

Lindsworth School

2025/ 26 Newsletter

Autumn 2



KEY DATES

- 19.12.25 – Break up for Christmas Holiday (12.15pm finish)
- 05.01.26 – Staff Training day (school closed for students)
- 06.01.26 – Students return to school for Spring 1 Term
- 19.01.26 – Year 11 January Mocks start
- 30.01.26 – Year 11 January Mocks end
- 12.03.26 – Staff Training day (school closed for students)



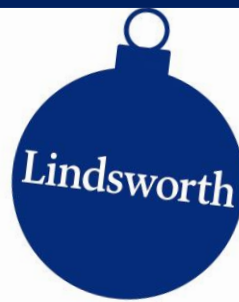
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Headteacher's Message



As we come to the end of the Autumn term, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible efforts and achievements across our school community. This term has been filled with enriching experiences, from educational visits and creative projects to sporting successes and personal development opportunities. Our pupils have shown resilience, curiosity, and a real commitment to learning, which makes us immensely proud.

I would also like to thank our dedicated staff for their hard work and unwavering support, and our parents and carers for partnering with us to ensure every child thrives. Together, we have created a positive and nurturing environment that encourages ambition and celebrates success.



As we approach the festive season, I hope you all enjoy a well-deserved break filled with joy, rest, and time with loved ones. On behalf of everyone at Lindsworth School, I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming students back in January, ready for another exciting term of learning and growth.

Finally, I'd like to wish Thelma a fond farewell, who is retiring after joining us in 1990. Her dedication, commitment and support to Lindsworth School over the past 35 years has not gone unnoticed and she will be missed immensely. I hope she enjoys lazy days with her family moving forward.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our school community.

Kate Beale

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Pastoral Managers'

Overviews



KS2 with Kate	This half term, Key Stage 2 have been busy exploring our WW2 topic, designing aircraft, learning about animals at war, and debating evacuation. In science, pupils carried out experiments on dissolving and evaporation, plus the exciting Mentos and Coke challenge! ICT lessons focused on programming Beebots and creating courses. For personal development, pupils visited an aquatics centre and a geology museum. In sport, they learned paddle and competed in a football tournament against other schools, proudly finishing second place!
Year 7 with Meera	This term, Year 7 have enjoyed a wide range of personal development activities, from bowling to swimming, building confidence along the way. They also visited the Police Museum in Birmingham, sparking curiosity and learning beyond the classroom. Every Tuesday, pupils look forward to football sessions with coach Diego, developing skills, teamwork, and resilience. Year 7 have strengthened friendships, built positive relationships with staff, and benefited from phonics and reading interventions, supporting academic and personal growth. Well done, Year 7!
Year 8 with Vicky	Year 8 have worked hard and shown great enthusiasm this term. In English, they explored A Christmas Carol, developing their understanding of themes and characters. Maths lessons focused on Statistics, while Science covered breathing and respiration, deepening knowledge of key biological processes. Beyond academics, pupils engaged in a range of personal development activities, building confidence and teamwork. Their effort and positive attitude have been fantastic throughout. Well done, Year 8 – keep striving for success!
Year 9 with Trevor	This term, Year 9 have shown impressive academic progress and personal growth. They engaged actively across subjects, demonstrating creativity and critical thinking in projects. Collaborative tasks strengthened teamwork and friendships, while sports and arts boosted confidence and school spirit. Their involvement in PRIDE initiatives reflected a strong sense of social responsibility. Teachers reported notable improvements in both behaviour and performance, creating a positive, supportive learning environment. Overall, Year 9 displayed resilience and enthusiasm for learning.
Year 10 with Tracey	Many Year 10 students have worked hard this half term, showing real focus on their GCSE courses and making noticeable progress. Their commitment is encouraging and reflects the effort they are putting into their studies. As we move forward, it would be fantastic to see every student take full advantage of the opportunities available to them. Embracing these chances will help them achieve their potential and prepare for success in the next stages of their education.
Year 11 with Carmel	Year 11 have shown real commitment throughout the first term, approaching their studies with maturity and focus. They worked diligently on their November mock exams, demonstrating determination and resilience. This effort reflects how seriously they have taken the start of Year 11, and it sets a strong foundation for the months ahead. We are proud of their hard work and progress so far. Wishing all our Year 11 students the very best of luck as they prepare for their January mocks!

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Progress Review Day



On 5th December 2025, we held our Progress Review Day, and we would like to thank all parents and carers who attended. This day is vital for discussing pupils' academic progress and pastoral needs with key staff, ensuring every child receives the support they need to thrive.



We also shared November mock results with Year 11 and set new targets ready for the January mocks, helping students stay focused and prepared.



The event featured support from Mind Birmingham (Cultural Identity), Ordinary Magic (Youth Mental Health), Kooth, Aquarius, All Saints Youth Project, and Birmingham City Council. Our Family Support Worker, Shahida, was available - contact her at s.kauser@lindsworth.bham.sch.uk

Thank you for making this day so impactful!

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Exploring Parliament and the Palace of Westminster



This half term, we were delighted to take two different cohorts of students on visits to the UK Parliament and the historic Palace of Westminster. These trips offered a unique opportunity for pupils to gain insight into the workings of Parliament, the law-making process, and the role of democracy in shaping our country.

Students represented Lindsworth exceptionally well, showing curiosity and respect throughout the day. They explored iconic spaces such as the House of Commons and House of Lords, learning how debates and decisions impact everyday life. The visits also gave pupils a broader understanding of London's cultural and political significance.



Experiences like these help connect classroom learning to the wider world, inspiring future aspirations and encouraging active citizenship. We are proud of how our students engaged and look forward to more enriching opportunities ahead.

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Creative Highlights in Art this Half-Term



This half term, our students have produced some incredible work in Art. One of the standout projects has been creating felt portraits of their favourite meals, which will form part of a vibrant school display. These imaginative pieces showcase creativity and attention to detail, combining texture and colour in unique ways.



Alongside this, pupils have been honing their drawing and painting skills, learning about different artists and techniques, from shading and perspective to blending and colour theory. Did you know that drawing improves concentration and fine motor skills, while painting encourages self-expression and emotional wellbeing?

Through exploring famous artworks and experimenting with new methods, students are developing confidence and artistic flair. We are proud of their progress and look forward to sharing more of their amazing creations soon!

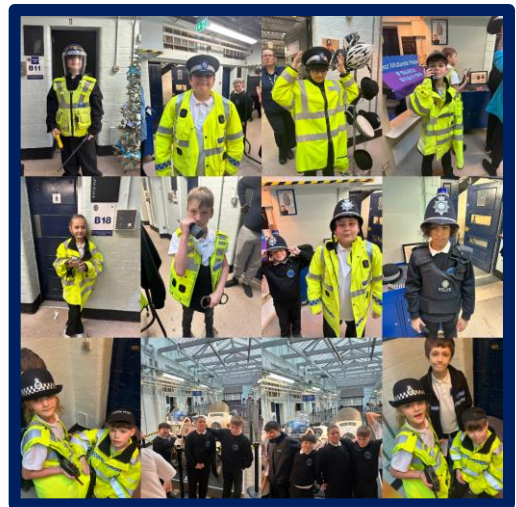
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Year 7 Visit to the Police Museum



This half term, the majority of our Year 7 pupils enjoyed a fantastic visit to the Police Museum in Birmingham.

They represented the school superbly, demonstrating excellent behaviour and enthusiasm throughout the day. Pupils were fully engaged, asking thoughtful questions and taking part in the interactive activities. They showed a genuine interest in the fascinating history of policing and the significant events that have shaped law enforcement over the years.



The museum, located in the historic Steelhouse Lane Lock-up, offers a unique insight into policing through the ages. Pupils explored original Victorian cells, discovered real-life crime stories, and learned how policing has evolved to keep communities safe.

A big well done to Year 7 for making this trip such a memorable success!

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Remembrance Day at Lindsworth School



This half term, we marked Remembrance Day with a range of meaningful activities across the school. During form time, pupils reflected on the importance of remembrance and discussed its relevance today. In History and English lessons, students explored the impact of war through stories, poetry, and historical accounts, while Art and PSHE incorporated creative and personal responses to themes of sacrifice and peace.

We were honoured to welcome visitors from the Army, who shared powerful insights into the significance of Remembrance and the experiences of service personnel. These sessions helped students understand the values of respect, resilience, and community.



Through these activities, pupils gained a deeper appreciation of the history behind Remembrance Day and its continuing importance in modern society. We are proud of their engagement and thoughtful contributions throughout the week.

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The Importance of Reading



Reading is one of the most powerful ways to support learning and personal growth. This Christmas, we encourage parents and carers to make reading part of family time - share a book together, visit the local library, or set aside a cosy reading hour. Discuss stories, ask questions, and let children choose books they enjoy to promote reading for pleasure.

As a school, we continue to embed reading skills across all subjects, maintain a strong focus on phonics and interventions, and run library competitions to inspire a love of books. This year, as part of Progress Review Day, every student received a free book to take home, helping to make reading accessible for all.

Top 5 Tips for Encouraging Reading Over Christmas

1. Create a festive reading corner – Add cushions and fairy lights for a cosy space.
2. Read together as a family – Share a chapter each evening.
3. Give books as gifts – A thoughtful way to spark interest.
4. Visit your local library – Explore new genres and authors.
5. Set a fun challenge – Who can read the most pages before New Year?



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Key Stage 2's Escapades



This half term, Key Stage 2 pupils have enjoyed a variety of exciting learning experiences designed to spark imagination and engagement.

Highlights include visits to a geology museum and an aquatics centre, where pupils explored rocks, minerals, and animal care. They also experienced tubing and a trip to West Midlands Safari Park, discovering fascinating facts about wildlife and conservation.

Each activity was carefully planned to broaden pupils' understanding of the world and the creatures that inhabit it, while encouraging curiosity and teamwork.

These opportunities have helped bring classroom learning to life in fun and memorable ways.



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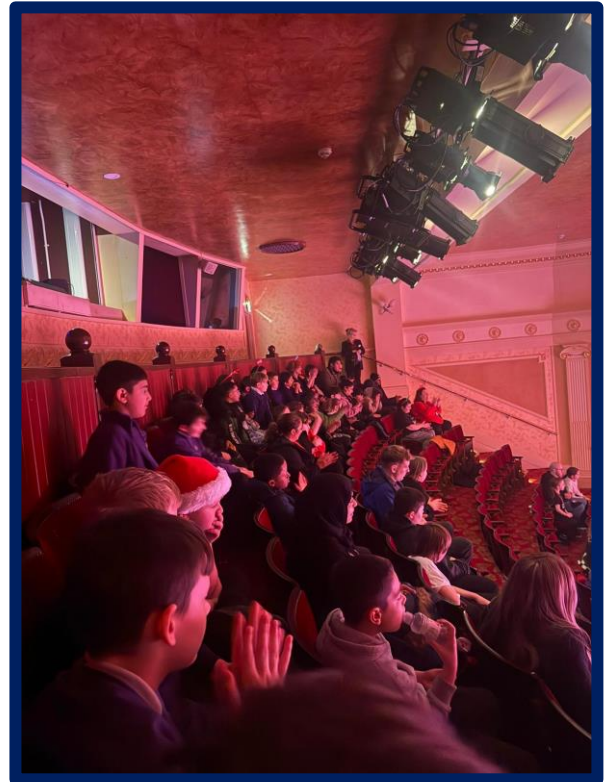
A Festive Theatre Experience



This half term, Key Stage 2 and Year 7 pupils enjoyed a magical trip to see Aladdin at the pantomime. The visit was a wonderful way to celebrate Christmas and spread festive cheer, but it was also an educational experience designed to inspire creativity and cultural appreciation.

Pupils learned about the different elements that bring a stage production to life, including lighting, sound, costumes, set design, and the roles of actors and directors. They gained insight into how teamwork and technical skills combine to create the magic of live theatre.

Experiences like this help pupils develop confidence, imagination, and an understanding of the arts beyond the classroom. Our students represented the school brilliantly and thoroughly enjoyed the day. We look forward to more opportunities that combine fun with learning in the future.



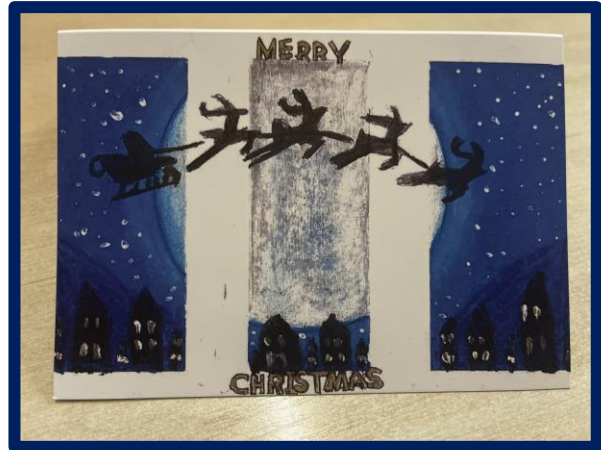
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Christmas Card

Competition (in house)



We held an in-house Christmas card competition, and Zeniah in Year 9 created the winning design! Her artwork was made into cards and sent to our local community, including a residential care home for the elderly. A wonderful way to share festive cheer—well done, Zeniah!



A Christmas Wish from Lindsworth School

With **PRIDE** in all we do, we send warm festive wishes from us to you!

May joy and kindness light your way,
This festive season and every day.
With hope and cheer, our hearts unite,
To share goodwill and make spirits bright.

Through **Positivity** and **Respect**, we stand,
With **Independence** and **Equality** hand in hand.
With **Determination**, our dreams take flight—
Merry Christmas to all, and to all a bright night!

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Lindsworth Vs Bridge Centre

By Nick Mason-Mohammed



On Tuesday 2nd December, the Lions played their third league fixture of the season away at Aldersley High School against Bridge Centre. This was an eagerly anticipated match after a close contest last time. Despite the long journey, morale was high, and the team adapted well to playing on grass in brisk but sunny conditions.

From the first whistle, both teams showed determination. Lindsworth created several chances, including Nathaniel's powerful free kick and Layton's athletic bicycle attempt, but luck was not on our side. Bridge Centre capitalised on home advantage, scoring from fortunate rebounds and deflections. Despite strong defending from Baylee, Jack and Layton, and attacking efforts from Zak and Braeden, the Lions were unable to find the net.



The final score was 5-0, but the team's resilience and commitment were outstanding. Congratulations to our MVPs - your effort makes us proud.

Come on the Pride!

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Design Technology –

Skills for Life



This half term, students have been busy in Design Technology, working with woods, metals, and a variety of materials to create practical and creative projects. They've learned how to safely use tools such as saws, files, and drills to cut, shape, and refine their designs, as well as techniques for joining and finishing.



These skills go beyond the classroom, understanding materials and tools is essential in careers like engineering, construction, and product design. Pupils have explored how precision, planning, and problem-solving are key to successful outcomes, linking their learning to real-world applications.

We're proud of the craftsmanship and creativity shown by our students and look forward to seeing their confidence grow as they continue to develop these valuable skills.

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Sports Leadership Training

Day – School Games



On Tuesday 11th November, a group of Year 10 pupils attended a Sports Leadership Training Day at Nechells Wellbeing Centre, organised by Hall Green School through the School Games and Central Sports Partnership. This event gave pupils the chance to mix with other schools, get active, and develop leadership skills in a new environment.

Activities included badminton, led by an England Badminton coach, and basketball 3x3 with City of Birmingham Rockets. Pupils learned how to lead sessions, umpire games, and manage small-sided matches, skills they can use when supporting younger pupils back in school. They also joined a respectful two-minute silence for Remembrance.



The group were active for over three hours, showing resilience and enthusiasm throughout. Even those who usually feel less confident in PE embraced the challenge. We are incredibly proud of how they represented Lindsworth. Well done Year 10!

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Unveiling Birmingham City FC's New Stadium



This half term, we were honoured to attend the official unveiling of Birmingham City Football Club's brand-new stadium. Lindsworth was invited as their longest-serving school partner, a testament to the strong relationship we have built over the years. Our Assistant Headteacher, Courtney Ballard, proudly represented the school at this exciting event, which showcased the club's vision for the future of football in Birmingham.

BCFC continues to play a vital role in supporting our school through high-quality coaching sessions, inspiring pupils to develop their skills, teamwork, and resilience both on and off the pitch. Their commitment to youth engagement and community partnerships ensures our students benefit from expert guidance and positive role models.

We are thrilled to maintain this partnership and look forward to seeing the incredible opportunities the new stadium will bring for young people across the city.

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Attendance Recognition

Rewards



This half term, we were thrilled to reward excellent attendance with special trips to the cinema for selected students. These outings were not only a fun way to celebrate commitment but also a reminder of how important regular attendance is for academic success and future opportunities.

Attending school consistently has a huge impact on learning outcomes, helping pupils stay on track, build confidence, and achieve their full potential. The cinema trips provided a chance for students to relax and enjoy a well-deserved treat while reinforcing the message that attendance matters every day.

We are proud of the pupils who earned their place on these trips and hope this initiative continues to motivate everyone to aim for excellent attendance. Thank you to parents and carers for supporting this vital aspect of school life.

Attendance Ladder



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Things to do over the Christmas break in Birmingham



As the Christmas holidays approach, we hope you and your family are looking forward to a well-earned break. To help you enjoy the festive season, we've put together a range of ideas for free and low-cost activities in and around Birmingham, as well as suggestions for fun things to do at home.

Things to Do in Birmingham

Birmingham's Frankfurt Christmas Market

Soak up the festive atmosphere at this iconic market, running until 24th December. Entry is free, and while you're there, enjoy live music, browse unique gifts, or simply take in the sights and smells of the season.



Christmas at the Library of Birmingham

Enjoy free family reading sessions, storytelling, and festive craft workshops. The library is a warm and welcoming space to relax with your children.

Lapworth Museum of Geology

Discover dinosaurs, fossils, and other exciting exhibits at this family-friendly museum. Admission is free, and it's a great way to spark your child's curiosity.

Winter Walks in Local Parks

Wrap up warm and explore Birmingham's beautiful green spaces like Cannon Hill Park, Lickey Hills, or Sutton Park. These are perfect for a budget-friendly day out, and you could even bring a picnic to make it special.

Christmas Light Displays

Take an evening stroll through Birmingham city centre to see its sparkling Christmas lights. Many neighbourhoods also have spectacular displays to explore—why not see how many you can find?

Birmingham Museums and Art Gallery (BMAG)

BMAG has free entry and plenty of family-friendly activities to keep young minds entertained.

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Things to do over the Christmas break at Home



Things to Do at Home

Christmas Movie Nights

Create your own festive cinema experience by watching holiday classics together. Add some popcorn, blankets and fairy lights for extra magic.

Festive Baking

Spend an afternoon making Christmas treats like gingerbread, mince pies, or cookies. This is a fun, creative activity that everyone can enjoy (and eat!).

Crafting and Decorations

Get creative with homemade Christmas decorations or cards. Simple materials like paper, glitter, and recycled items can lead to beautiful results.

Treasure Hunt

Set up a Christmas-themed treasure hunt at home or in your garden with small clues and treats to find along the way.

Story Time and Board Games

Read festive stories together or have a family games night with your favourite board games.

Helpful Reminders

- **Holiday Term Dates:** School closes on Friday 19th December at 12.15 pm and reopens Tuesday 6th January 2026.
- **Many of the activities listed above have limited opening times during the holidays, so we recommend checking online before visiting.**

We hope you and your family have a joyful and relaxing holiday season. Should you have any questions or need further information, please don't hesitate to contact the school office before the term ends.

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Top Educational Apps to Boost Learning at Home This Christmas



In today's digital world, educational apps are a fantastic way to support your child's learning at home. Here are some of the best apps combining fun and education:

1. Prodigy Maths Game – Turns maths into an adventure aligned with the UK curriculum.
2. Sumdog – Maths, spelling, and grammar games tailored to ability.
3. Reading Eggs – Builds phonics, vocabulary, and comprehension for ages 3–13.
4. Teach Your Monster to Read – Award-winning phonics app for early readers.
5. Khan Academy Kids – Free activities in maths, reading, and wellbeing for ages 2–8.
6. Night Zookeeper – Encourages creativity and writing through imaginative worlds.
7. Code for Life (Rapid Router) – Free coding puzzles from Raspberry Pi Foundation.
8. Osmo – Combines physical play with digital learning.
9. ScratchJr & Scratch – Introduces coding and problem-solving through animations and games.

Why Use Educational Apps?

They reinforce classroom learning, build confidence, and encourage creativity. Tip: Supervise screen time and choose apps suited to your child's age and interests.



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Staff Shout Outs



All our students have achieved this half term; however, we wanted to share a few personal shout outs...



Well done to Malakye, Jackson, Poppy and Lexi for their efforts in English this half term.

Simon



Excellent work Kevontae with the effort made in your interventions; I am proud of you!

Sara



Brooklyn, a fantastic effort made with his reading. Keep it up!

Kayte



Thomas, persistently trying hard this entire term, keep going! Plus, his effort with phonics.

Dean/ Angela

