



# LLS News

26/06/2026



Dear families

Thank you for your support, flexibility and understanding this week. We hope you have a pleasant and cool weekend.

Next week temperatures are expected to be lower and we will return to our normal timings. We ask families to continue to:

- Ensure your child brings a clearly labelled water bottle, where appropriate
- Apply sunscreen before school and provide additional sunscreen, if appropriate
- Send your child with a sun hat, sun glasses and appropriate lightweight clothing

Have a lovely weekend

## Speech & Language Therapy Survey

The SaLT team are collecting parent feedback to support planning for next academic year. Please click on the link to complete a short survey. [Parent & Carers Feedback - Speech & Language Therapy Survey \(Summer 26\)](#)

## Star of the Week

**Mattia** for sharing his birthday celebration with his class group and demonstrating his enjoyment of his rocket launcher present.

**Bethany** for being happy working with others this week.

**Amarah** for listening to instructions and taking her plate to the sink with support.

**Drew** for watering all the plants in the hot weather.

**Tiago** for using his voice so much more throughout the day! Tiago did some amazing vocalizing during Music Therapy for one minute straight! Great work, Tiago.

**Teddy** for showing enjoyment when engaging in water-based activities to remain cool in the heat!



## Events and dates to remember



**Parent/MDT Consultations**  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

**Graduation Ceremony for Leavers**  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

**Woodlarks Residential Trip**  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July

**Last day for students**  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2026

**Planning and Preparation Days**  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026  
& Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026

Please remember that Linden Lodge is a nut free school



## Food Technology News!

Students have been developing their independent cooking skills by making healthy snacks. They made couscous salad and

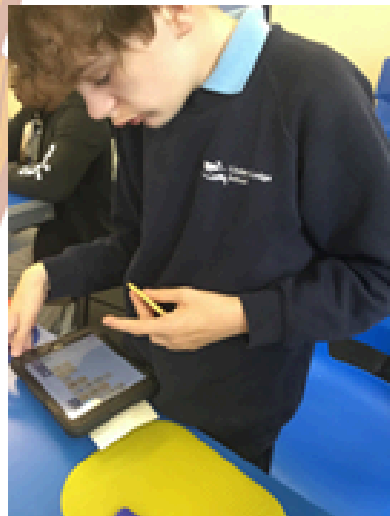
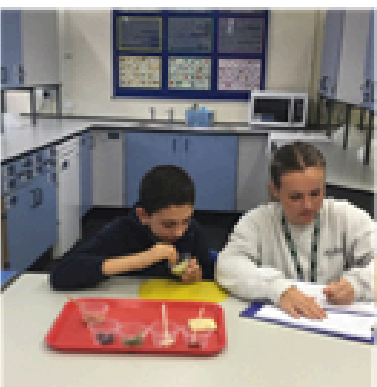
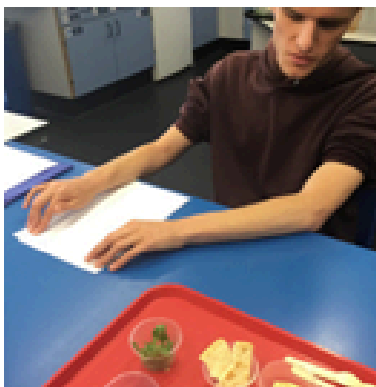
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Minerva students took part in some sensory food tasting, where they were encouraged to explore different ingredients and use a variety of adjectives to describe the appearance, texture, aroma and flavour of the food items.

SUGAR



COOKIES



## Transitioning to adulthood

### Preparing for emergencies

As your child grows older, they may start to play a greater role when things don't go to plan! This week we focus on preparing for emergencies.

#### Preparing your child for an emergency:

- It is important to ensure your child understands what is an emergency and what is not. Something that feels like an emergency to your child may not require a visit from the emergency services. Propose different scenarios to your child and ask if they would consider it an emergency - you could even make a mini game or quiz out of it! Once you have explored what is an emergency, ask your child who they could contact for help in each scenario. The following link contains a free social story and flashcards on what constitutes an emergency and what doesn't.  
<https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Social-Story-During-an-Emergency-Special-Education-and-Early-Learners-14010033>
- Ensure your child knows the real, full names of family members, instead of monikers like "Mum" and "Dad."
- Teach your child your home address and a key phone number, as well as simple but important phrases to express themselves in an emergency, such as "Help!"
- If your child has a phone, you may wish to help them set up a Medical ID and In Case of Emergency (ICE) contacts. A medical ID allows first responders to access important health information, like medications, allergies, and conditions, without unlocking the phone, whilst emergency contacts show them who should be contacted in the event of an emergency.

#### How can non-verbal communicators make 999 calls?

If your child is non-verbal, there are a variety of options. They can phone 999 and vocalise, cough, tap the phone, and press 55 when prompted to transfer the call to the police. 999 can also be contacted through the Relay app. BSL users may wish to use the 999 BSL app. Some people may wish to register their phone number with the EmergencySMS service, but it is important to consider that this process can take longer than phoning. If your child is non-verbal, help them explore which option would be best for them in an emergency.

<https://www.met.police.uk/contact/how-to-make-a-silent-999-call/>

<https://www.relayuk.bt.com/how-to-use-relay-uk/contact-999-using-relay-uk.html>

<https://999bsl.co.uk/>

#### Preparing for emergencies as a family:

Many councils offer a Carer's Emergency Card Scheme which can support carers who are rendered suddenly unable to carry out their normal caring duties. This can offer peace of mind in knowing there is emergency cover in place. Through the scheme, you will draw up an emergency plan and be given a carer's card with the number of a 24-hour emergency helpline. In an emergency, the helpline can be contacted and the operator will make arrangements for emergency care as per the plan, which may involve friends, family, or professional help. If you are interested, we recommend searching if this scheme is available in your borough.

Carers UK offers a tool to help you prepare for unforeseen circumstances:

<https://carersdigital.org/mybackup/>

- You may wish to sign up to the Lion Clubs' Message in a Bottle scheme. This scheme encourages families to keep important information, such as allergies, the location of prescribed medication, and emergency contact details, in a bottle in the fridge. Members of the scheme place stickers on the fridge and inside their front door to make emergency responders aware to look for important information in the fridge.

<https://lionsmessageinabottle.co.uk/>



- You may wish to keep an emergency contact list by your phone in a format accessible to your child, such as Braille or large print. Ensure your child knows where this list is kept.
- The London Fire Brigade offer free in-person Home Fire Safety Visits to provide tailored advice to any households who would find it harder to escape during an emergency due to disabilities or other medical needs. <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/safety/the-home/home-fire-safety-visits/>
- Ensure your household is on the Priority Services Register to receive extra support during power, gas, or water supply interruptions. People on the priority register list may receive portable generators and bottled water in an emergency, emergency heating, and advance notice of planned interruptions.

<https://www.thepsr.co.uk/>

<https://www.thameswater.co.uk/help/get-extra-help/priority-services>

#### General safety tips:

- Consistently model safe behaviours in real-life situations – your child will pick up more than you think!
- If you are doing something to keep you and your family safe that your child cannot see, verbalise what you are doing using specific language so that your child can learn from your actions.
- Keep escape routes clear, consistent, and free of trip hazards. If appropriate, give your child an opportunity to practicing locking and unlocking the doors of your house from both inside and outside the house. You may wish to purchase a fastenings board with locks and latches so your child can practice.

### Healthy School Awards

This week we have been focusing on how to stay cool in the heat, our top tips are:

- Avoid being in direct sun, especially between 10am – 3pm
- Wear a hat and sun cream when in the sun
- Stay hydrated
- Wear natural fibres like cotton and linen
- Close windows and blinds during the day as its hotter outside
- Use fans to move cool air around

Special thanks to the staff and students who have been helping to run the hydration station helping us all in the hot weather.





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# SUMMER EVENT!

Sunday 12th July



10:30am - Meet at school for a group walk on Wimbledon Common\*

12:30pm - Return to school for Food & Festivities!

**BBQ!**



**Steel Band!**



**Outdoor Games!**



**Everyone Welcome!**

Family Photography 

\*Weather permitting

**The Family Portrait Day** will now take place on the 12 of July during our Family Walk and Summer Fun event. This will allow us to engage more participants and for families to have a broader range of activities than just the picture session, as there will be an all accessible walk on Wimbledon Common followed by a fun afternoon at school with a BBQ and entertainment.

So, if you would like to participate in the walk, please book your photo session for the afternoon. Or, if you would prefer to come in for the portrait session in the morning, you may want to skip the walk and stay afterwards to enjoy the BBQ and entertainment.

Two options are available for your booking:

Option 1: Costs £50 and includes 5 professionally edited and printed photographs in any size up to A4.

Option 2: Costs £60 and includes 5 professionally edited and printed photographs in any size up to A4 plus all photographs taken during the session in digital format.

SPACES ARE LIMITED

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK YOUR SESSION AND SELECT YOUR PREFERRED TIME](#)



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## NEEDS YOUR HELP

**We need new volunteers to keep our events running.**

C@LL has been running as a PTA for 7 years organising events such as **Summer Walk and BBQs**, **Christmas Events**, **Online Music**, **Sibling Events**, **First Aid Training**, **Educational Webinars** and much more....

No experience is needed, and you can contribute as much or as little time as you like.

### What will you be doing?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Helping to decide which activities best serve our community</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Supporting event planning by organising refreshments and entertainment</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Submitting fundraising grant requests using existing information</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Treasurer role: managing C@LL's modest income and expenditure</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Connecting with other parent/carers and having some fun!</li></ul>

### Could you be our new treasurer?

If you're interested in a no-obligation chat about becoming a committee member, or require further information, please contact Rebecca at [rlotreanor@gmail.com](mailto:rlotreanor@gmail.com) or Jess at [jesscilly@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jesscilly@yahoo.co.uk) Our current treasurer is stepping down, so we urgently need to fill this role. Full training and support is available.

**Without a committee, our events can't continue.**