



Dear Families,

As we reach the end of our first two days of term, I want to say how incredibly proud we are of every single child. The school has been filled with energy, enthusiasm and smiles, and it has been wonderful to see our pupils returning, or new, with such positivity and purpose. Whether settling into a new classroom, welcoming new friends, taking on fresh challenges or stepping into positions of responsibility, the children have approached the start of the year with confidence, kindness and maturity. They have embodied our school values from the very first moment, and I know I speak for all our staff when I say what a pleasure it has been to see the school buzzing with learning once again. We are excited for all that lies ahead and look forward to a fantastic term together.

Today, yesterday and throughout next week, the children will be following a specially designed timetable that enables them to fully explore the many areas of school life and meet the staff who will support them throughout the year. This induction programme has been carefully planned to help your children settle confidently into the new academic year, reconnect with familiar faces, build relationships with new teachers and discover the wide range of opportunities available to them, both inside and outside the classroom. We want every child to feel a strong sense of belonging and excitement for the year ahead. Their usual curriculum timetable will begin on Monday 14 September, once they have had the opportunity to become familiar with the routines, expectations and experiences that make our school such a vibrant place to learn and grow.

Every Friday you shall receive a Newsletter from me to keep you informed about life at school. It will include highlights from the week, showcasing the exciting learning experiences and activities your children have enjoyed, celebrate achievements both in and out of school, and share important reminders and upcoming events. We are always delighted to hear about pupils' successes beyond the classroom, so please do send these in so that we can celebrate them with the wider school community.

For the most up-to-date information on school events and key dates, please also refer to the school calendar, which can be accessed via the following link: www.lancingprepworthingcalendar.org.uk. This calendar is regularly updated and provides a comprehensive overview of the term ahead. In addition, we regularly share photographs, celebrations and highlights of school life on our Instagram and Facebook pages, offering

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families a wonderful insight into the learning, achievements and experiences taking place across the school each day. We encourage you to follow us to stay connected with all that is happening within our vibrant school community by clicking the icons below.

We were delighted over the summer to learn that LPW had been shortlisted for Best Small Independent School of the Year and subsequently received a Commendation in the National Awards. As if that were not exciting enough, we received further wonderful news today that we have also been shortlisted in the Learning Support and SEND category of the Talk Education National Awards. These achievements are a tremendous recognition of the dedication, expertise and care shown by our staff every day. I am incredibly proud of my brilliant team, who work tirelessly to nurture, support and inspire our children, ensuring that every pupil feels valued and able to thrive. These accolades reflect their commitment and the wonderful children and families who make our school such a special community.

Today, our Year 7 pupils enjoyed an exciting day at Blackland Farm, taking part in a range of adventurous outdoor activities designed to build confidence, resilience and teamwork. Trips such as these provide valuable opportunities for personal growth and friendship-building, and it was fantastic to see so many smiling faces enjoying the experience. We hope the children returned home with plenty of stories to share and happy memories from a truly enjoyable day.

Many of our pupils will already know and love Nugget, our wonderful school guinea pig. Nugget enjoys spending time with our school community and is also available to go home with pupils for weekends and school holidays. He can be provided with everything he needs, making it easy for families to enjoy caring for him. If you and your family would like to host Nugget, please get in touch with the school office to book your slot. We know he will be delighted to make some new friends!

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Dates for the Diary:

Monday 7 September

External (paid) clubs begin

Tuesday 8 September

Individual and Sibling School Photographs

3.45pm to 4.45pm - Reception Parents' Reading Workshop

Thursday 10 September – 4.30pm to 5.15pm

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Hilary Dugdale, Director of Admissions at Lancing College, who will be leading an informative session for both new and current families interested in learning more about Lancing College Senior School and the opportunities it offers for their children. This session will provide valuable insights into the admissions process, senior school life, and the range of academic and cocurricular opportunities available at Lancing College. We warmly encourage any families considering Lancing College Senior School for their children to attend.

Monday 14 September

All LPW clubs begin

Congratulations to:

Orlando B for his outstanding achievement at the Gothia Cup. Orlando enjoyed an incredible week representing the District Prep School Pumas, gaining invaluable experience competing as part of a highly talented team.

Rosie E who was recognised and awarded Commendation in the Young Historian Project Competition 2026.

Cameron B who represented England this summer in the HaBaWaBa International Water Polo Festival. He played some of the biggest water polo teams from all over Europe and China and his team qualified for the silver and gold league playoffs and finished in the top 30 out of 50 teams, and he went to Sweden to play in the Football Youth World Cup.

Leah B who started her summer with an U11 water polo tournament playing a year up. Her team won every match and the tournament! She has then enjoyed the cricket season at Findon playing with the U11 mixed team.



Finally, should you wish to join in at home, the Pre-Prep and Prep school 'Word of the Week' from Monday 7 September are:

Pre-Prep Word of the Week: Curious (adjective)

Prep Word of the Week: Tenacious (adjective)

I wish you a very happy weekend.

Best wishes,



Francesca Milling

Explore more: Links for Further Information

Notices 4 September:

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Music Timetables w/c 7 September:

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Lunch Menu w/c 7 September:

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