



Dear Families,

Exciting Developments Ahead

I am excited to share that we are currently progressing through the necessary planning and approval processes to create some additional indoor learning space for our children. This wonderful new area will be situated alongside the Drama Studio and, importantly, will not reduce any of our valuable play areas or field space. We are hopeful that this development will provide a fantastic, flexible environment for learning and enrichment, while opening directly onto our beautiful school grounds and grassed area (which is still recovering a little from the exceptionally dry weather!). We believe this additional space will be an enormously positive addition to the school and will bring significant benefits to our children for many years to come. We look forward to keeping you updated as plans progress.

I am also delighted to share that we are currently working through the planning permission stages for our much-anticipated Trim Trail. This is an exciting project that we know will bring tremendous benefits to our children, encouraging physical activity, confidence, coordination and outdoor play. I am extremely grateful to the Friends and Families of LPW, who have championed this initiative from the outset and have raised significant funds towards its installation.

Pupil Library Assistants Visit Lancing College Library

Our Pupil Library Assistants enjoyed a special visit to the Lancing College Library, where they had the opportunity to meet children's author Pippa Dunn. The pupils listened to Pippa speak about her journey as a writer, the inspiration behind her books and the creative process involved in bringing stories to life.

The visit was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate a love of reading and writing, while giving pupils an insight into the world of publishing and authorship. Our Library Assistants represented the school superbly, asking thoughtful questions and engaging enthusiastically throughout the event. We are very grateful to Lancing College Library for hosting such an inspiring experience.

Simon Ellis Leads Monday Assembly

We were delighted to welcome Simon Ellis, Chair of the OL (former Lancing College pupils) Committee, to lead our assembly on Monday morning.

Simon spoke to the children about the importance of community, belonging and making the most of the opportunities available to them during their time at LPW. The children listened

brilliantly and greatly enjoyed hearing about the wider Lancing family and the connections that remain long after pupils leave school.

We are very grateful to Simon for taking the time to visit us and share such an engaging and inspiring assembly with our pupils.

Thank You for Your Harvest Donations

A heartfelt thank you to all our families for your generous Harvest donations. Your kindness and support have been truly overwhelming, and we are incredibly grateful for the many contributions received. There is still time to donate a few items, and we would be delighted to receive any final contributions over the coming days.

This year, we are pleased to be donating the items collected to Turning Tides, a local charity that supports people experiencing homelessness across West Sussex. Turning Tides provides outreach services, community hubs, accommodation and ongoing support, helping individuals address the challenges that may have led to homelessness and enabling them to rebuild their lives with dignity and hope.

Your donations will be warmly received and will make a meaningful difference to members of our local community.

World Mental Health Day

Today, our school community came together to mark World Mental Health Day, with children and staff wearing a splash of yellow to show their support for positive mental health and wellbeing.

It was wonderful to see so many bright smiles and sunny outfits around the school. The day provided an opportunity to remind children of the importance of looking after their mental health, being kind to themselves and others, and knowing that it is always okay to talk about their feelings.

Mindfulness Club

Our Mindfulness Club, which runs on Tuesdays from 4.15pm to 5.15pm, still has some spaces available and is now also open to pupils in Years 7 and 8. If you would like to book a place for your child, please contact the School Office.

Careers Week 15th – 19th March 2027

As part of our Careers Week in March, we are keen to inspire pupils by showcasing a wide range of professions and career journeys. If you have an interesting or unique career and would be willing to share your experiences with the pupils, we would be delighted to hear from you. Whether through a short talk, presentation or question-and-answer session, your contribution could help broaden our pupils' horizons and spark future aspirations. If you would like to get involved, please get in touch with Miss Townsend on ltownsend@lancing.org.uk.

Go Out into the World and Do Good: Reducing Food Waste

At LPW, we are committed to helping our children understand the importance of sustainability and making responsible choices. This week, our Catering Team launched a new initiative: War on Food Waste. Each day, the amount of food waste left after lunch is being weighed and recorded. The results will be displayed in the Dining Hall so that pupils and staff can see how much food is being wasted and track our progress as we work together to reduce it.

Over the coming weeks, we hope to see the amount of waste decrease and will create a chart to show the impact of our collective efforts. The initiative is a wonderful opportunity for children to think carefully about portion sizes, only taking what they are likely to eat and helping to protect our environment by reducing unnecessary waste.

Our Go Out into the World and Do Good Committee and Food Committee are already becoming involved in the project. Working alongside our Catering Team, the children will help raise awareness of food waste across the school, encourage positive habits at lunchtime and monitor our progress. Their involvement reflects our commitment to empowering pupils to make a meaningful difference within their community and beyond.

Lost Property

We completely understand how frustrating and costly lost property can be for families. Please be assured that our staff spend a considerable amount of time each week checking labels, sorting items, and doing their very best to reunite belongings with their owners. We are always grateful for their efforts in helping to return missing items wherever possible. To make the process easier for everyone, over the next few weeks our lost property provision will be moving to a waterproof location at the front of the school. This will allow parents to access and check lost property more easily at appropriate times.

Thank you for your support as we continue to look for ways to make this process more straightforward for everyone.

Nursery, Pre-School and Pre-Prep Harvest Celebration

This will take place on Thursday 15 October in the hall at 2.45pm. Gates will open at 2.30pm. After the celebration, children will return to their classroom to collect their belongings and will be able to be collected from the gate as soon as they are ready.

Prep School (Pupils in Years 3 to 8) Harvest Festival at Lancing College Chapel

Thursday 15 October | Service begins at 10.00am

To help families plan for the morning, please see the arrangements below:

Pupil Group	Arrival Time	Where to Arrive	What Parents Need to Do
Sinfonia, Chamber Choir and pupils with a reading	8.10am - 8.30am	Lancing College Chapel	Drop your child at the Chapel to participate in the rehearsal before the service.
All other pupils	8.10- 9.40am	Lancing College Chapel	Please inform the School Office if your child will be arriving directly at the Chapel. Staff will supervise pupils throughout this period.
Pupils arriving at LPW as normal	Normal school arrival time	Lancing Prep Worthing	No action required. Pupils will travel to the Chapel by coach, departing LPW at 9.15am.

Medication Arrangements

If your child is...	Medication arrangements
Dropped directly to the Chapel	Medication will be available at the Chapel from 8.00am.
Travelling by coach from LPW	Medication will travel with pupils and staff on the coach.

Uniform Expectations

All Pupils
Pupils should attend in their smartest school uniform. If your child is required to wear PE kit due to an activity or fixture later that day, please ensure that they wear their smartest PE kit.

After the Service

Year Group	Arrangements Following the Service
Years 3-6	Will leave the Chapel at approximately 11.15am and return to LPW.
Years 7-8	Will remain at Lancing College, supervised by LPW staff. They will have lunch there before taking part in their usual Thursday afternoon MFL and Carousel programme.

Family Attendance

- **Service starts:** 10.00am
- **Chapel doors open to families:** 9.50am
- Parents, grandparents and family members are warmly invited to attend this special Harvest Festival celebration.
- **Refreshments** will be provided in the Megarry Room from 9.30-9.55am.

This week's Word of the Week:

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

Prep Word of the Week: Ineffable (adjective)

Next week's Word of the Week:

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

Prep Word of the Week: Elusive (adjective)

Dates for the Diary:

w/b 12 October is Week A

Monday 12 October

16.15-19.45 Year 6 Academic Subjects Online Parents' Evening

Tuesday 13 October

17.30-18.30 Friends and Families of LPW AGM in the hall

Wednesday 14 October

Harvest donations being collected

Thursday 15 October

10.00-11.00am Prep Harvest Festival, Lancing College Chapel (see above for details)

14.30-15.30 Nursery, Pre-School and Pre-Prep Harvest Celebration in the hall (gates 14.15)



Friday 16 October

Half term begins at the end of the day

w/b 2 November is Week B

Monday 2 November

Term resumes

Reception to Year 8 Flu Vaccinations

Thursday 5 November

Holly Swain (Author) visit for Reception - Year 3

Friday 6 November

Friends & Families of LPW Fireworks Night (gates open 5.30pm)

Congratulations to:

Orlando B who has been selected for the Puma football development team.

Asher G who has been selected for the Puma football development team.

Romey F and Violet V who are the first females ever to win a trophy for Steyning Cricket Club.

Ethan S and Cameron B who have been selected for the Sussex Hockey Academy U13 programme, having demonstrated their skill during recent trials. Both boys have also been selected for the Gothia Cup 2027 team, representing England in the U13 squad.

Cameron B who played water polo for the Sussex Academy in an U14 national tournament in Manchester. His U13 team had a fantastic tournament and came home with the silver medal. He also competed in a swimming gala for Lancing College Swimming Club, where he smashed his personal bests, taking 13 seconds off his 100m individual medley and 9 seconds off his 50m freestyle.

Leah B who has been asked to play in goal for the U15A hockey team at Lancing College tomorrow. She's incredibly proud to be representing the school at such a young age. She's also been successful in her trials for Sussex Cricket and is really looking forward to the training and opportunities this will bring.

I wish you a very happy weekend.

Best wishes,



Francesca Milling

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