have consequences. Pupils explored why racist language is unacceptable and harmful, how to keep themselves safe when arranging to meet someone, and how to recognise “safe strangers.”

A key part of the workshop focused on making sensible choices in challenging situations. This included discussing the role of a bystander, when it is best to walk away, and how filming incidents can sometimes be helpful to the police if a witness is needed while also understanding when this may be inappropriate. Pupils also learned when to call 999 and how certain actions can lead to serious consequences.

The children took part in group activities that encouraged discussion, compromise and respect for one another. Our pupils were thoughtful, asked excellent questions and gained valuable knowledge to help them make safe, respectful choices in their everyday lives.

# LPW

# News

## **Mental Health Awareness Week 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

Mental Health Awareness Week 2026 takes place from 11–17 May, and this year’s theme focuses on Action — the small, meaningful steps we can take to support our own wellbeing, our children’s wellbeing, strengthen our school community and contribute to positive change.

During the week, children will take part in a range of activities to promote mental health awareness through PSHEE lessons and form time. Some ideas can be found in the notices link below, and you may also find this resource useful: [Four steps for chatting with your child about their mental health](#) (BBC Bitesize).

If you have any concerns about your child and would like to speak with our Head of Wellbeing, Mrs Brown, please contact her at [\*\*ebrown@lancing.org.uk\*\*](mailto:ebrown@lancing.org.uk).

## **Our Year 7/8 – Da Vinci and Jemison**

Our Year 7 pupils following the Da Vinci academic pathway continued to build their understanding of Leonardo da Vinci and his many talents. This week, they focused on his remarkable inventions before experimenting with thinking like Da Vinci by designing inventions of their own. Their creativity was impressive, with ideas ranging from self-adjusting and self-propelling shoes, AI glasses to support high-level sports training, and a waterproof cast for broken bones, to a spoon designed to convince toddlers that broccoli is chocolate. One group even designed goalposts embedded with VAR technology to ensure fairness in the beautiful game.

Meanwhile, the Year 7 Jemison pupils researched the extraordinary life and achievements of Mae Jemison, the first African-American woman to travel into space. Through her story, the pupils reflected on how the LPW learning powers are embodied by individuals who achieve great things. They explored her words of wisdom and shared favourite quotations, including: “The future is not something you enter, the future is something you create.” These activities showcased our Year 7 pupils at their best, demonstrating intellectual curiosity, creativity and a genuine enthusiasm for learning.

## **School Guinea Pig - Nugget**

I am delighted to remind families that our beloved school guinea pig, Nugget, can go home with families at weekends and during the school holidays. This gives Nugget lots of extra love and care, while also allowing children to enjoy the responsibility and excitement of



# LPW News

looking after a class pet. Families who volunteer are provided with everything they need to care for Nugget, along with clear guidance to ensure he is happy and well looked after. If you would like to be involved or would like more information, please get in touch with the school office.

## **A Gentle Reminder About Dogs on Site**

Many of our families enjoy bringing their dogs along at drop-off and pick-up, and we welcome them! However, please may all dog owners ensure their pets are kept under close control at all times while on school grounds.

In particular, dogs must not be allowed to foul anywhere on site. This is especially important near areas used by our younger children, such as the Nursery, where there are pebbled and outdoor play spaces.

We kindly ask that, should an accident occur, owners take immediate and thorough steps to clean the area fully and appropriately. Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a safe, clean and pleasant environment for all our pupils.

## **Dates for the Diary:**

**Saturday 9 May, 10am – 12 noon**

LPW Open Morning for prospective families

**w/b Monday 11 May**

Mental Health Awareness Week

**Monday 11 May – Wednesday 13 May**

LAMDA examinations

**Thursday 14 May**

9.30am Coffee Morning Recorder Concert for Year 3 parents in the hall

**Friday 15 May**

Years 3 and 4 Overnight Camp at LPW



# LPW News

**Tuesday 19 May 5.30pm – 6.30pm**

Friends and Families of LPW Meeting – all welcome – in the school hall

**Wednesday 20 May**

Parent information session focused on what Years 7 and 8 (Key Stage 3) look like at Lancing Prep Worthing. Book a place here:

<https://www.ticketsource.com/lancing-college/t-qmmxrle>

**Friday 22 May**

Whole School Numbers Day

## **Congratulations to:**

Emmie L and Ines L for participating in the Swim for Swimming Charity Challenge. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to build confidence, overcome their worries and recognise just how capable they are.

Amelie G who won the Horsham Hockey Club U10 Girls' Player of the Season.

Otis O who has been re-signed for BHAFC for next season.

William B, who has been awarded a distinction in his grade 5 singing for Musical Theatre Performance.

I wish you a very happy weekend.

Best wishes,



Francesca Milling

# LPW News

## Explore more: Links for Further Information

### **Notices 08 May:**

<https://bit.ly/LPW-NOTICES-08-05-26>

### **Headteacher Awards (01 May-08 May):**

<https://bit.ly/LPW-Headteacher-Awards-08-05-26>

### **Lunch Menus w/c 11 May:**

<https://bit.ly/LPW-LUNCH-MENU-11-05-26>

### **Music Timetables w/c 11 May:**

<https://bit.ly/LPW-MUSIC-TIMETABLES-11-05-26>

