



Dear Families,

And just like that, we have reached half term. It hardly seems possible that so much has been packed into just a few short weeks!

I would like to say a huge well done to all our children. They have embraced every opportunity, worked hard, shown kindness to one another and contributed so positively to school life. We are incredibly proud of all that they have achieved already.

A very special mention must go to the youngest members of our community who joined us this September. Starting school is a huge milestone, and they have approached it with such courage, enthusiasm and resilience. It has been wonderful to see how quickly they have settled, formed friendships and become valued members of our school family.

I would also like to thank you, our wonderful parents and families for your support, encouragement and partnership. The start of a new academic year is always a busy period of growth, change and adjustment. Whilst as a school we have worked incredibly hard to ensure that this has been a smooth and positive experience for everyone, there may have been occasions where things have not been quite as seamless as we would have liked. Thank you for your patience, understanding and trust, I am truly grateful.

Welcoming New Members of Staff to our Community

We are delighted to be welcoming two new members of staff to our team after half term.

Miss Emily Wilson will be supporting teaching and learning across many areas of the school. Emily brings great experience, enthusiasm and a genuine passion for helping children to thrive, and we are very much looking forward to her becoming part of our school community.

Ms Charlotte Short, who will be providing support with PE and Sports administration, as well as assisting with the organisation of our busy fixture programme and wider administrative responsibilities.

Author Visit: Holly Swain

We are thrilled to be welcoming acclaimed children's author and illustrator Holly Swain on Thursday 5th November for a very special draw-along session and book signing with pupils in Reception to Year 3.

During the morning, children will discover how Holly creates her wonderful characters and stories, take part in an interactive drawing workshop, and enjoy hearing directly from a real author and illustrator. Experiences like these are incredibly valuable, helping to foster a lifelong love of reading, spark imagination, and inspire young writers and artists.

To make the day even more memorable, we strongly encourage families to consider purchasing one of Holly's books for their child. Having a personally signed copy not only provides a treasured keepsake from the visit but also helps children build a meaningful connection with books and reading. There is something truly special about meeting an author and taking home a book signed especially for you.

If you would like your child to receive a signed copy on the day, please place your order **by tonight** using the link below:

<https://www.pickledpepperbooks.co.uk/collections/holly-swain-colins-monster-morningside-1-october>

Special Visit from Reverend Richard Coles – 25 November

We are delighted that on 25 November some of our pupils will have the opportunity to hear from Reverend Richard Coles, one of the UK's most well-known broadcasters, writers and clergy. Rev Coles is renowned for his unique career, from chart-topping musician with The Communards to bestselling author, radio presenter and parish priest. His engaging storytelling, warmth and humour have made him a familiar and respected voice to audiences across the country.

During his visit, Rev Coles will talk to pupils about his latest children's book, *A Heist Before Bedtime*, a fascinating collection of twelve true crime stories written especially for younger readers.

Following the session, pupils will have the opportunity to have books signed by the author himself. We are very excited to welcome such a distinguished and entertaining speaker and are sure this will be a memorable and inspiring experience for our children.

To purchase a book or two to be signed (great Christmas presents), click here: <https://www.steyningbookshop.co.uk/product-category/school-author-events/rev-richard-coles-books/>

Once added to your basket you will need to make sure that 'Local Pickup' is selected.



Steining Bookshop will bring books to school on the day. At 'Checkout' enter billing name and address as normal. In 'Additional Information / Order Notes' enter LANCING PREP EVENT plus your child's name, class and year group.

Our House Charities 2026-27

One of the many things that makes our school community so special is the way our children are encouraged to think beyond themselves and make a positive difference in the lives of others. Following discussions and voting within Houses, our pupils have selected the following charities they will support throughout this academic year:

Britons – British Heart Foundation

Celts – Turning Tides

Normans – Chestnut Tree House

Saxons – Worthing Mencap

These are all incredibly worthwhile causes, each carrying out vital work both locally and nationally. Throughout the year, our House Captains, their Deputies and our pupils will lead a variety of fundraising and awareness-raising initiatives. In doing so, they will be living out our commitment to Go Out into the World and Do Good, developing compassion, leadership and a sense of service to others.

We look forward to supporting these wonderful charities and seeing the positive impact our pupils can make together.

Sports Ambassador Programme

We are delighted to launch our Sports Ambassador Programme for pupils in Years 7 and 8 and encourage parents to discuss this exciting opportunity with their children.

The role is designed to develop leadership, confidence and teamwork skills, while allowing pupils to make a positive contribution to school life. Sports Ambassadors will support the PE department by helping to set up for lessons, leading warm-ups, organising mini-competitions, sharing ideas and promoting participation in sport across the school. There may also be opportunities to deliver assemblies and work alongside staff on future initiatives.

This is a wonderful opportunity for pupils to develop valuable transferable skills, support others and play an active role within our sporting community. It is also an excellent addition to their future school records and applications.

Further information, including the application task, has been posted on Teams.

Applications close on Monday 2nd November.



The Bayeux Tapestry: A Live Historical Experience

On Wednesday, Years 7 and 8 enjoyed a fascinating live broadcast from the British Museum marking the 960th anniversary of the Battle of Hastings. Pupils explored the story of the Bayeux Tapestry, considering how narrative, perspective and bias influence our understanding of history. The interactive session included opportunities for pupils to engage with experts and ask their own questions, bringing one of the most significant events in British history to life.

Community Spirit in Action

A huge thank you to our wonderful Friends & Families of LPW for their continued enthusiasm, generosity and support. On Monday morning, Claire Gorrill, our Chair, raised an incredible £761 through the sale of second-hand uniform - a fantastic achievement that benefits our whole school community. Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM on Tuesday evening. Your time, commitment and willingness to get involved help make so many special events possible for our children. We are enormously grateful for all that you do.

Sporting Successes

As we reach half term, Mr Marshman wanted to say a huge thank you for a fantastic first half term of sport. The children have shown brilliant effort, enthusiasm and sportsmanship in lessons, games and fixtures, and it has been a real pleasure to see so many of them representing the school. Thank you for all your support, whether that is on the touchline, getting kit ready or helping with the logistics of fixture days. It makes a real difference.

Teams for fixtures after half term will be published on SOCS over the half-term break, so you will be able to check your child's fixtures and plan ahead before we return. Full team lists will then also be available on the Sports Noticeboard on the first day back, Monday 2 November. As a reminder, we are a 'sport for all' school, so teams will vary from week to week to give as many children as possible the chance to play in fixtures.

A reminder that Mr Marshman's excellent Sporting Bulletin is shared with families every Monday and celebrates the many achievements of our pupils in sport. It can be found on our social media pages, linked below.

We are delighted to recognise not only success in school fixtures, but also the impressive sporting accomplishments of our pupils outside of school. To ensure these achievements can be celebrated with our community, please do keep us updated by emailing the School Office (worthing@lancing.org.uk) or contacting Mr Marshman (JMarshman@lancing.org.uk) directly.

We always enjoy hearing about our pupils' successes and look forward to sharing and celebrating them through the Sporting Bulletin.



Harvest Celebrations

Yesterday, we were treated to two wonderful Harvest Celebrations, which beautifully reflected the warmth and spirit of our school community.

In the morning, families and pupils from across the Prep School gathered in the magnificent Lancing College Chapel. We enjoyed stunning performances from our choirs, wonderful music from the Sinfonia and thoughtful readings that encouraged us all to reflect on the importance of gratitude, kindness and helping others.

Later in the afternoon, our youngest children from our Nursery and Pre-School, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 delighted parents and staff with their own Harvest Celebration in the Hall. Their enthusiasm, confidence and joyful singing brought many smiles and perfectly captured the spirit of the occasion.

A huge thank you to all the pupils and staff involved, and especially to Mrs Simi Fyles for her hard work and dedication in bringing these memorable celebrations together.

Explorers' Corner Holiday Club

Explorers' Corner Holiday Club will run Monday 19 October-Thursday 22 October and Monday 26 October-Wednesday 28 October, and is available for all children who attend LPW from Nursery to Year 2. Children will have the opportunity to take part in a range of activities, including arts and crafts, construction, cooking and lots of outdoor play! Please email estreet@lancing.org.uk to book places.

Odd Socks Day – Monday 16 November

We are delighted to be taking part in Odd Socks Day 2026 on Monday 16 November, marking the start of Anti-Bullying Week (16-20 November).

On this day, we invite all children to come to school wearing their favourite pair of odd socks. Odd Socks Day is a fun and positive way to celebrate individuality and recognise that our differences are what make us special.

Throughout the day, we will be encouraging communication, self-expression and kindness. Our Be Kind Committee will also be helping to raise awareness of the importance of standing up against bullying and creating an inclusive community where everyone feels valued.

So, whether your socks are different colours, patterns, lengths or styles, join us in celebrating diversity and supporting our school value of 'Be Kind'. We can't wait to see the wonderfully mismatched creations on display!

This 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 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)

w/b 9 November is Week A

Monday 9 November

4.30-7.00pm Year 7 Online Academic Subjects Parents' Evening (details will be emailed the week before)

Tuesday 10 November

4.30-5.45pm Year 7 Online Academic Subjects Parents' Evening (details will be emailed the week before)

Wednesday 11 November

Year 1 Toy Workshop in school

Thursday 12 November

2.30pm Year 8 to watch Charlie and the Chocolate Factory at Lancing College Theatre

Save the date:

Friday 11 December

Prep End of Term Service at Lancing College Chapel.

2.45pm Chapel doors open

3.00pm Service starts

Parents are kindly asked to take children home from the Chapel.

No clubs or wraparound on this day.

No evening buses running.

(All sporting successes, both in and out of school, from this week will be celebrated in Mr Marshman's excellent weekly Sports Bulletin, shared with families every Monday)

Finally, as I reflect on the first half of the term, I am reminded daily what a special community we have. Thank you to your children, our staff and our families for all that you do. We are so proud of every single one of you and look forward to all that the second half of the term will bring.

Have a wonderful and well-deserved half term break.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'F. Milling'.

Francesca Milling

Explore more: Links for Further Information

Notices 16 October:

[LPW-NOTICES-16-10-26](#)

Headteacher Awards 16 October:

[LPW-HEADTEACHER-AWARDS-16-10-26](#)

Lunch Menu w/c 02 November:

[LPW-LUNCH-MENU-02-11-26](#)

Music Timetables w/c 02 November:

[LPW-MUSIC-TIMETABLES-02-11-26](#)