



Dear Families,

It is hard to believe we are over three weeks into the term already. The children have settled brilliantly, routines are firmly established, and it feels as though the whole school has now moved into fifth gear. There is a real sense of purpose and momentum around the school, with pupils embracing every opportunity both in and beyond the classroom.

Butser Farm Visit

Our Year 4 pupils had a wonderful day at Butser Ancient Farm on Monday, where they stepped back in time to experience life in the past. Through a range of hands-on activities, the children explored ancient buildings, discovered how people lived and worked, and learnt about traditional crafts and survival skills. The visit brought their classroom learning to life, and it was fantastic to see their curiosity, enthusiasm and engagement throughout the day. We were incredibly proud of the children's excellent behaviour and the thoughtful questions they asked during the visit.

Brighton Museum Visit

Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Brighton Museum today, where they immersed themselves in a day of discovery and exploration. From examining fascinating artefacts to learning about different periods of history and culture, the children embraced every opportunity to broaden their knowledge. The visit encouraged them to think critically, make connections with their classroom learning and develop a deeper understanding of the world around them. It was a pleasure to see the children's enthusiasm, confidence and excellent conduct as they represented the school so positively throughout the day.

Sporting Successes

I hope that you are enjoying our weekly Sports Bulletin from Mr Marshman. Before embarking on a career in education, Mr Marshman worked as a Sports Journalist, and his passion for reporting on sporting achievements continues to shine through in his writing. The bulletin is a wonderful way to keep up to date with fixtures, results, notable performances and all the sporting successes taking place across the school. Keep an eye on our social media pages each week to read these Sports Bulletins.

Puma Football Trials & Gothia Cup Opportunity

We are delighted to share information about the upcoming Puma Football Trials, taking

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place on Sunday, which provide talented young footballers with the opportunity to be considered for participation in the prestigious Gothia Cup, one of the world's largest international youth football tournaments.

Families who feel their child may be interested in this exciting opportunity are encouraged to review the information and complete the application using the trial registration form which can be found in the notices link below. Sharing the details directly with all parents ensures that every family has equal access to the information and can decide whether they wish their child to be considered.

We wish all pupils who decide to take part the very best of luck.

House Captains and House Deputy Captain Elections

This week, Miss Townsend transformed the school hall into a professional polling station for our House Captain and Deputy House Captain elections. Pupils listened attentively as each candidate presented their campaign, outlining their ideas and explaining how they hoped to serve their House and the wider school community. They then took part in a realistic voting process, gaining a valuable insight into democracy and the importance of making their voices heard.

We are immensely proud of all those who put themselves forward. Speaking in front of an audience requires confidence, resilience and determination, and every candidate demonstrated these qualities admirably. Their enthusiasm, commitment and desire to make a positive difference to school life were evident throughout the process.

For those who were not elected on this occasion, I hope they will recognise what an achievement it was simply to stand. Putting yourself forward for a leadership role is a significant step, and there will be many more opportunities throughout the year to contribute, lead and represent others. Every candidate should feel proud of their efforts, and we encourage them to continue embracing new challenges with the same confidence and spirit they showed this week.

Supporting Good Table Manners and Life Skills

Each day, our pupils, from our youngest children through to our Year 8 pupils, enjoy a delicious lunch prepared by our two talented chefs, and coming together as a school community at lunchtime is an important and valued part of the day.



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As part of helping children develop confidence, independence and good manners, we are encouraging all pupils to use a knife and fork correctly, including cutting up their food before eating and managing this as independently as possible. These are valuable life skills that take time, patience and practice to master.

We would be very grateful if these skills could also be gently reinforced at home. Encouraging children and young people to cut their own food and use their knife and fork effectively helps build confidence, resilience and good habits that will serve them well both now and in the future. As always, thank you for your support and partnership as we work together to help our children grow into confident, capable and considerate young people.

World Book Day Celebrations

This academic year, we will be celebrating World Book Day one week earlier than the national date. The official UK World Book Day takes place on Thursday 4 March 2027 but we will be holding our celebrations on Tuesday 23 February 2027. This change has been made because some of our older pupils will be away on a residential visit, and we are keen to ensure that every child can take part. Reading is something we value greatly across the whole school, and by bringing our celebrations forward, we can ensure that everyone enjoys the fun, creativity and shared love of books that make World Book Day such a special occasion.

Rainy Weather

With the weather being so unpredictable, please ensure your child has a raincoat in school each day. Showers are often sudden, and having a waterproof layer means children can stay comfortable and dry during outdoor play.

Studybugs

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please use the free absence-reporting app 'Studybugs' (<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>) in the first instance or telephone the school office by 8.30am on the morning of the first day of absence. If we do not hear from you, we will contact you before 9.30am. If we are unable to contact you, we may phone the emergency contact numbers until we are certain that your child's absence is accounted for.

World Mental Health Day – Wear Something Yellow

On Friday 9 October, we will be marking World Mental Health Day in support of the charity Young Minds. Pupils are invited to wear one yellow item or accessory alongside their usual school uniform.

Throughout the day, children will also explore positive mental health and wellbeing through form time, class discussions and PSHEE lessons.

Wearing something yellow is a simple but powerful way to show support for children's mental health and remind young people that they are never alone. Promoting positive mental health helps children develop confidence, resilience, healthy relationships and the ability to thrive both in and beyond the classroom.

Dates for the Diary:

w/b 28.09.2026 is Week A

Monday 28 September

4.15-6.00pm Reception, Year 1, Year 3 and Year 4 Parents' Evenings in person, in classrooms

Wednesday 30 September

4.15-6.00pm Year 2 Parents' Evening in person, in the Year 2 classroom

Thursday 1 October

Choral Day at Lancing College for selected pupils

Friday 2 October

Year 2 trip to Arundel Castle

Saturday 3 October

10.00am-12.00pm LPW Open Morning for prospective families

w/b 05.10.2026 is Week B

Monday 5 October

Lancing College Advance Programme Year 6 application deadline

Wednesday 7 October

4.15-6.00pm Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 Parents' Evenings in person, in classrooms

Friday 9 October

World Mental Health Day – pupils are invited to wear one yellow item or accessory alongside their usual school uniform.

3.00-5.30pm Friends and Families of LPW Pre-Loved Uniform Sale at the front of school

Congratulations to:

Elodie G who was selected to take part in a special cricket match at The Oval in London. She was one of only 9 girls selected from across the UK to take part in a mixed under 14s match last weekend. 5000 people applied and only around 30 cricketers from across the UK were selected. She got to bat and bowl at one of the most iconic cricket venues in the world at the age of 12, playing on the same cricket ground that England will be playing on this weekend v Sri Lanka.

Helena P who has been awarded a place in the National Children's Orchestra.

Lottie J who received a Grade 5 award with Merit for her participation in the production "School of Rock" with PTC associates in the summer.

Ben S and Toby S who entered their first ever sailing regatta, both representing Worthing Sailing Club in the Rookie division of the West Sussex Schools Youth Association annual regatta. Ben won Silver overall and Gold in the Pico class, with Toby winning silver in the Tera class. They contributed to Worthing Sailing Club winning an overall Gold in the Rookie division and Silver in the whole regatta.

I wish you a very happy weekend.

Best wishes,



Francesca Milling

Explore more: Links for Further Information

Notices 25 September:

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Music Timetables w/c 28 September:

[LPW-MUSIC-TIMETABLES-28-09-26](#)

Lunch Menu w/c 28 September:

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Headteacher Awards 25 September:

[LPW-HEADTEACHER-AWARDS-25-09-26](#)



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Dear Families,

The children have settled back into school life beautifully and as the term progresses, I wanted to take a moment to emphasise the importance of regular attendance and the significant impact it has on your child's education.

Attendance Matters, Every Day

Attending school every day plays a vital role in your child's learning and development. Regular attendance ensures they take part in important lessons and activities that strengthen their knowledge and skills, helping them keep up with the curriculum and do their best in assessments.

School is also where children connect with their peers, build friendships, and develop essential social skills that support their emotional and social wellbeing. Daily attendance helps create consistent routines, encourages discipline and responsibility, and nurtures positive habits that will benefit them not only throughout their schooling years but also in the future.

Most importantly, being present each day helps your child feel a sense of belonging within the school community. It encourages active participation, boosts their confidence and fosters a genuine enthusiasm for learning. Together, these experiences lay a strong foundation for their success both in school and beyond.

Every Minute Counts

Frequent absence can add up to a considerable amount of lost learning. Figures below are based on the 2025/26 Academic Year (165 school days) and show how attendance equates into approximate number of days, weeks and lessons missed.



Attendance Procedures

Lancing Prep Worthing expects all parents/carers to:

- Make any application for an authorised leave of absence at the earliest opportunity, in writing to the Head and via our online [Absence Request Form](#), and at least 24 hours ahead of the planned absence. An authorised absence will only be granted in exceptional circumstances.

- Notify the School of any absence or delay as soon as reasonably possible by emailing worthing@lancing.org.uk, calling 01903 201123, or reporting absence on the Studybugs app.
- Continue to report your child's absence daily if they are absent for more than one day.
- Cooperate with the School to explore possible barriers to attendance and to improve it where attendance has been raised as an issue.

Medical / Dental Appointments

Whenever possible, we ask that appointments be scheduled outside of school hours. We understand, however, that this is not always feasible. If a child needs to attend an appointment during the school day, parents should first report to the office to collect their child. Children must be signed in and out using the office iPad, and on returning from the appointment, please bring your child back to the office. Medical and dental appointments are recorded as authorised absences.

Lateness

Morning registration takes place between 8.30am and 8.40am for Prep pupils (Years 3–8), between 8.45am and 9.00am for Pre-Prep pupils (Reception–Year 2), Nursery and Pre-School children. Please ensure your child arrives on time for registration. If your child arrives after the start but before the register closes, they will receive an authorised late mark. However, if they arrive once the register has closed, we are required to record the session as unauthorised.

As outlined in the Department for Education's statutory guidance, 'Working Together to Improve School Attendance' (August 2026), below 95% attendance is considered an emerging concern and below 90% is considered persistent absence.

We understand that life can bring unexpected challenges, many of which are unavoidable and often difficult. As a school, we want to do everything we can to support children's attendance so they can benefit from the routine of school life, make steady academic progress, and enjoy positive connections with their friends and teachers. Each day of learning builds on the last, and every child's presence makes a real difference – not only to their own journey, but also to our school community.

We hope this newsletter has helped to give you a clear understanding of the school's expectations around attendance, and we appreciate you taking the time to read it. If you have any questions about our approach to supporting and improving attendance, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership.

Best wishes,



Francesca Milling
Head